

WELCOME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit”

-Buxtehude

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Sung)

God beyond all names, never fully known.

Mystery of mysteries, calling us your own.

***HYMN** (insert) “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

-Beecher

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who created us all in the Divine image, we confess that we have forgotten that we are made to be like you—holy, wise, compassionate, creative, and just. And we have forgotten to regard others as being made sacred as well. So for the times we have judged or overlooked people who are different, if we have distanced ourselves from our enemies, or our neighbors—the very people you told us to love—forgive us, O God. And give us the strength to forgive others as well. We pray in Christ’s courageous spirit; 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

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me.

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me.

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; amen!

World without end, without end. amen. (3X).

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ANTHEM “The Call” -Smith/Routley

HEARING OF THE WORD Acts 6:8—7:2, 44-54

-Reader, Mary-Jean Miner

SERMON “No Good Deed...”

-Rev. Dr. Mark Winters

***HYMN** #321 “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

-Song 13

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE “Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer”

-Mendelssohn

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

-Clarke

*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

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

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** #144 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

-Hyfrydol

*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 “Bishop’s Promenade”

-Coke-Jephcott

* Congregation Standing (if able)

Welcome to the Federated Church

We welcome you, and affirm your whole identity, including sexual, gender, racial, economic, educational, ability, and all other kinds of identity! We welcome your questions and differences of opinion or belief. If you need help finding a hymnal, restroom, or anything else you need, please ask an usher. Please also 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.)*

Peaceful democracy here and in the world, C. and J. Daley, Deb Daley's mother, Carole Tedeschi. Mary Gentle's sister Martha, who is in declining health, Buzzy Hall, who is struggling with health issues, loved ones facing illnesses of body or mind, all facing the trauma of violence including Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, and those suffering the effects of illness, poverty, natural disaster or oppression.

Head Deacon:	Mary-Jean Miner
Ushers:	Herb Ward and Fran Watson
Coffee Hour	Geoff Cahill
A/V Team Member:	Elizabeth Villard
Choir Practice	Tuesday 4:30PM
AA Meeting:	Saturday at 8:00 PM

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

The Rev. Dr. Mark Winters, Minister, Mr. Peter R. Boak, Minister of Music

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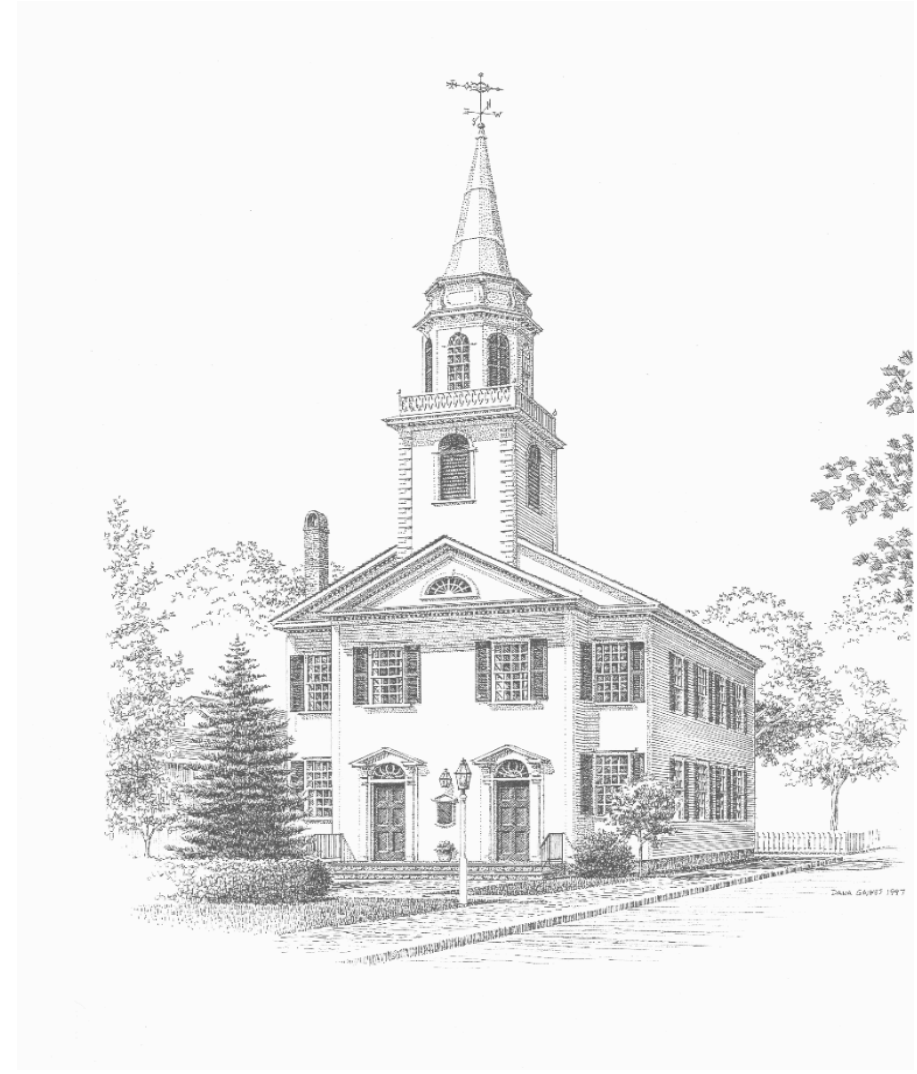
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“... Whoever you are,
whomever you love,
and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!”



The Federated Church of Martha's Vineyard

Edgartown, Massachusetts

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A welcoming community serving God and neighbor