

# Welcome!

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** “Let Us Go See the New-Born Babe” -Bourguignon Carol

## 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 have come to worship the newborn king, Emmanuel,

**People: God with us, now and forever.**

**\*HYMN** (insert) “Who Would Think That What Was Needed” -Scarlet Ribbons

### \*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

**\*RESPONSE HYMN #23** (*Verse 1*) “Angels We Have Heard on High” -Gloria

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** “Pastorale” -Boëllmann

### \*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, allluia, 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.

### Carol Sing

**HEARING OF THE WORD** Scripture: Luke 2:1-7 -Reader, Herb Ward

#### “A Twist of Hospitality”

by Ted Loder

Read in two parts by Peter Boak and Walter Vail

**Music Interlude** “O Little Town of Bethlehem - Isaac Winters, trumpet

**\*HYMN**(*insert*) “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” -Rejoice, Rejoice

### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** “Good King Wenceslas” -Christopher

\* 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:** Peaceful democracy here and in the world, the Island's immigrant community, Loved ones facing illnesses of body or mind. all facing the trauma of violence including Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Iran and those suffering the effects of illness, poverty, natural disaster or oppression. Joe Carter's brother-in-law, Peter Manson, who is facing serious illness, family and friends of Shanta Gabriel who passed away peacefully recently, longtime friends of Kris and Bill Vrooman, Susan Sisco and Jeff Miller. Both are going through severe health issues. Aaron Walton, the adult son of good friends of the Vrooman's who continues to battle severe health issues. *(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](mailto:officefederatedchurchmv@gmail.com).)*

Head Deacon: Geoff Cahill  
Ushers: Geoff Cahill and Herb Ward  
Flowers: Given in honor & memory of friends and family by the congregation  
Coffee Hour: TBA  
A/V Team Member: Naomi Winters

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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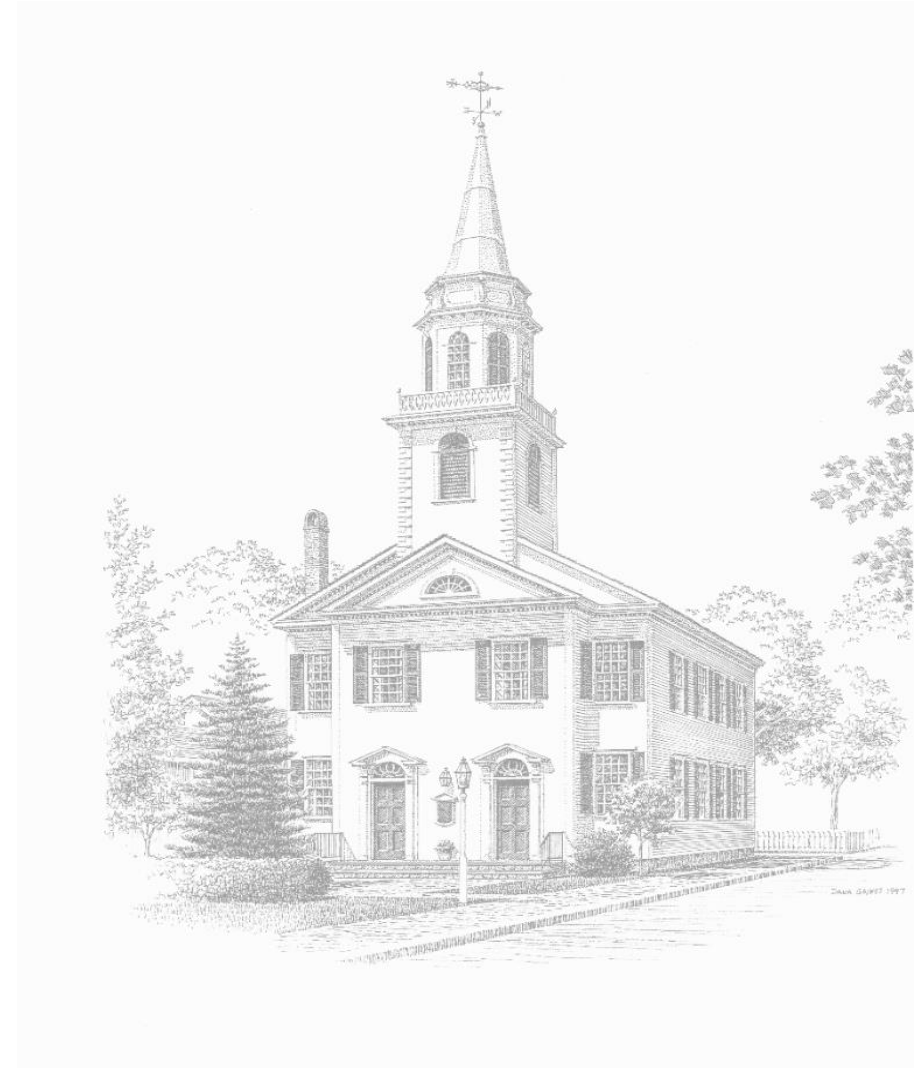
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whomever you love,  
and wherever you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!”



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