

WELCOME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Improvisation”

-Faurè
-Ken Watson, guest musician

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and humble ourselves before God?

Many: Shall we come before God with dramatic sacrifices? With expensive and valuable gifts?

One: God has showed us what is good; and what does the Holy One require of us?

All: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

*HYMN #386 “O for a World” -Azmon

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Comforting God, ease the burdens and anxieties of our hearts. For whatever we regret--things we have done, or neglected to do—please forgive us. For the times we thought too much or too little of ourselves or others, have mercy upon us. Open our eyes, minds, and hearts, O Wise and Compassionate One, to see as you see, to act with your courage, and to love with your extravagance. In Christ’s spirit we pray; amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: With humility and gratitude, we give thanks

All: That we are enough, we are beloved, and we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME (*inside back cover of hymnal*)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY From *Kinderszenen*: “Of Distant Lands and Peoples” -Schumann

*DOXOLOGY (sung)

To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

To God the Spirit now we raise
our joyful songs of thankful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, bless these gifts and the intentions of our hearts, to your holy purpose. Receive them as a token of our gratitude for the grace you continually give us all. In Christ we pray; amen

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Prayer For Our Nation (*see insert*)

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE “Bless the Lord, O My Soul” -Appalachian Folk Song

ANTHEM “I Vow to Thee, My Country” -Holst

HEARING OF THE WORD Ruth 4:1-17 -Liturgist, Elizabth Villard

SERMON “Legacy” -Rev. Dr. Mark Winters

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (*All are welcome to participate. The bread is gluten free, and the cups are filled with non-alcoholic grape juice.*)

INVITATION

PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS (*Please take a piece of bread and a cup as they are passed, but please hold on to each so that we can all eat and drink together.*)

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior; amen

*HYMN #563 “Lift Every Voice and Sing” -Lift Every Voice

*CLOSING WORDS AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way; With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day. Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, That in this house have called upon Thy name; amen.

POSTLUDE “Fanfare for the Common Man” -Copeland

*Congregation Standing (if able)

Welcome to the Federated Church

Whoever you are, whomever you love, however you arrived this morning, and wherever you're going afterward, you are welcome! We are an inclusive Christian community. We welcome all backgrounds, questions, and differences of opinion or belief. This bulletin should help you follow along, but if you have questions about what something is or what it means, please ask a neighbor or usher. "Hymns" are for everyone to sing along, including you. (They're located in the book on the rack in front of you, titled, *Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs.*) We'd also like to greet you after worship for informal fellowship and refreshment in the parish house, right across the courtyard. Until then, relax, breathe, and know that you belong here.

Prayer List: Prayers for friends and family recovering from recent surgeries and illnesses; prayers for peaceful democracy here and in the world, the Island's immigrant community. Prayers for Allouise Morgan, Christine Savini, Aaron Walton, Mary Ann Winters, Prayers for all those facing the trauma of violence including Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Iran and those suffering the effects of illness, poverty, natural disaster or oppression. *(If you would like any names added or removed from the prayer list, please contact Rev. Mark, or the church office, officefederatedchurchmv@gmail.com.)*

Head Deacon: Geoff Cahill
Ushers: Geoff Cahill & Herb Ward
Coffee Hour: Fran Watson
A/V Team Member: Naomi Winters
Choir Practice: The choir is on summer rehearsal hiatus. They would love to have you sing with them this summer! Just show up any Sunday at 9AM and talk to Peter Boak.

AA Meeting - In Parish House: Saturday at 8:00 PM

In Office Hours: Monday, 1-3:30PM, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9AM-3PM
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The Federated Church of Martha's Vineyard
Edgartown, Massachusetts
July 5th, 2026, Communion Sunday
A welcoming community serving God and neighbor