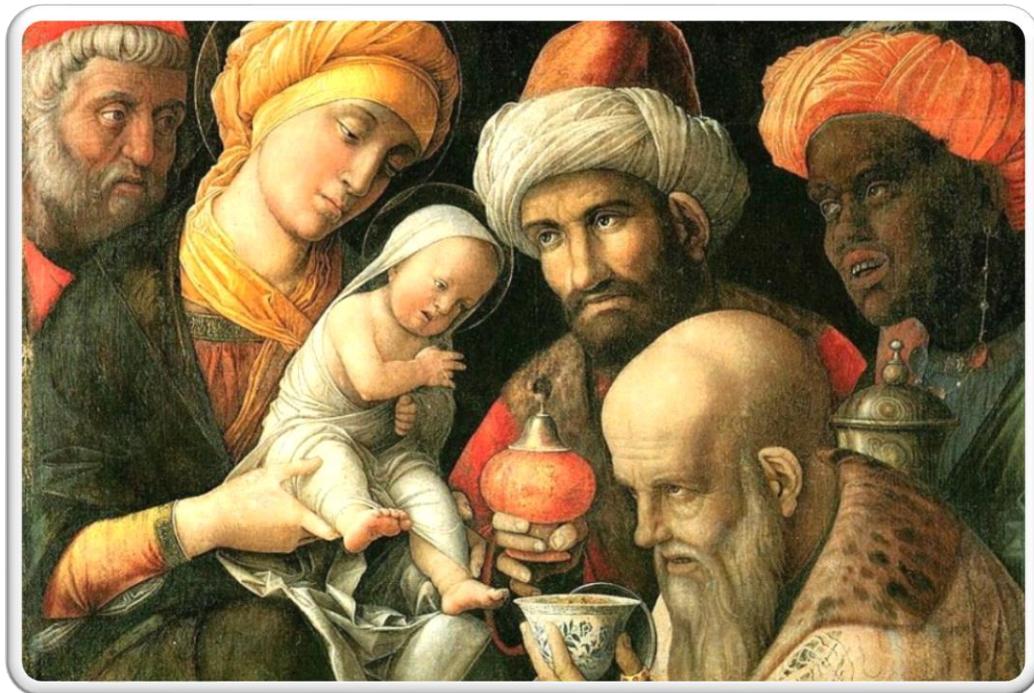


The Federated Church of Orleans



*United Church of Christ
Unitarian Universalist Association*

January 5, 2020

10:00 a.m.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY – HOLY COMMUNION

*Congregation invited to stand as able.

Words in bold print indicate unison readings

REFLECTION

“Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried in a woman’s arms.”— St. Augustine

PIANO MEDITATION

In a New Light

Glenn Starner-Tate

ORGAN PRELUDE

Miniature for Organ, Opus 55, No 4
Flor Peeters. 1947

Organist

OPENING WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Catherine MacDonald

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Robert Richardson, Liturgist

One: Jesus said “I am the light of the world.”

Many: And he said, “Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

One: The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing love for all humankind.

All: Come, let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN

All Beautiful the March of Days

Tune: Forest Green

English Folk Melody arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Lyric by Frances Whitmarsh Wile, 1911

1. All beautiful the march of days, as seasons come and go;
The hand that shaped the rose hath wrought the crystal of the snow;
Hath sent the hoary frost of heav’n, the flowing waters sealed;
And laid a silent loveliness on hill and wood and field.
2. O’er white expanses sparkling pure the radiant morns unfold;
The solemn splendors of the night burn brighter through the cold;
Life mounts in every throbbing vein, Love deepens ‘round the hearth,
And clearer sounds the angel hymn, “Good will to all on earth.”
3. O Thou from whose unfathomed law the year in beauty flows;
Thyself the vision passing by in crystal and in rose,
Day unto day doth utter speech, and night to night proclaim,
In ever-changing words of light, the wonder of Thy name.

UNISON PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

**Loving God, through your grace we have entered a new year —
but we know that we haven't left our old selves completely behind.
Who we are today has everything to do with who we've been,
with what we've done
and what we've left undone.**

**Now in the present,
here in the midst of people we know and people we don't know,
there is room for us to freely admit in our hearts
that we need forgiveness.**

**Therefore we offer silent prayers of confession,
and our thanks for the loving forgiveness you have given us
in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

Mike Brink

RESPONSE

Come and Fill

Songs & Prayers from Taizé

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, You alone are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia! (repeat)

COLLECT

**O Lord, in whom is the fullness of Time's wisdom,
enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit,
and give us grace this morning to receive your Word
through ancient scripture and fresh reflection.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 2: 1-12

John 1: 1-5

CHORAL ANTHEM

We Three Kings

Choir & Congregation

John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857

All Sing: *O, star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

SERMON

Rev. Catherine MacDonald

HYMN 173

In the Still of the Winter

Tune: Foundation

Words: Nancy Hayes Kilgore; Music: Traditional American Melody

*In the still of the winter, the dark of the year,
there's a watching and waiting for God to come near.*

*My heart, like a traveler who's lost in the night,
feels a yearning for comfort, and longing for light.*

*From the silence of evening, from shadow and sleep,
comes a numinous star like a voice from the deep.*

*How long must I wander, how far must I roam?
I am here, I am with you, and I'll lead you home.*

I am here in the stars, in the dark of the night.

I am always within you, and I am the light.

I am who I am, sings the God of my soul.

In your waiting and hope I am making you whole.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (and the 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 trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

GREETING AND PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Miniature for Organ, Opus 55, No 3
Flor Peeters. 1947

Organist

*Doxology

Choir and Congregation

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above all heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

***Gracious God, we present our offerings of spirit and substance
as gifts to be used, through the work of the church,
for your purposes. We dedicate them to your glory and to our
mission as your covenanted people, in Jesus' name. Amen.***

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN 66 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; Music: Tune: St. Denio, Welsh Folk Melody

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up our hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Miniatures #5 & #6

Organist

Opus 55, Flor Peeters. 1947

PRAYER OF RESOLUTION

**For God's presence in Christ, in this place and in our time,
thanks be to God.**

**For God's presence in Christ beyond us,
thanks be to God.**

**For the peace we are promised, which the world cannot destroy,
thanks be to God.**

**For the hope of heaven on earth and the final song of joy,
thanks be to God. Amen.**

*HYMN 22

All Creatures of Our God and King Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Words: Francis of Assis; 1225; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*,

Harmonized: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

BENEDICTION

Rev. MacDonald

POSTLUDE

My Tribute (To God Be the Glory)

Organist

Andraé Crouch, 1971

The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude

All that I am and ever hope to be I owe it all to Thee

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We welcome all our guests this morning and ask you to sign the guest book in the lower narthex and fill out the blue card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Our Deacons today are Sue Miller and Martha Grogan. Assisting them are Deacons Liz Jones, Barbara Bertram and Eileen Violette.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2020

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

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| Mike Mahaney | Laura Wogisch | Susan Scribner |
| Bob and Roz DeLong | Marion Kennedy | Patricia Palmer |
| Shirley Smith | Vanessa Lawson | Beverly McDonald |
| Michael McDonald | Bea Auty | Nick Muto |
| Connie Newell | Rev. Robert Richardson | Laura Wogisch |
| Jan Laster | | |

The 2020 Offering Envelopes are now available in the Vestry. If you are not signed up to receive envelopes but would like to please see Amy Redihan.

The **Church will be closing its 2019 Fiscal Books on Sunday, January 12.** If you can complete your pledge for 2019 please do so by this date. Thank you all for your support of our church and its many missions.



STOP WISH-CYCLING: "For those of us who live in the rich countries, one simple step that we can take to reduce pollution in Indonesia is to stop "wish-cycling" -- loosely defined as "the practice of tossing questionable items in the recycling bin, hoping they can somehow be recycled." The low-grade plastic that we try to recycle is the stuff that is killing people in Indonesia. More substantially, we need to remember that recycling is at the end of the list of the four Rs -- Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, and only then Recycle. Individually, and as a society, we need to take the lead on the recommendation "reduce and minimize plastic production and use."- From Eco-Justice.org

** Thom Dutton, Director of Nauset Ringers will present a concert at the Brewster Ladies Library **today, January 5th at 2:00 p.m.** The program is about light and features American music as well as tunes from the Celtic lands. The concert is free and open to the public. The library is located on Main Street (Route 6A) right in the heart of downtown Brewster.



Calling Singers and Handbell Ringers!
New Seasons beginning next week!

Nauset Ringers – First rehearsal of 2020 – Monday, January 6 at 6:00 p.m.!

Not Your Average Church Choir
First rehearsal of 2020 – Wednesday, January 8 at 4:00 p.m.!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2020

Today, January 5

- 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Warmup, Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. Worship led by Rev. Catherine MacDonald
- 2:00 p.m. Thom Dutton in Concert, Brewster Ladies Library

Monday, January 6

- 1:15 p.m. Noteables Rehearse, Fellowship
- 6:00 p.m. Nauset Ringers Rehearsal, Fellowship
- 7:30 p.m. A.A. Meeting, Vestry

Tuesday, January 7

- 7:30 a.m. Cape Cod Hospital Auxiliary, Vestry
- 10:00 a.m. Strong for Life, Fellowship
- 3:00 p.m. Cape Cod Safe Communities, Vestry

Wednesday, January 8

- 10:00 a.m. Pastoral Search Committee
- 2:00 p.m. Gateways Spirituality, Fellowship
- 3:00 p.m. A Time for Silence and Contemplation, Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Not Your Average Church Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship

Thursday, January 9

Friday, January 10

- 8:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Strong for Life

Saturday, January 11

- 2:00 p.m. N.A.M.I., Parlor

Next Sunday, January 12

- 9:00 a.m. NYACC Warmup, Choir Loft

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship led by Rev. Kathy Musser
- 11:00 a.m. Budget Information Session following worship
- 11:30 a.m. Dishwasher Training, Kitchen
 - A.A. – Alcoholics Anonymous
 - NAMI – National Alliance on Mental Illness

The Federated Church of Orleans is an
Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

The Federated Church of Orleans Covenant

Acknowledging our long history as a covenantal church, we promise to be a faithful people committed to justice and mercy in the world around us and in our individual lives, whatever it may cost us.

We trust in God revealed in scripture and mirrored in the life of Jesus. We respond to the love and power of God’s spirit alive among us, leading us into an unknown future.

We covenant to support The Federated Church of Orleans and to seek the flourishing of God’s whole creation:

by gathering in worship; offering a warm, all-inclusive welcome; respecting and listening to each other; sharing in the joy of discipleship; standing with and advocating for the hurt, the hungry, and the excluded; relieving suffering and alienation where we find it; and by working toward a time of peace throughout God’s world.

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| Ministers: The People | Minister of Music: Glenn Starnier-Tate, M.M.E |
| Interim Senior Minister: | Administrator/Financial Assistant: Kimberly Denis |
| Pastoral Assistant: | Sexton: Pierre Denis |
| Assistant Treasurer: Amy Redihan | Treasurer: Ernie Rogers |
| Nauset Ringers Director: Thom Dutton | Vice Moderator: Dallas Jones |
| Moderator: Jennifer Clark | Chair, Board of Trustees: Mary Lee Mantz |
| Financial Associate: John Betz | Chair, Board of Living Mission in Action: Amy Boyle |
| Clerk: Georgeanne Barnes | Board of Spiritual Enrichment: |
| Chair, Board of Deacons: Mike Brink | |

**Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.**

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No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.