

WELCOME!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Andante”

-D’Hooghe
-Ken Watson, guest organist

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From beaches and meadows, crowded town streets, and quiet lanes through the woods,
People: we focus our hearts and minds in this time of worship.

Leader: As the pace of the summer eases, we give thanks for visits from old friends and new,
family and strangers,

**People: and we turn in this moment toward the Source of Love, to refresh ourselves in
God’s sacred presence.**

**All: Let us worship together, the Holiest Host, the One who calls us both to labor and to
rest, our loving, and gracious God**

*HYMN #466 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” -Azmon

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Ancient One, Guide and Guardian of our ancestors, present in our lives from
birth; you give us the strength to make our way through momentous occasions, dif-
ficult hardships, and ordinary days. We call upon your Presence in this hour of
worship—to bless us, to inspire us, and remind us of our own baptismal promises.
Strengthen our faith, and recommit us to Christ's calling upon us, to increase jus-
tice and love. We pray in his Spirit; amen**

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end; amen, amen.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *(see insert)*

*Harbour Campbell Brittain. Her parents are Peter Brittain and Whitney Brittain. Her God-
parents are Christian Naylor, Allison Flack*

ANTHEM “He Hath Done All Things Well” -Bender

HEARING OF THE WORD

Mark 7:24-37

-Reader, Jim Butterick

SERMON “Be Opened”

- Rev. Mark Winters

*HYMN #324 “Open My Eyes That I May See” -Open My Eyes

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (Debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

-Berthier

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Elevation”

-Benoit

*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

Bless O God, these gifts, to your holy purpose. Use them to increase your compassion,
and assist our neighbor, in this community and beyond. In Christ we pray; amen

*HYMN “408 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” -Germany

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Postlude”

-Mathias

* 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.

Head Deacon:	Herb Ward
Ushers:	Dianne Durawa and Tom Durawa
Flowers:	Dianne Durawa
Coffee Hour	Pam Butterick
A/V Team Member:	Naomi Winters
Choir Practice	Tuesdays at 4pm
AA Meeting:	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

Ms. Gretchen Regan, Moderator

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



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