

# **Welcome**

## **Happy Mother's Day!**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** “Quietly Moving” (Sonata II) -Hindemith

### **BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Jesus commanded that we love one another.

**People: We worship God, who is love, that we may learn to love one another.**

One: Jesus said, "no longer do I call you servants, now I call you my friends."

**People: We praise the Lord our God, with whom we are friends through Christ.**

All: Let us sing praise, and live in love and friendship toward all of creation.

**\*HYMN #359** “More Love to Thee, O Christ” -More Love to Thee

#### **\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Spirit of truth, love, power, and righteousness, surround us, we pray, in this hour. Awaken us to your presence, and to your movement within and among us. Use this time of mindful worship to shape our discernment and action Holy One, as we pray in the spirit of the risen Christ; amen.

#### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

#### **\*GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME**

*(inside back cover of hymnal)*

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** “Andantino” -Langlais

#### **\*DOXOLOGY** (sung)

To God, all glorious heavenly Light,  
to Christ revealed in earthly night,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

To God the Spirit now we raise  
our joyful songs of thankful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **\*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** “Be Still and Know That I Am God” -Bell

**ANTHEM** “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” -Akers/Raney

**HEARING OF THE WORD** Philippians 1:1-18a -Reader, Susan Waldrop

**SERMON** “A Letter From Jail” -Rev. Dr. Mark Winters

**\*HYMN #343** “Called as Partners in Christ's Service” -Beecher

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** “Toccata in E Minor” -Pachelbel

\* 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:** Prayers for friends recovering from recent surgeries and illnesses; prayers for peaceful democracy here and in the world, the Island's immigrant community; Mary Ann Winters, all facing the trauma of violence including Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Iran and those suffering the effects of illness, poverty, natural disaster or oppression. *(If you would like any names added or removed from the prayer list, please contact Rev. Mark, or the church office, [officefederatedchurchmv@gmail.com](mailto:officefederatedchurchmv@gmail.com).)*

Head Deacon: Donna Rhoades  
Ushers: Donna Rhoades & Fran Watson  
Flowers: *Given in loving memory of Susan Stevenson*  
Coffee Hour: Scotty Vail  
A/V Team Member: Bill Venno

Choir Practice: Tuesdays at 4:30 PM

AA Meeting - In Parish House: Saturday at 8:00 PM

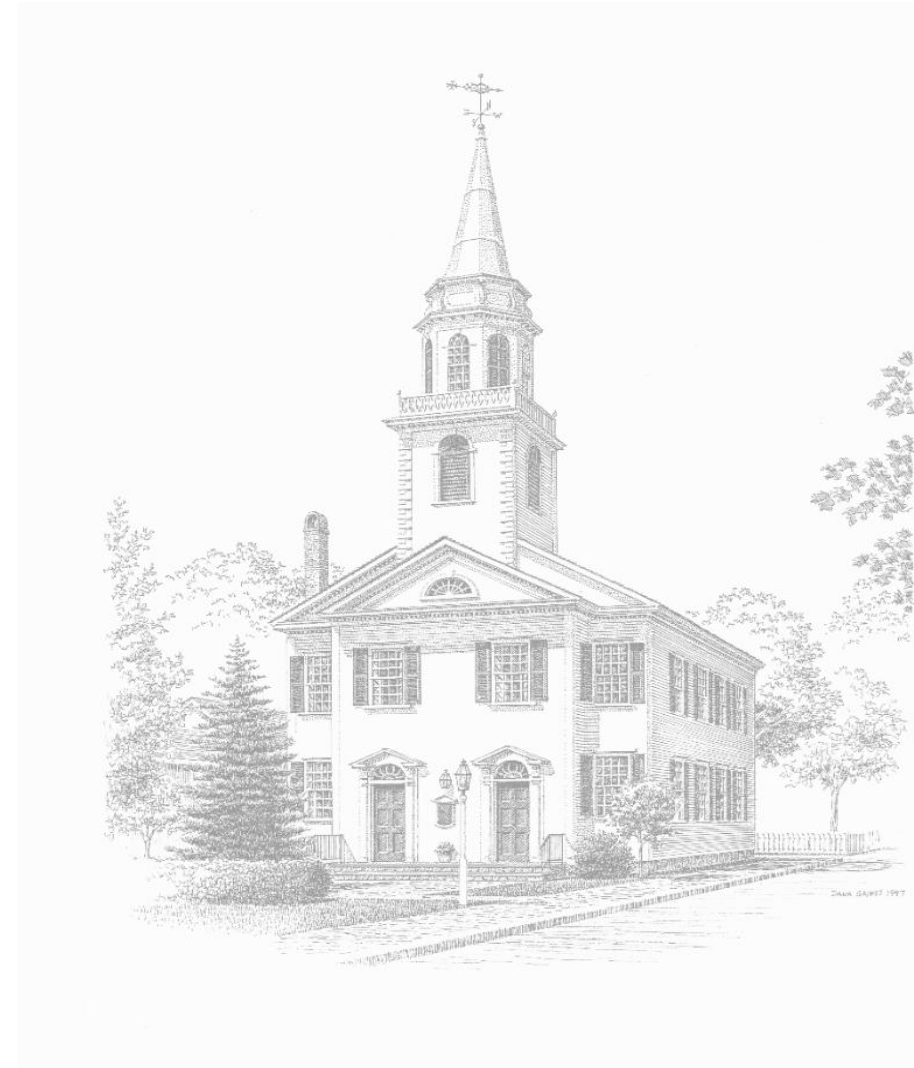
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“... Whoever you are,  
whomever you love,  
and wherever you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!”



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

Edgartown, Massachusetts

**Mother's Day Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

A welcoming community serving God and neighbor