

**FEDERATED CHURCH OF HYANNIS
ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 14, 2024**

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

PRELUDE *“Near to the Heart of God”*, C. McAfee Roy Campbell

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT *“Come Christians Join to Sing”* Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (all)

Leader: This past week had brought us many things.

People: Moments of joy, times of uncertainty, and even moments of sadness.

Leader: The world can be a harsh place. Injustices are glaring. Pain can be seen in many places. People are often separated and hostile.

People: Yet, in the face of the ups and downs of life, we have come to affirm that God is love. We have come to celebrate our friendship and proclaim our unity.

Leader: We have come to proclaim that Christ is Lord, and that the world is in God’s hands. We can rejoice and be glad. We can sing. For God is good, and we are God’s people.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #6 “Praise Him, Praise Him”**

*1 Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.*

*2 Love Him, love Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;
Love Him, love Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.*

*3 Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love,
Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.*

INVOCATION (all)

Oh Lord our Lord, whose grace sustains us, whose love and mercy renews, and whose forgiveness makes us whole, be with us, we pray. May our actions, thoughts, and prayers be acceptable to you. Grant that the poverty of our spirits be overcome by the richness of your indwelling presence. Take our weakness and make us strong, our discouragement and make us confident, our fears and make us brave. Bind us together into a loving fellowship, that we may care deeply about one another and thus truly become the body of Christ. We pray these things in your holy name. 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

“Join the Gospel Song”, L. Eerfruen

Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Lay Reader Sherrie Scudder

Old Testament: Psalm 98

Pew Bible page 480

New Testament: Matthew 3:1-12

Pew Bible page 784

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF REFLECTION #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.*

SERMON “Will They Know That We Are Christians” Rev. Dr. Paul R. Adkins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”* Roy Campbell

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 #495 “They’ll Know We Are Christians”**

*1 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
They will know we are Christians by our love.*

*2 We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
They will know we are Christians by our love.*

*3 We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
They will know we are Christians by our love.*

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL AMEN

***POSTLUDE:** *“Polonaise No. 3”*, F. Chopin Roy Campbell

**Please stand if you are able*

Please join us for Coffee Hour following the Worship Service.

This Week

Sunday, April 14 – Worship Service, 10:00 am (BH)
NA 6:00 pm (BH)

Monday, April 15 – Church Office closed for Patriot’s Day
AA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

Tuesday, April 16 – NA, 7:30 pm (BH)

Wednesday, April 17 – Finance Committee Meeting, 10:30 am (P)
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 20 - NA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

Sunday, April 21 – Worship Service, 10:00 am (BH)
Music Committee Meeting, 11:30 am (P)
NA 6:00 pm (BH)

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