

*With Jesus as our anchor and compass, God bids us to be a blessing in the world.*

**RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRELUDE** – “Prelude on “Slane”

traditional Irish tune

**WELCOME**

**CENTERING PRAYER**

**God is with us in this place. When we’re feeling lost and alone, God is with us. In strange places, and in between, God is still with us. Come, let us worship the God who loves us.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**One:** Friends, we gather here today because we have some small sense of Jesus’ love for us,

**All: and we long to grow in our understanding of this blessing.**

**One:** We gather because Jesus has gifted us with questions and curiosity,

**All: and we long to learn more about Jesus’ holy nature.**

**One:** We gather because Jesus has called us to this place seeking our service.

**All: May we be equipped to serve with generosity and joy.**

**One:** We gather because Jesus has claimed us as children.

**All: May we trust that good news with the fullness of our being.**

**One:** We gather because we trust that Jesus meets us in this place.

**All: Let us worship.**

**\*HYMN** – “Softly and Tenderly”

blue hymnal No. 340

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**God who speaks, we want to hear you. We yearn to listen to you above all the noises of our lives. Guide us in this time of worship to hear your voice. Speak to us in the songs, in the Word, in the laughter of the children, and in the chatting with a new friend. Speak to us, God, your children are listening. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI (blue hymnal No. 35)**

**FIRST LESSON**

John 12:44-47 and the *I AM* statements of Jesus

**SECOND LESSON**

John 10: 1-6 and a dramatic representation

**SERMON**

John 10:11

The Friend, Sarah Stewart and David Small

**HYMN**

“Father Abraham”

**OFFERING**

**Offertory** – “Pavane”

Faure

**\*DOXOLOGY** (blue hymnal No. 46)

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE**

Our guest today: Jacob Stapledon, Children's Cove

**SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER** (debts, debtors)

**\*HYMN** – "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"  
558

blue hymnal No.

**BENEDICTION** (congregation seated)

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE** – Postlude on "St. Anne"

\*All who are able, please stand.

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**EASTER FLOWERS**

The Flower Committee will take orders for Easter flowers (lilies and tulips) during Fellowship Hour on March 18 and 25. Plants can be purchased in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Flowers can also be left at the church for Easter, and then brought home!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Maundy Thursday is March 29. We will have a service of worship with communion and Tenebrae at 7:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

There is usually a mid-day service at St. David's in South Yarmouth on Good Friday. People can come for a portion of the service, or they can stay for the whole service (12:00 to 3:00 p.m.). No details have been given to us yet.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

This year, Easter falls on April 1<sup>st</sup> (early!). We will have **3** Easter services Sunday morning. We will start with our Easter Sunrise Service at Corporation Beach at 6:15 a.m. We will then have **TWO** services of Celebration of the Resurrection at our church at **9:00** and **11:00 a.m.**

