

WELCOME!

Announcements and Joys
Bringing in the Light of Christ

PRELUDE Thy Rod and Thy Staff They Comfort Me - Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We arise today through the strength of heaven; light of the sun, splendor of fire, speed of lightning,

People: swiftness of the wind, depth of the sea, stability of earth, firmness of the rock.

Leader: We arise today through God's strength to pilot us, God's might to uphold us, God's wisdom to guide us,

People: God's eye to look before us, God's ear to hear us, God's word to speak for us, God's hand to guard us, God's way to lie before us, God's shield to protect us.

Leader: May Christ live within us, work through us, and surround us this day.

People: We arise today through the mighty strength of the Lord of Creation.

* **HYMN** 460 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing - Azmon

* UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious Lord our God, help us to proclaim, to find the voice you have placed within us. Grant us, O God, your sacred wisdom, that in all our conversations and discussions, we may use our tongues to sing your praise—as we speak words of compassion, as we speak truth in love, as we strengthen the weary, and spread loving kindness to those most in need of it. We pray in the spirit of Christ. 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 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - Martin

HEARING OF THE WORD

Reading: Psalm 23 - Reader, Joe Carter

SERMON "Never Alone"

- Rev. Mark Winters

***HYMN** 171 The King of Love My Sheperd Is - St. Columbia

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE Create in Me a Clean Heart, Oh God - Boberg

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY The King of Love - Held

* 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.

*OFFERING DEDICATION

In this season of contemplation and contrition, O God, take all our offerings, gifts of treasure and thoughtfulness, and bless them to your holy purpose. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

Hymn 387 Savior, Like a Shepher Lead Us - Bradbury

POSTLUDE Rondeau - Chambonnières

* **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: Stoddard Lane-Reticker
Ushers: Joe Carter and Cathy Lewis
Coffee Hour: Scottie Vail and Jean Lewellyn
Flowers: James and Pamela Butterick

The flowers are given in honor of Jim's parents, Jack and Jane Butterick

AV Team: Bill Veno
Harbor House Meals: Anthony Rabeni, Head Chef, Edgartown Golf Club
Choir Practice: Tuesday at 4:30 PM
AA Meeting: Saturday at 8:00 PM

In Office Hours: Monday, 12:00-3:00 PM, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00-3:00 PM

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