

**FEDERATED CHURCH OF HYANNIS
ORDER OF WORSHIP ~ SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023**

~Reminder – please silence all cell phones before the Worship Service begins ~

PRELUDE: *“I Love to Tell the Story”*, W. Fischer

Roy Campbell

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PASSING OF THE PEACE WITH THE CONGREGATION,
PRESENT AND ONLINE**

CALL TO WORSHIP (all)

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: For our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Hear, O people. The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your strength, and your neighbor as yourself.

People: Let us worship God and give glory to God’s holy name.

***HYMN OF ADORATION #298 “God of Our Fathers, Whose Mighty Hand”**

*1 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.*

*2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.*

*3 From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace. Amen.*

INVOCATION (all)

Loving God, in this time of worship we praise your holy name. You care for us more than we care for ourselves. In response, we are to love you with all our heart, mind, and soul. You command us to love one another even those different from us. You ask us to give when we want to take, and to forgive when we want to nurse bitterness. We thank you that you accept us as we are, and that you show us what

we can be. Help us to believe that we can be loving, just, and holy like you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC: “*It Is Well With My Soul*”, Philip P. Bliss

Matt Joseph, Soloist

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: John 9:1-17

Lay Reader Pam Frazier

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF REFLECTION #357

“My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff”

*1 My faith, it is an oaken staff,
The trav'ler's well-loved aid;
My faith, it is a weapon stout,
The soldier's trusty blade.
I'll travel on, and still be stirred
By silent thought or social word;
By all my perils undeterred,
A soldier pilgrim staid.*

*2 I have a guide, and in His steps
When travelers have trod,
Whether beneath was flinty rock
Or yielding grassy sod,*

*They cared not, but with force unspent,
Unmoved by pain, they onward went,
Unstayed by pleasures, still they bent
Their zealous course to God.*

*3 My faith, it is an oaken staff,
O let me on it lean!
My faith, it is a trusty sword,
May falsehood find it keen!
Thy Spirit, Lord, to me impart,
O make me what Thou ever art,
Of patient and courageous heart,
As all true saints have been.*

SERMON: “**How Big is Your Moral Universe?**” **Rev. Dr. Paul R. Adkins**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: “*More About Jesus*”, Traditional Hymn Matt Joseph, Soloist

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.*

***CLOSING HYMN #48 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

*1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

*2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;*

*End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.*

*3 Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love. Amen.*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: “*That’s What Friends Are For*”, Stevie Wonder

Roy Campbell

**Please stand if you are able*

Thank you to our guest soloist Matt Joseph.

Matt Joseph is sixteen years old and will be entering the Eleventh grade at Sturgis Charter School in September. He studied piano at Cape Cod Conservatory with Roy Campbell.