

**FEDERATED CHURCH OF HYANNIS**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**April 7, 2024**

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

**PRELUDE**                    *“May the Mind of Christ”*, C. Barham-Gould                    Roy Campbell

**WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP (all)**

Leader: Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God.

**People: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.**

Leader: He is the way to peace, the truth of God’s trustworthiness.

**People: Let us bow down in prayer before Him.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #474                    “Hymn of Promise”**

*1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

**INVOCATION (all)**

Gracious God, gentle in your power and strong in your tenderness, you have brought us forth from the womb of your being and breathed into us the breath of life. You know that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from you. Feed our deep hunger with the living bread that you give us in Jesus Christ. May Jesus’ promise, “where two or three are gathered in my name, there I

am in the midst of them” be fulfilled in us. Make us a joyful company of your people so that with the faithful in every place and time we may praise and honor you, God Most High. 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

Chopin Prelude

Roy Campbell

## THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Psalm 46

New Testament: Matthew 25:14-30

Lay Reader Rene King

Pew Bible page 450

Pew Bible page 807

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## \*HYMN OF REFLECTION #377

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

*1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Refrain:*

*Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;*

*O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]*

*3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]*

**SERMON**

**“Mature Faith”**

**Rev. Dr. Paul R. Adkins**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*“Nearer My God to Thee”*

Roy Campbell

**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.*

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(All are welcome to partake of Holy Communion)

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup (Please hold and commune together)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we  
have known the presence of Christ and have received all  
Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for  
one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives;  
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #422**

**“Lead Us, O Father”**

*1 Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace;  
Without Thy guiding hand we go astray,  
And doubts appall, and sorrows still increase;  
Lead us through Christ, the true and living Way.*

*2 Lead us, O Father, in the paths of truth;  
Unhelped by Thee, in error's maze we grope,  
While passion stains and folly dims our youth,  
And age comes on, uncheered by faith and hope.*

*3 Lead us, O Father, in the paths of right;  
Blindly we stumble when we walk alone,  
Involved in shadows of a mortal night;  
Only with Thee we journey safely on.*

*4 Lead us, O Father, to Thy heav'nly rest,  
However rough and steep the pathway be,  
Through joy or sorrow, as Thou deemest best,  
Until our lives are perfected in Thee. Amen.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE:**        *"Just a Closer Walk with God"*, Anonymous        Roy Campbell

*\*Please stand if you are able*

*The following Easter Flower Dedication was missing from the Easter bulletin.  
My apologies for this oversight.*

*-In loving memory of Jim Kelley and Ed Cliggott from Jan, Ellen, Joe, Paige and Will  
-In honor of Elaine Kelley from the Cliggott Family.*

**This Week**

**Sunday, April 7** – Worship Service, 10:00 am (BH)  
NA 6:00 pm (BH)

**Monday, April 8** – AA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

**Tuesday, April 9** – NA, 7:30 pm (BH)

**Wednesday, April 10** - Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

**Saturday, April 13** - NA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

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

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