

WELCOME!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “In Dulci Jubilo” - J. S. Bach

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Savior of the World has once again been born;

People: our eyes have seen the dawn of salvation!

Leader: And so we servants come to worship the newborn king, Emmanuel,

People: God with us, now and forever.

***HYMN #28 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” -In Dulci Jubilo**

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Thurman/Winters)

God of the Inner Sea, whose tides flow out at Christmastime, finding their way to many shores with gifts of remembrance, and thoughts of love – though the world be weary and the days afraid, renew our hearts, Holy One, and give hope to our minds; as the tides flow from the Inner Sea at Christmastime. We pray in Christ; amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. (3X) As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

ANTHEM “Born in the Night, Mary’s Child” -Ainger
Pam Butterick, soloist

HEARING OF THE WORD Luke 2:21-38 -Reader, Herb Ward

SERMON - The Rev. Dr. James Olson

***HYMN #603 Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimitis) -Land of Rest**

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: *And also with you.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE (choir) “And Our Eyes at Last Shall See Him” -Gauntlett

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “He Whom Shepherd Folk Came Praising” -Manz

*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

***HYMN #40 “Joy to the World!” -Antioch**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Aria Pastorella” -Rathgeber

* 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: *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.*

Peacefull democracy, Jim Harrison, Stephanie McClung, Violet Southwick, Aubyn Veno, recovering from surgery, Olga Church. Aaron Walton, loved ones facing illnesses of body or mind, all facing the trauma of violence including Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, and those suffering the effects of illness, poverty, natural disaster or oppression.

Head Deacon:	Donna Rhoades
Ushers:	Fran Watson
Poinsettias:	Given in honor & memory by friends and family of the congregation
Coffee Hour	Fran Watson
A/V Team Member:	Bill Veno
Choir Practice	No Choir Practice This Week
AA Meeting:	Saturday at 8:00 PM

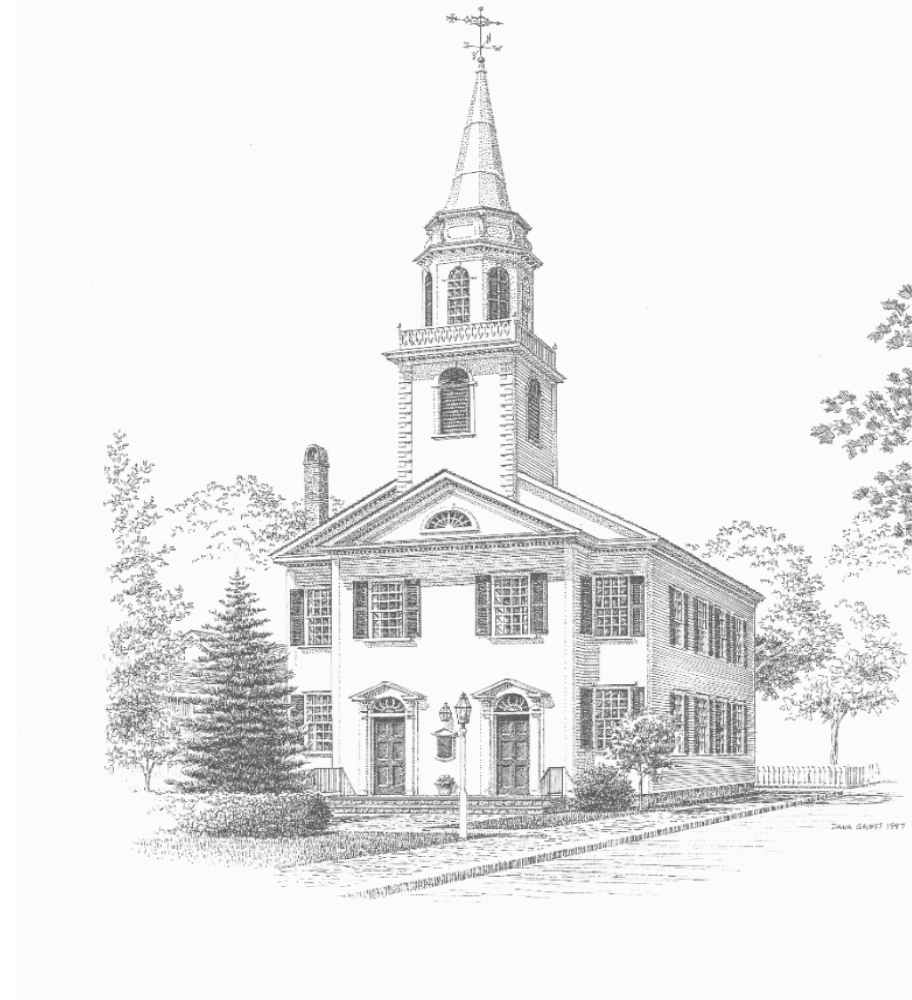
In Office Hours: Monday, 1-3:30PM, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9AM-3PM
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**“...Whoever you are,
whomever you love,
and wherever you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here!”**



**The Federated Church of Martha’s Vineyard
Edgartown, Massachusetts
1st Sunday after Christmas, December 29nd, 2024
A welcoming community serving God and neighbor**