

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**ORGAN PRELUDE** *Dodici Sonate* Cirri

[We request that the chimes be the signal for a time of quiet meditation before the service]

### MOMENT OF GREETING AND CONCERNS

[We invite everyone to fill out the **Fellowship Pad** in their pew at this time. Please pass this pad down your pew and back again. Thank you.]

**\*HYMN No. 212** *Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of creation; God of Exodus and Sinai: God whose voice is heard in the voices of the prophets; God who calls the people to lives of mercy and justice.

People; God of Christmas, Calvary, and Easter; God made visible in the love of Christ; God whose service is perfect freedom, whose will is joyful obedience.

Leader: God whose habitation is every place where men and women gather to seek the Highest. May there be gladness and praise as together we enter the holy Presence.

### INVOCATION (in unison)

Christ: we have gathered in your name. Be among us and within us. Come into our hearts and make them yours; that they may be the best of rooms – a space within us truly fit for the habitation of your compassionate, gracious, and healing spirit. Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (using "debts")

### CHORAL INTERLUDE

**UNISON READING No. 95**

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**\*GLORIA PATRI No. 513**

### ANTHEM

**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 8:27-33

NT 53

### CALL TO PRAYER No. 531

[Congregation is asked to sing with the choir where indicated "People."]

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray: O Lord show Thy mercy upon us.

People: And grant us Thy Salvation

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us,

People: And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

### MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

### CHORAL RESPONSE

**\*HYMN No. 318** *Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ*

### OFFERTORY

Anthem

\*Doxology - No. 515

Offertory Prayer

**SERMON** "And Who Do You Say That I Am?" Rev. Robert Gardiner

**\*HYMN** *O God, Whose Gifts* [words on insert]

### \*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

**\*POSTLUDE** *Voluntary* Boyce

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\*Those who are able, please stand

**Visitors** - We welcome you to our church fellowship and hope you will come again. We invite you to sign the *Friendship Pad* that is passed in the pew or sign the guest book in the narthex. There are many new faces in our congregation; we encourage those with name tags to please wear them. **Childcare** for ages infant through six years is available downstairs in Room 10.

**Please** turn off your cell phones.

**Please note!** Hearing-aid devices and print-outs of the day's sermon are available. Please speak to a Deacon.

**Please join us for "Punch on the Portico" after our service.**

**Greeters** are .

**Ushers** are .

**Lay reader** is Jan Hull.

**Flowers** on the altar-table are given by Kate & Maurice Watson in loving memory of their parents.

**Deacons of the Month** are Carol McKenzie & Cliff Duckworth.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we are pleased to welcome once again **Rev. Bob Gardiner**, who has graced our pulpit for the past two summers and now returns for another engagement. Bob is a retired UCC minister, living with his wife, Lorraine, in Centerville. Since retiring, he has found a “second career” writing light, comic verse. His first volume of poetry, *Funny Stuff*, was published in 2007 and he is hard at work writing poems for another volume (maybe 2012?).

All members of the church are invited to join the **Couples’ Club** on Monday, August 2 at 6:00 p.m. for supper in Fellowship Hall followed by the Hyannis Sound Concert in the sanctuary. Supper is \$5 per couple plus a salad or dessert. Concert is \$10 per person. Sign up at the Opportunity Table in the lobby of Fellowship Hall.

**WHY COOK...** when you can eat a fabulous, fresh-air Barbequed Chicken (or pork tenderloin kebab) dinner on the church grounds?  
**What? – First-ever Community Barbecue.** When? – Thursday, August 12, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Sponsor? – The church Trustees. Live music by the award-winning Falmouth High School Jazz Band. Who is welcome? – EVERYBODY! Just show up with a neighbor, relative, visitor, a sinner or a saint! It’s your church, so let’s share our friendly fellowship with the Falmouth Community!!!

## O God, Whose Gifts

Tune: ENGELBERG (Hymn No. 147)

O God, whose gifts have nourished all our days,  
Whose gracious care the universe displays:  
Receive, and bless, our humble song of praise.  
Alleluia!

In prophets’ word, in martyrs, saints, and seers,  
You spoke your grace and judgment through the years.  
And ever still that holy word appears.  
Alleluia!

In Christ you came to share our human space,  
And made, among us here, your dwelling-place.  
His love expressed the fulness of your grace.  
Alleluia!

That love in humble service was revealed.  
He spoke the word, and all our wounds were healed.  
Nor did refuse, for us, his life to yield.  
Alleluia!

Give thanks that Christ, once dead, is now alive.  
We see his love where truth and mercy thrive.  
He lives where’er his people nobly strive.  
Alleluia!

O may our lives reflect the love divine,  
And everywhere to righteousness incline,  
And of your kingdom be for all a sign.  
Alleluia!

--Bob Gardiner