

Welcome!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Christ Lay in Death’s Bonds”

-Buttstedt

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus commanded that we love one another.

People: We worship God, who is love, that we may learn to love one another.

One: Jesus said, "no longer do I call you servants, now I call you my friends.”

People: We praise the Lord our God, with whom we are friends through Christ.

All: Let us sing praise, and live in love and friendship toward all of creation.

***HYMN # 399** “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

-Dunlap’s Creek

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of mystery and miracle, though we long to see the path in front of us, you remind us that our journey is not best guided by sight, but by faith. Comfort us, O God, in the absence of tactile proof, that your presence is yet near; your guidance and your peace are as close to us as our breathing. Until we share in endless sight, we pray in Christ’s spirit; amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME**

(inside back cover of hymnal)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Allegro Pastorale”

-Scarlatti

*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

ANTHEM “Doubting Thomas”

-Schweizer

HEARING OF THE WORD John 20:19-31

-Reader, Susan Waldrop

SERMON “Forgiveness, Power, and the Message”

-Rev. Dr. Mark Winters

***HYMN #122** “Thine Is the Glory”

-Judas Maccabeus

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Jesus Christ, Our Savior Who Conquered Death”

-Buxtehude

* 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; 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: Donna Rhoades & Geoff Cahill
Flowers: Mary-Jean Miner
Coffee Hour: TBD
A/V Team Member: TBD

Choir Practice: Tuesdays at 4:30 PM

AA Meeting - In Parish House: Saturday at 8:00 PM

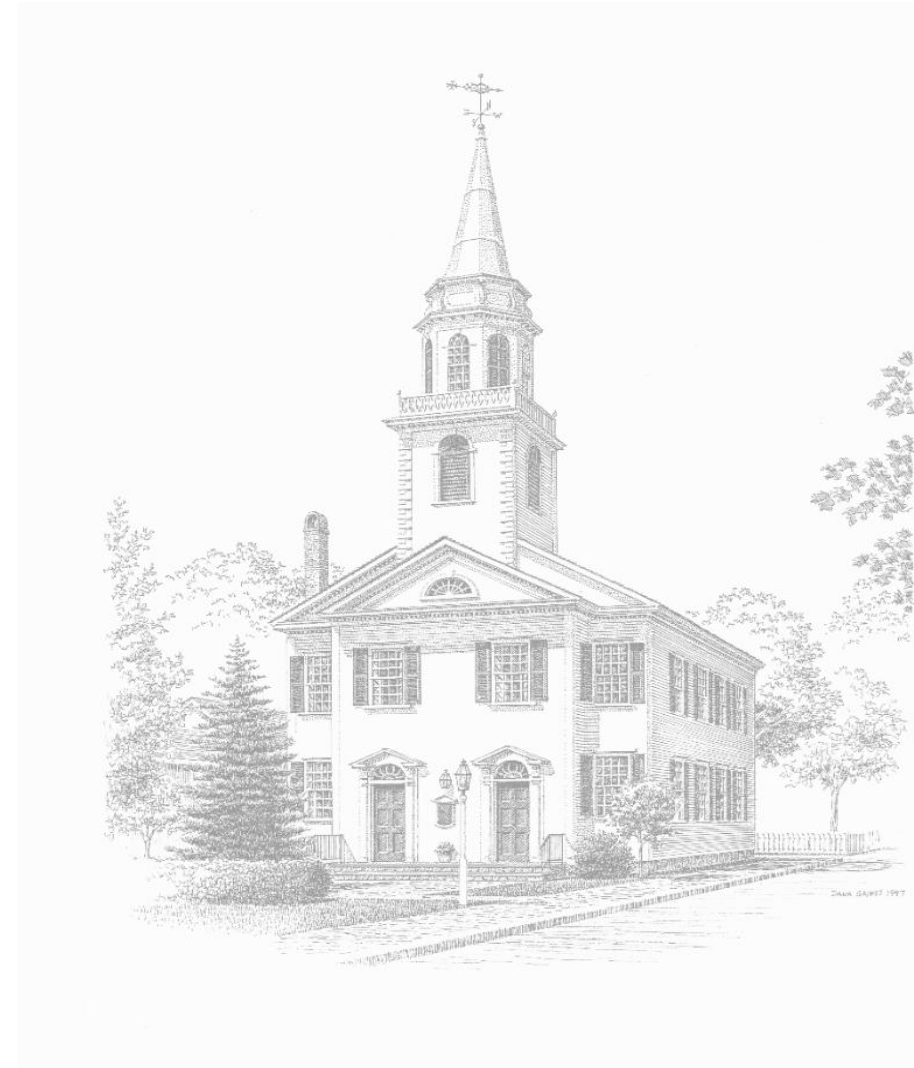
In Office Hours: Monday, 1-3:30PM, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9AM-3PM
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“... Whoever you are,
whomever you love,
and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!”



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Edgartown, Massachusetts
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A welcoming community serving God and neighbor