

## WELCOME!

Welcome and Announcements

**PRELUDE** Soliloquy -Willan

Bringing in the Light of Christ

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Holy One, who is good! Their steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Who can articulate the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all worthy praise?**

Leader: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

**People: Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people. Help, and deliver us, that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, and glory in your heritage.**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Holy One, who is good!

**People: Give thanks to the Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever.**

\*HYMN 263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise -St. Denio

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Immortal, invisible, God of wisdom and might, your mystery confounds us, and yet your beauty and grace continually inspire us. As we seek you in places of grandeur and beauty, you remain present in the ordinary. God of all that we can see, and all we cannot see, receive from us this time of worship, as we bless you with our praise and anthems, our prayers and contemplations. In Christ we pray; amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI ~ *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end; amen, amen.*

**ANTHEM** Angels Watching Over Me -Schram

### HEARING OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-16 -Mary Gentle

**SERMON** "Equal Wages" -Rev. Mark Winters

\*HYMN 298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy -In Babilone

### CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)

**PRAYER RESPONSE** Nothing Can Trouble -Berthier

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** Flight Song -Arnesen

#### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; amen.*

#### \*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept, O God, these offerings, which we bring for your sacred purposes. Grant that the causes to which they are devoted may prosper under your guidance, to the glory of your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; amen.

\*HYMN 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah -Cwm Rhondda

### RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS (see insert)

#### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** Prelude and Fugue in B-flat -J.S. Bach

\* Congregation Standing (if able)

**Welcome to the Federated Church!** We strive to be a welcoming community, serving God and neighbor. If you need help finding a hymnal, restroom, or anything else you need, please ask an usher. We hope you are able to join us for coffee hour in the Parish House, across the courtyard, after worship. Our services are live-streamed. If you prefer to be off camera, we recommend sitting toward the back on the left-hand side.

**Prayer List:** *If you would like any names added to or removed from the prayer list, please contact Rev. Mark, or contact the church office, [officefederatedchurchmv@gmail.com](mailto:officefederatedchurchmv@gmail.com)*

Head Deacon:	Mary Gentle
Ushers:	Mary Gentle and Donna Rhoades
Flowers;	Mary Gentle
Coffee Hour Host:	Mary Gentle
A/V Team Member:	Naomi Winters
Choir Practice	Tuesday @ 4:30PM
AA Meeting:	Saturday at 8:00 PM

In Office Hours: Monday, 1-3:30PM, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9-3PM

the Rev. Mark Winters, Minister

Mr. Peter R. Boak, Minister of Music

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