

Christ Is Risen!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Rev. Dr. Mark Winters

PRELUDE “Awake! Arise!”

-Powell

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

-Sleeth/Winters

Leader: In the bulb, there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;

People: in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free.

Leader: There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;

People: from the past will come the future, what it holds, a mystery.

Leader: In our end is our beginning; in our life, eternity.

People: In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory!

Leader: Come, worship our God, a God of life, of possibility, of miracles!

People: Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

*HYMN #104 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

-Hymn to Joy

Isaac Winters, trumpet

(During the opening hymn, everyone is invited to come forward and place a flower in the cross at the front of the church.)

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal Spirit, we thank you for our living Lord, over whom death had no dominion. You give us faith that life is ever greater than death, and that love never loses its own. So for those times when might has triumphed over right, or good is undone by evil, we offer our prayers and hope for transformation. Lift our vision, beyond whatever anxieties or burdens we carry. Imprint upon our hearts the meaning of this day, that ultimately, the last word belongs not to death or pain or suffering, but to your holy purpose, your mercy, and your love.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Leader: Because of the liberating spirit of the risen Christ, we give thanks

People: That we are enough, we are beloved, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME *(inside back cover of hymnal)*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Prelude on ‘Diademata’”

-Peeters

*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 “Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks”

-Fishel/Pulkingham

ANTHEM “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

-Forrest

Ken Watson and Peter Boak, piano

HEARING OF THE WORD John 20:1-18

-Reader, Scottie Vail

SERMON “I Have Seen the Lord!”

-Rev. Dr. Mark Winters

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (All are welcome to participate. The bread is gluten free, and the cups are filled with non-alcoholic grape juice.)

INVITATION

PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS (Please take a piece of bread and a cup as they are passed, but please hold on to each so that we can all eat and drink together.)

*HYMN # 123 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

-Easter Hymn

Isaac Winters, trumpet

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Easter Voluntary”

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* 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: Liz Villard welcomed a new grandchild, Bodhisattva Zeppelin (Bodi) Villard-Pichierri! Proud parents Kate and Zephyr are doing well. Prayers for friends recovering from recent surgeries and illnesses; prayers for peaceful democracy here and in the world, the Island's immigrant community; 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 to or removed from the prayer list, please contact Rev. Mark, or the church office, officefederatedchurchmv@gmail.com.)*

Head Deacon: Susan Waldrop
Ushers: Susan Waldrop & Fran Watson
Flowers: The congregation, in honor and remembrance of loved ones
Coffee Hour: Pam Butterick
A/V Team Member: Bill Veno

Choir Practice: Tuesdays at 4:30 PM

AA Meeting - In Parish House: 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

Moderator, William Veno

Matt Durawa, Church Administrator

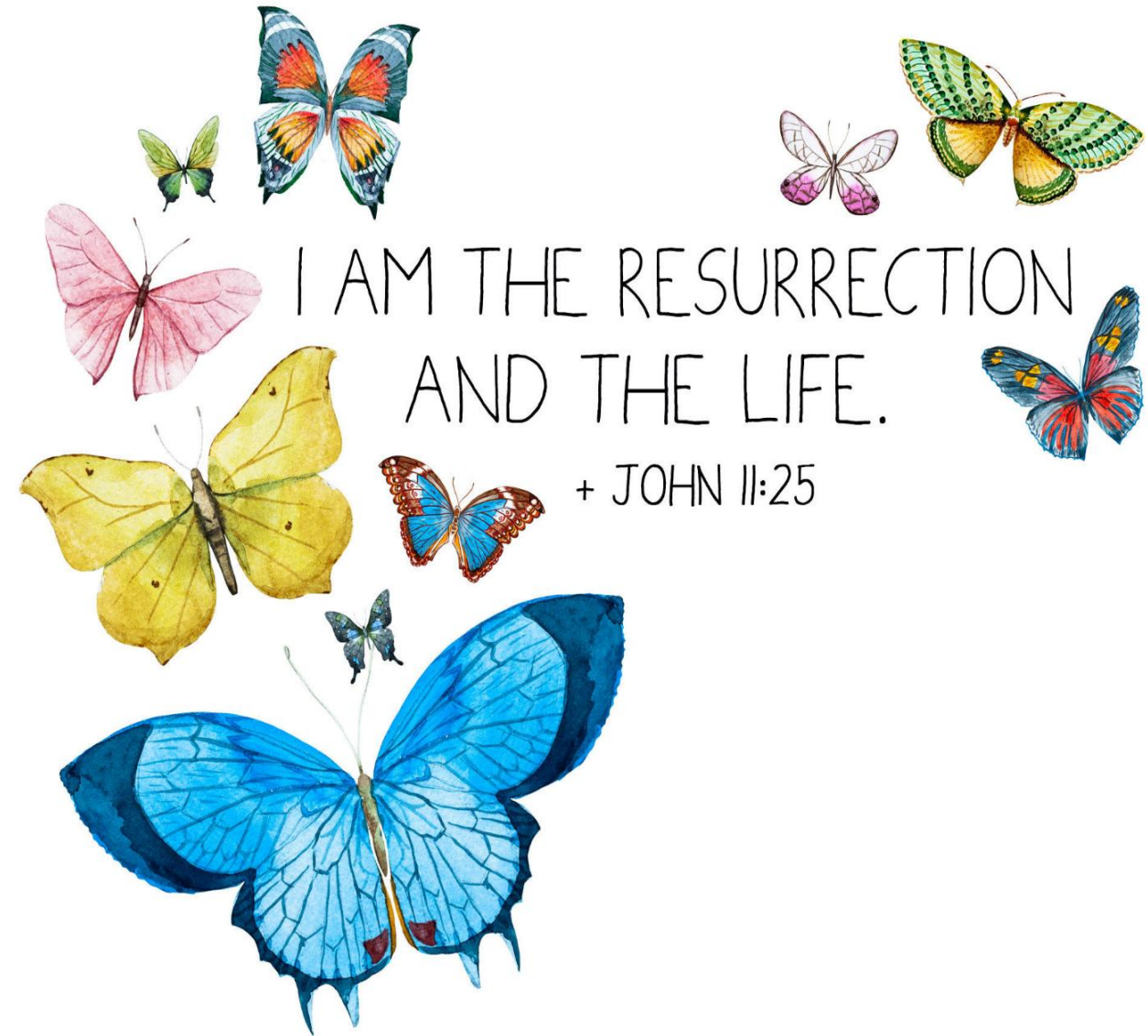
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I AM THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE.

+ JOHN 11:25

The Federated Church of Martha's Vineyard
Edgartown, Massachusetts
Easter Sunday, April 5th, 2026
A welcoming community serving God & neighbor