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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

October 12, 2025

Continuing God's Story Together

"Let this little message be but a reminder, and I will continue with the story."

2 Maccabees 6:17

**Worship Participants** 

Deacon: Paula McQuaid

Welcomers: Tracy Morin & Merry Sue Ahlgren

Reader: Abby Marino

Announcer: Merry Sue Ahlgren

**Prelude** 

Welcome Rev. Tina Walker-Morin

## **Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that First Church Sandwich, UCC is situated on the ancestral Native homeland of those who walked here before us and those who still walk here, keeping in mind the integrity of this territory where the Native peoples identify as Wampanoag.

**Song** Remind Me Who I Am

**Opening Prayer** (by Dawn Grace Peters)

Deacon

**Leader:** What is the sound that calls us? Listen carefully.

People: The beating of our own hearts calls us to ourselves. It calls us to be our true selves, our best selves. Calls us to be what we might become.

**Leader:** The breath of our neighbor calls us outside ourselves. It calls us to be companions, allies, partners.

People: Let us heed the call of our own hearts, where love and truth, compassion and justice are born.

**Leader:** Let us heed the call of others, to gather together for some great purpose, where passion and fidelity, truth and equality are nourished.

People: The Silence calls us together that we may do the work we cannot do alone. All: Let us heed the calls that come in the silence, that we may be well, and do good in this world together. Amen.

Song Bring Many Names Hymn #10

Scripture: Genesis 15:12-15,17-18 & 16:3

## Today's reading is from Genesis chapter 15 and verse 3 of chapter 16.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. <sup>13</sup> Then the Lord said to Abram, "Know this for certain, that your offspring shall be aliens in a land that is not theirs and shall be slaves there, and they shall be

oppressed for four hundred years, <sup>14</sup> but I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup> As for yourself, you shall go to your ancestors in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates..."

So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her slave, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife.

God's Stories Rev. Jennie Valentine

Message For All Ages Rev. Jennie Valentine

Sermon Rev. Tina Walker-Morin

**Song** Friend of God

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer Rev. Tina Walker-Morin

Our Father/Mother/Creator,

who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen

**Offering** 

Invitation

Song Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race Hymn #485

Dedication

**Send Forth Song** Everlasting God

Benediction Rev. Tina Walker-Morin

**Announcements** 

**Postlude**