

Welcome!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “The Savior’s Spirit”

The West Tisbury Congregational Church Bell Quartet:

Nina Domenico; Becca Morrow; Hope O’Brien, director; Ken Romero

-Krug

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All living things look toward God to give us food in due season.

People: How manifold are your works, O God!

Leader: When the Divine hand opens, we are filled with good things.

People: How manifold are your works, O God!

Leader: When God hides their face, we are dismayed. If God removes our breath, we die.

People: How manifold are your works, O God!

Leader: When the Holy One sends forth their Spirit, we are created; and the face of the ground is renewed.

People: How manifold and beautiful are your works, O God.

All: May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

*HYMN # 81 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

-St. Flavian

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION (by Howard Thurman, ed. Winters)

Holy One, God who meets us at the cross, meet us here in this moment. Meet us in our complicated feelings: our fears, our grief, our fondest hopes, and wildest imaginations.

Honor each of these meetings as a new beginning, as you call us again and again to come out of our despair and pessimism, into the hope of faith. Renew the strength of our hands and the courage of our hearts, to do the work that discipleship calls us to do. In the Spirit of Christ we humbly pray; amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “God of Grace and God of Glory”

-Krug

*DOXOLOGY (sung)

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

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

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 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

-Berthier

ANTHEM “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

-Dawson

-Pam Butterick, soloist

HEARING OF THE WORD John 11:32-44

-Reader, Herb Ward

SERMON "Healing Tears"

-Rev. Dr. Mark Winters

*HYMN #563 “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

-Lift Every Voice

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Elysium”

-Krug

* 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: Peaceful democracy here and in the world, the Island's immigrant community, Loved ones facing illnesses of body or mind. all facing the trauma of violence including Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Iran and those suffering the effects of illness, poverty, natural disaster or oppression. Michelle Gingras, suffering from a total loss in a house fire, and needs help. Aaron Walton, the adult son of good friends of Bill and Kris Vrooman, who continues to battle severe health issues. *(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.)*

Head Deacon: Mary Gentle
Ushers: Geoff Cahill & Herb Ward
Flowers: Dianne & Tom Durawa
Coffee Hour: Dianne & Tom Durawa
A/V Team Member: Bill Veno

Choir Practice: Tuesdays at 4:30 PM

AA Meeting - In Pash House: 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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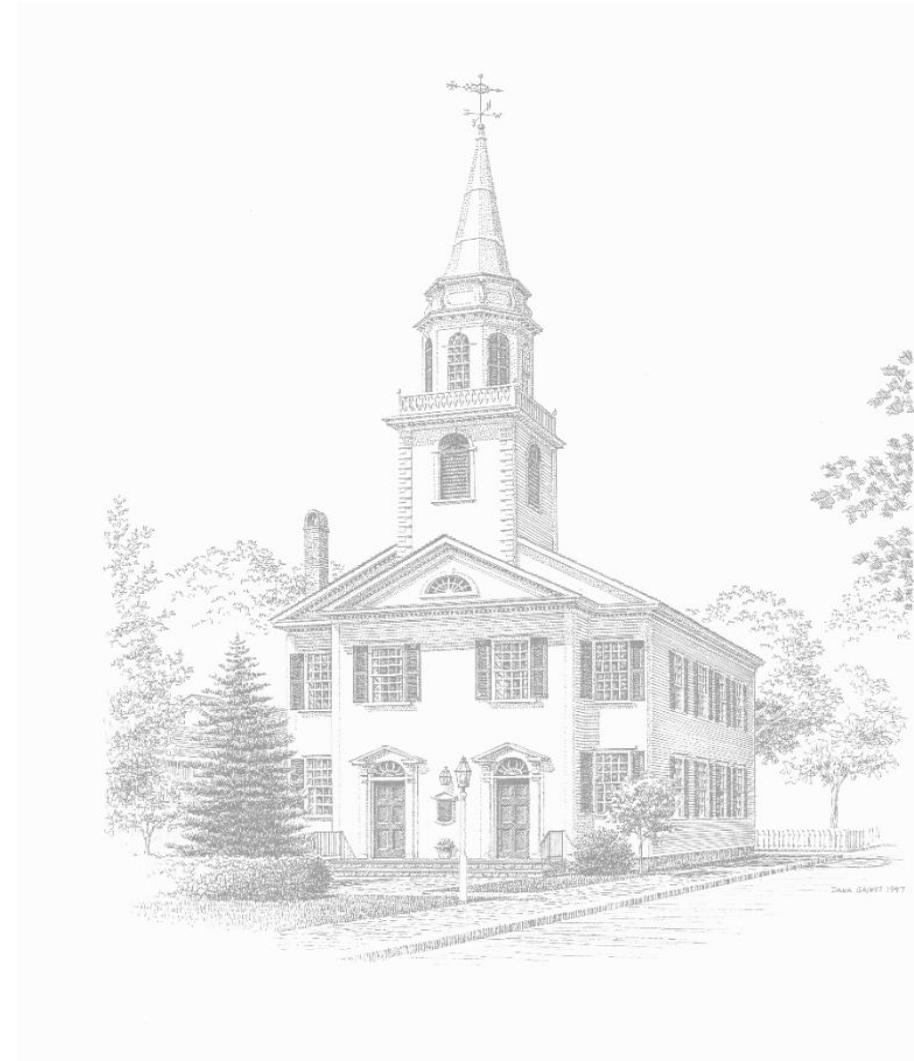
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“...Whoever you are,
whomever you love,
and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!”



The Federated Church of Martha's Vineyard

Edgartown, Massachusetts

Sunday, February 22nd, 2026

A welcoming community serving God and neighbor