

# WELCOME

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "Communion Canticle"

-Ashdown

## BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP** (*based on Psalm 100*)

Leader: "Rarely, if ever, are people healed in isolation."

**People: So we gather together as the Body of Christ; for strength, for companionship, and for healing.**

Leader: "Healing is an act of communion."

**People: Healing is an act of community—something we do together.**

Leader: So let us praise our Inner Physician,

**People: and worship together the divine Source of peace and wellbeing.**

**\*HYMN #391 "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"**

-Hendon

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

-by Howard Thurman, ed. Winters  
Holy Guardian, our minds are troubled because the anxieties of our hearts are deep and searching. The panic of fear, the torture of insecurity, the ache of hunger, all have fed and rekindled ancient hatreds and long-forgotten memories of old struggles, when the world was young and your children were but dimly aware of your presence in the midst. For all this, we seek your forgiveness. There is no one of us without guilt, and before you, we confess our sins: we are proud and arrogant; we are selfish and greedy; we have harbored in our hearts and minds much that makes for bitterness, hatred, and revenge. While we wait in your presence, search our spirits and grant to our minds the guidance and wisdom that will teach us the way to take. In Christ we humbly 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** "Meditation in C Major"

-Dixon

## \*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

## CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

## CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

-Berthier

## HEARING OF THE WORD John 4:1-15, 27-30, 39-42

-Reader, Scottie Vail

## ANTHEM "God Is a Spirit"

-Kopylov

## SERMON "Belief and Knowing"

-Rev. 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 #415 "Come, Labor On"**

-Ora Labora

## \*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 "Postlude in C Minor"

-Vogt

\*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](mailto:officefederatedchurchmv@gmail.com).)*

Head Deacon:

Ushers:

Coffee Hour:

A/V Team Member:

Choir Practice:

Mary Gentle

Mary Gentle & Stephanie McClung

Mary Gentle

Naomi Winters

Tuesdays at 4:30 PM

AA Meeting:

Saturday at 8:00 PM

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

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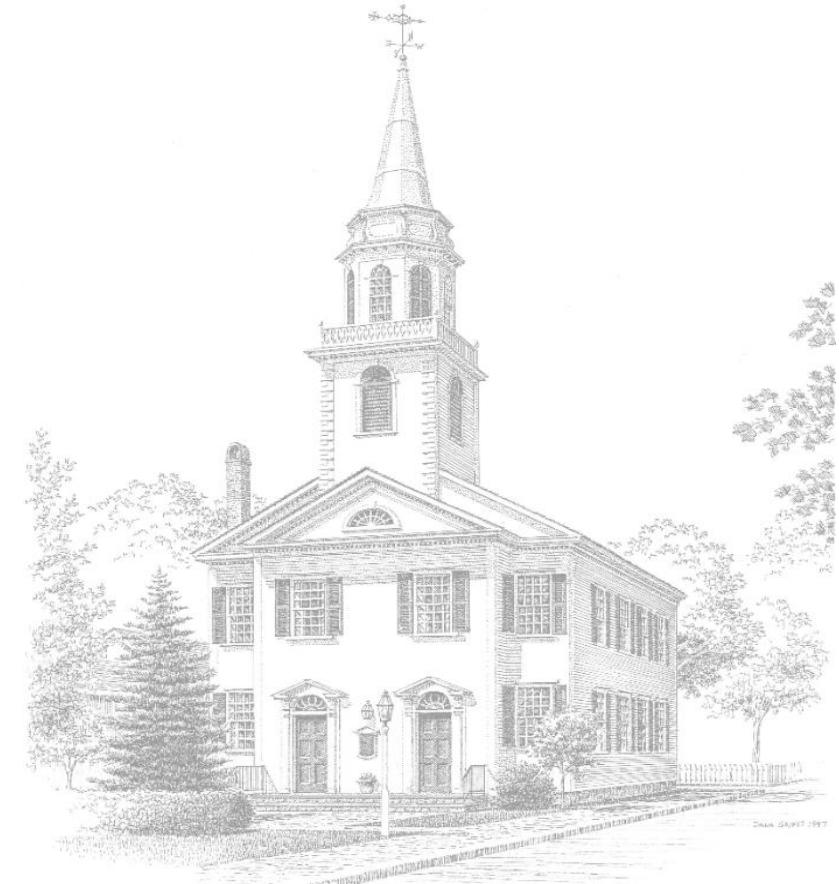
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“...Whoever you are,  
whomever you love,  
and wherever you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!”



**The Federated Church of Martha's Vineyard**

Edgartown, Massachusetts

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Communion Sunday

A welcoming community serving God and neighbor