

# WELCOME!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** “You Raise Me Up” -Løvland  
Jean-Rony César, guest musician

## BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From beaches and meadows, from crowded town streets, or quiet lanes through the woods,

**People: we focus our hearts and minds in this time of worship.**

Leader: As the labor of the summer eases, welcoming old friends and new, family and strangers,

**People: we turn toward the Source of Love, and we 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 #267** “All Things Bright and Beautiful” -Royal Oak

### \* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Fountain of Mercy, from whom we come, to whom we belong, and in whom we find peace, we offer you our sincere regret for whatever harm we have done, and for whatever actions of goodwill we have avoided or ignored. Forgive us, Loving One, and give us grace to forgive others. In Christ we pray; 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!**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

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

**ANTHEM** “Draw Me Close to You” -Carpenter

**HEARING OF THE WORD** Song of Songs 2:8-13 -Reader, Joe Carter

**SERMON** “The Beauty of Love” -Rev. Mark Winters

\***HYMN # 233** “Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart” -Richmond

### CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (Debts)

**CONNGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #322** “Spirit of the Living God” -Iverson

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” -Gabriel

### \* 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 in ways which serve you and our neighbor, in this community and beyond. In Christ we pray; Amen

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

-Rev. Mark Winters

*(All are welcome to participate in communion. The bread is gluten free, and the cup is non-alcoholic grape juice.)*

## INVITATION

### PRAYER

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*(As you come forward, please take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, eat it, and return to your seat. If you’re unable to come forward, please get the servers’ attention and we will serve you in your seat.)*

## 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 #372** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” -I Want to Be a Christian

\***CLOSING WORDS AND BENEDICTION** - Rev. Mark Winters

\***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: #539 -v2** Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

*Grant us thy peace upon our home-ward 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.*

**POSTLUDE** “I Surrender All” -Weeden

\* 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 should be able to help you). 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:	Elizabeth Villard & Susan Waldrop
Coffee Hour	Herb Ward
A/V Team Member:	TBA
AA Meeting:	Saturday at 8:00 PM

*Thank you to all volunteers!*

In Office Hours: Monday, 1-3:30PM, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9-3PM  
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  
Communion Sunday, September 1st, 2024  
A welcoming community serving God and neighbor**