

WELCOME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Voluntary No. 1”

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BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Joy has dawned this Eastertide; hallelujah!

People: We give thanks for the gift of life, and for the presence of the risen Lord among us.

Leader: Let us worship the Holy One together.

People: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN #473** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

-Dix

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of all, receive our songs of grateful praise. Receive our awe and wonder at all the intricate beauty which surrounds us. Receive too, our worries about our shortcomings, our inadequacies, our mistakes; even as we rest in the grace upon grace which you freely give us. We pray in the spirit of the risen Christ; amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: With humility and gratitude, we give thanks

All: That we are enough, we are beloved, and 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 “Obra de Quarto Tono”

-Anonymous

*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

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

All: 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 PRAYER RESPONSE “Be Still and Know That I Am God”

-Bell

HEARING OF THE WORD Acts 17:16-31

-Reader, Elizabeth Villard

ANTHEM “I Will Not Leave You Comfortless”

-Titcomb

SERMON “Paul, the Street Preacher”

-Rev. 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.*)

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior; amen

***HYMN #298** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

-In Babilone

*CLOSING WORDS AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way; With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day. Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, That in this house have called upon Thy name; amen.

POSTLUDE “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

-Croft

*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; Mary Ann Winters; 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 or removed from the prayer list, please contact Rev. Mark, or the church office, officefederatedchurchmv@gmail.com.)*

Head Deacon: Donna Rhoades
Ushers: Geoff Cahill & Elizabeth Villard
Coffee Hour: Pamela Butterick

A/V Team Member: Bill Veno

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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“...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

May 3rd, 2026, Communion Sunday

A welcoming community serving God and neighbor