

Welcome!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Rev. Dr. Mark Winters

PRELUDE “Glory Be to the Lord” -Sadoh

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

ADVENT THREE – JOY

-Pam and Jim Butterick

Reader 1: It’s getting closer.

Reader 2: Can you feel it?

Reader 1: The days are shorter, but the lights burn brighter.

Reader 2: We’re eager to hear good news.

Reader 1: So we've gathered together in this house of *Joy*,

Reader 2: to praise God with our voices; to praise God with music;

Reader 1: to praise God with angels and magi, with shepherds and animals.

Reader 2: Today we light the candle of Joy.

(Light the Advent candles.)

**All: O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead us;**

**let them bring us to your holy hill
and to your dwelling.**

**Then we will go to the altar of God,
to God our exceeding joy;
and we will praise you with the harp,
O God, our God. *(Psalm 43:3-4)***

***HYMN #12** “People, Look East”

-Besançon

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Creator of the stars at night, Center of Wonder, and Caller of Prophets—nourish us in
this sacred hour. Awaken our imaginations and encourage us to follow where you lead, O
God. In Christ we pray; amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN** “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” (insert) Vs. 1-3

-Wold

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Aria Pastorella”

-Rathgeber

*DOXOLOGY

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 PRAYR RESPONSE “Creator of the Stars of Night”

-Sarum Plainsong

ANTHEM “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

-Shafferman

HEARING OF THE WORD Ezekiel 37:1-14

-Reader, Susan Waldrop

SERMON “Can These Bones Live?”

-Rev. Dr. Mark Winters

***HYMN # 13** “Prepare the Way”

-Bereden väg för Herran

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Trumpet Tune on Wachet Auf”

-Sobaje

* 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. Family and Friends of Shanta Gabriel who passed away peacefully Thursday, Nonie Lindahl's friend's baby, Aryo, who is home and doing well after months in the NICU. Nonie and all are thankful for all the prayers from TFC members. Longtime friends of Kris and Bill Vrooman, Susan Sisco and Jeff Miller. Both are going through severe health issues. Aaron Walton, the adult son of good friends of the Vrooman's 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.)*

Head Deacon:

Ushers:

A Creche

Coffee Hour:

A/V Team Member:

Geoff Cahill

Donna Rhoades & Fran Watson

“No Room At The Inn”

Gretchen Regan

Brett Regan

Choir Practice:

Tuesdays at 4:30 PM

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

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A welcoming community serving God and neighbor