



# The Federated Church of Hyannis

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**PRELUDE:** “*Iona – A Hebridean Carol*”, Edmund Walters... Soloist Greg Gettel

**WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT:** “*Nearer My God to Thee*”, L. Mason

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Leader:** Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

**People:** Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him and bless His name.

**Leader:** For we come before God’s presence with singing.

**People:** For the Lord is our God, and we are God’s people.

**Leader:** O come, let us sing unto the Lord.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #267 “Morning Has Broken”**

*Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God’s recreation of the new day!*

**INVOCATION (all)**

**Eternal God, who created us in love, and called us to share that love in word and in deed, forgive us for those times when our concerns go no further than our selves. Forgive us for occasions when we fail to respond as fully as we could to the needs of the hungry, the homeless, and the dispossessed. Help us to discover anew your mission for this day in which we are called to serve. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (all)**

**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 those who 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, forever. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

**ANTHEM:** *“The Blessing”* .....Choir

**THE WORD OF GOD** ..... Lay Reader Sherrie Scudder

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 51:1-5

**New Testament:** Luke 15:11-24

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN OF REFLECTION # 408 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge; Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there. Amen.*

**SERMON:** “The Rock from Which We Were Hewn” .....Rev. Dr. Paul R. Adkins

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory

Doxology

*Praise God from who all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.*

*Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### **\*CLOSING HYMN # 451 “Lead On, O King Eternal”**

*Lead on, O King Eternal. The day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,  
And now, O King Eternal, we lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,  
But deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.*

*Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might! Amen.*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*CHOIR AMEN**

**\*POSTLUDE:** “Juleverset”, Traditional Norwegian Carol..... Greg Gettel