

WELCOME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" -Marpurg

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: bell hooks said,

People: "Rarely, if ever, are people healed in isolation."

Leader: So we gather together as the Body of Christ, for strength, for companionship, for healing.

People: "Healing is an act of communion."

Leader: Healing is an act of communion—community—something we do together.

People: So let us worship together our Inner Physician, the divine Source of peace and wellbeing.

*HYMN #466 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" -Azmon

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Companioning God, as we tread the sometimes narrow pathways of life, not always able to see what's coming next, we nevertheless step forward, because we have faith in your presence with us, always. Hold us close in this time of worship. Speak to us, strengthen us, restore and renew us. Praying as ever in Christ's spirit of grace; 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 "Go and Tell John" -Pfautsch

HEARING OF THE WORD Luke 7:18-35 -Reader, Deb Daley

SERMON "What You See and Hear" -Rev. Dr. Mark Winters

*HYMN #602 "Blest be the God of Israel" -Merle's Tune

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE (choir) "Softly and Tenderly" -Thompson

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Trio" -Krebs

*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 #253 "I'll Praise My Maker" -Old 113th

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Postlude in E Flat Major" -Broughton

* 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.

Head Deacon: Mary Gentle
Ushers: Tom Durawa and Herb Ward
Flowers: Shanta Gabriel
Coffee Hour: Deb Daley
A/V Team Member: Brett Regan

Choir Practice: Tuesday 4:00 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

Mr. Herb Ward, Moderator

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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**