

WELCOME!

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE Aria -Blow
Bringing in the Light of Christ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; call on the name of the Holy One. Make known God's deeds among the people!

People: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God! Tell of all God's wonderful works!

Leader: Glory in the Holy Name! Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice! Seek holiness and strength; seek the Divine presence continually.

People: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God! Tell of all God's wonderful works!

Leader: Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles, and the justice of which God speaks.

All: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God! Tell of all God's wonderful works!

*HYMN 479 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven -Lauda Anima

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving Parent, you know our feeble frame, all our weakness and our need. The winds of life blow, and the frail summer flowers are gone. But your steadfast presence remains. So into your boundless mercy, we bring our burdens, and your everlasting arms bear them in love. Thank you, O God, for you are most high and most near, most sacred yet most present. 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 Appalachian Lord's Prayer -Sowash
*Beloved God, beyond the mountains,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kindom* 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
and lead us not into temptation.
Deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kindom,
The pow'r of morning, the sunset glory,
Now and forever more. Amen*

*"Kin-dom" instead of "Kingdom" is consistent with Jesus's teaching about being "kin" with God, that is, being in the family of God as "kinfolk", a term and concept which Appalachians cherish

HEARING OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:21-35 - Reader, Walter Vail

SERMON "Forgiveness" -Rev. Mark Winters

*HYMN 347 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive -Detroit

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE Nothing Can Trouble -Berthier

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Meditation -Anonymous

*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 372 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian -I Want to Be a Christian

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Basse et Dessus de Trompette -Clérambault

* Congregation Standing

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.

Head Deacon:	Mary Gentle
Ushers:	Fran Watson and Mary Gentle
Flowers;	Mary Gentle
Coffee Hour Host:	Scottie Vail
A/V Team Member:	Brett Regan
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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Edgartown, Massachusetts
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