

# A SANKOFA JOURNEY: THE AFRICAN IN AMERICA WITH ROBIN JOYCE MILLER

ARTIST TALKS AND EXHIBIT OPENING  
A COTUIT FEDERATED CHURCH JUSTICE FORUM



Sunday, April 19  
10am Worship in Sanctuary  
11:30am Artist Talk in Hamilton Hall

Through mixed-media artwork and storytelling, Miller explores the African American journey—honoring history, resilience, culture, and the enduring connection between past and present. The artwork will be on display at Cotuit Federated Church during March and April and may be viewed anytime during open building hours. In addition, Miller will be speaking during and after church on Sunday March 1st to offer deeper insight into the themes, history, and stories behind the work. Join us for an engaging experience that combines visual art, history, and reflection, and creates space for learning, dialogue, and cultural appreciation.



## EASTER FESTIVAL 2026

## THE WILDERNESS IS THE BIRTHPLACE OF JOY

I used to know the wilderness only as pain;  
A land without food, a land without water.  
But you rained down manna  
And even water flows in your desert.

I used to think the wilderness was total  
isolation—  
But the Israelites had each other,  
And you had the stars in the sky.

So then I thought the wilderness must be  
time wasted—  
Forty years of circles.  
Forty years of wondering.  
But then I realized, each step is a step,  
And maybe there's growth in that.

So then I concluded that the wilderness  
must be lonely spaces—  
The woman and her well,  
The blind man and his gate,  
Martha and her kitchen,  
Peter and his fire.  
But then you showed up in each of those  
places,  
To each of those faces.

So now I wonder—  
What if the wilderness is the birthplace of  
creation?  
What if the wilderness is where call begins?  
What if the wilderness is where joy is  
birthed?  
What if, between the dirt and the sky  
And that wide orange horizon,  
The wilderness is where we find you?

created by: Sarah Are | sanctifiedart.org

**GUEST INFORMATION:** Thank you for worshipping with us today! Pick up a welcome brochure to learn more about our church. Join us for coffee hour following today's worship — just follow the crowd to our community room (Bruce Hall). Both our sanctuary and community room are handicapped-accessible at the High Street entrance. Handicapped parking is available on High Street and in the driveway to Bruce Hall. Please ask a Greeter or Deacon to answer any questions.

**FELLOWSHIP PADS:** Whenever you have questions or comments, feel free to note them in the red fellowship pads available at each pew. Everyone — guests and regular attenders alike — are asked to sign the fellowship pads when passed during the Offering. If you are a first time visitor, please include your email or physical mailing address.

**PRAYER CARDS:** You will find prayer request cards at the Welcome Center and in the pew racks. You are invited to fill out a card and place it in the offering basket. If you want your request included in next Sunday's bulletin, please check the appropriate box.

**OUR E-LIST:** The "Weekly Word" is an e-mail newsletter for our members and friends. If you do not receive it and would like to, please complete the New Comer form available in the Welcome Packet, or call the Church Office at (508) 428-6163 or e-mail cfc436@gmail.com to sign up.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** If you would like to donate flowers on any given Sunday, please sign up on the Sign-Up Sheet or contact Shannon in the office—(508) 428-6163— with your dedication.

*Please join us today for coffee and refreshments  
following the service.*

Charles & Laurie Dings

*Our son, Josh Quinlan given by Lin Grace Roher & Scott Ritchie*

### In Honor Of:

*Our grandchildren given by Susan & Jack Gardner*

*Our children given by Beth & Vin Gadoury*

*Suzanne Roma given by Jean Roma*

*My grandchildren & great grandchildren given by Pat Uhlman*

*Our grandchildren given by Elise & John Terry*

*Carol LaVallee given by Jennifer Loughran*

*David Kuehn given by Martha & Paul Ross*

*Angie & Dan given by Ann Burlingame*

*Our granddaughters given by Rick & Nancy Lawrence*

*Mary Louise & Bill Berkey given by Scott & Patty Berkey*

*Friend & family there in stormy times given by Chris Robello*

*The Montgomery Pilgrims given by Kathi Campbell*

*All our beloved given by Pastor Angie*

## TODAY'S SERVERS

Ministers: *The People of Cotuit Federated Church*

Pastor: *Rev. Angela Menke Ballou* | Community Minister: *Rev. Daniel Smith*

Director of Music: *Megan Anthony*

Deacon: *Scott Kwarta & Steve Hampton* | Worship Steward: *Kristin Mawhinney & Nancy Radosevic*

Lay Reader: *Scott Kwarta & Steve Hampton* | Greeters: *Pam Meriam & Cindy Kenna*

Director of Christian Education: *Lynne Belfiore*

Admin. Assistant for Ministry: *Shannon Boon*

*Thank you to all those who serve!*

Jim & Thelma Young, Leonard & Jessie Larson given by Kirk & Karen Young  
Dick Schaefer given by Marlene Schaefer  
Margaret & Earl Burnham given by Scott & Patty Berkey  
My parents, Marion & Mannie Robello given by Chris Robello  
Douglas Askew given by Lynne Askew  
Patricia Nickerson given by Lynne Askew

In Honor Of:

The "Lilly House" a non-profit hospice given by Maryann Kazukonis-Fetscher  
Our Families given by Meriam & Sanders Family  
The CFC Blood Drive Ministry given by Judy Morin  
Our Families given by Susan & Jack Gardner

CAPE KIDS MEALS

In Loving Memory Of:

Alexander Cincotta given by Lynne Askew  
William C. Reid Reed given by Betsey & Roger Reid  
Don & Judie Nickerson and Ron Nash given by Jen & Todd Nash  
Our lost parents and siblings given by Priscilla Johnson  
Tim Rohner given by Pete & Louise Rohner  
Loved ones who have joined the cloud of witnesses given by Belfiore-Whitman Family  
Wayne Kearsley given by Janet Kearsley  
Our parents & grandparents given by Kristin Mawhinney  
Family & friends who have gone before us given by Clark & Diane McAdams  
Peter Farwell given by Tedi Marsh  
Our parents given by Linda & Chris Lynch  
The Macuga family given by Carol LaVallee  
Margaret & Bill Vieira given by Vickie Vieira  
Loved ones in Dings & Lydecker families given by

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

Scott Kwarta

One: In this room, we recognize the wilderness in the world.

**All: In this room, we trust that God is near.**

One: In this room, we hold on to hope.

**All: In this room, we hold on to each other.**

One: In this room, we sing, "Alleluia!"

**All: In this room, we trust that love is stronger than hate.**

One: So in this room, we celebrate.

**All: In this room, we sing.**

One: In this room, we trust that nothing can separate us from God's love.

**All: Let us worship Holy God!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

The United Methodist Hymnal #302

*Please join in singing.*

### **Christ The Lord Is Risen Today**

## EASTER GREETING OF PEACE

Steve Hampton

One: Friends, on Easter Day, our tradition holds that there is no confession as we do on other days: there is just *grace and peace for all today. Please join me in proclaiming it...*

Siblings in Christ! This morning God's mercy pours from the empty tomb.

The Risen One comes with hands full of love; he greets us with peace the world does not know; he gives us peace the world cannot give.

Say "Alleluia!"

**All: Alleluia!**

One: Shout "Alleluia! Christ's peace is ours forever!"

**All: Alleluia! Christ's peace is ours forever!**

One: Alleluia! Peace be with you Cotuit Federated! Now, with Easter joy, turn to your neighbors and greet one another with a sign of peace!

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Passing of the Peace is the oldest part of the Christian liturgy and is a special way we welcome each other as brothers, sisters and siblings in Christ. You are invited to greet members with a handshake or hug, or contactless through hands over your heart, waving or giving the sign of the peace.



## *EASTER 2026* *Memorials & Tributes*



### ALTAR FLOWERS

#### In Loving Memory Of:

*My sister, Catharine Parker Pepe given by Valerie Morgan*

*My husband, Gerald "Jerry" Morgan given by Valerie Morgan*

*Our Loved Ones No Longer With Us given by David & Brenda Nailor*

*Nicole & Christopher given by Michele Bonney*

*Our parents given by Susan & Jack Gardner*

*Charles Timothy Fetscher given by Maryann Kazukonis-Fetscher*

*Jayne Uyenoyama given by Janet Kearsley*

*Our parents & grandparents given by Kristin Mawhinney*

*All those saints gone before us given by Kim & Kate Christian*

*Betty Santos given by Liz & Keith Rogers*

*Richard LaVallee given by Jennifer Loughran*

*Norman & Nancy Knight, Karen Knight, Lydia & Conrad Eriksson, William &*

*Francis Knight given by Chris & Audrey Knight*

*Jill Lawrence given by Rick & Nancy Lawrence*

*Lee & Craig Burlingame given by Ann Burlingame*

*Peter Farwell given by Tedi Marsh*

*Gloria Murphy given by Bruce, Allyson & Nick Murphy*

*Henry & Dorothy Murphy, Normal & Millie Lambert given by Bruce, Allyson & Nick Murphy*

*Albert A Smith given by Dan Smith*

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup\*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*The cup is filled with grape juice. In addition to bread, gluten free rice crackers are available. Children & adults are welcome to partake. May there be no barrier to this feast of love.

\*CLOSING HYMN                      The United Methodist Hymnal #311  
*Please join in singing.*

**Now The Green Blade Riseth**

BENEDICTION    *Rev. Angela Menke Ballou*

POSTLUDE  
*feat. Wyatt Carroll - Trumpet, Lucas Patton - Trumpet, Jamison Ballou—Clarinet*

**Joyful, Joyful**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!**

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CHORAL ANTHEM      *feat. Wyatt Carroll - Trumpet, Lucas Patton - Trumpet*

**Easter Hodie**

*Timothy Dudley-Smith & Donald Hustad*

A TIME WITH CHILDREN    *Carol-Jean O'Toole*

(CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO CHURCH SCHOOL)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE    *Rev. Angela Menke Ballou*

**Prayer in Song:**

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

**Gathering of the Prayers**

**Prayer in Song**

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

**Lord's Prayer**

*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.*

**Prayer in Song**

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

OFFERTORY

*Rev. Angela Menke Ballou*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Feat. Jamison Ballou, Clarinet*

**Ave Maria**

\*Doxology:

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God, above, ye heavenly hosts  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

\*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

*Scott Kwarta*

GOSPEL LESSON

*Steve Hampton*

John 20: 1-18

SERMON

*Rev. Daniel Smith*

**The Truth Is Rising**

HANDBELL ANTHEM

**Christ The Lord Is Risen Today**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation

*The Lord's Prayer TFWS#2278*

*Our Father... in heaven... holy is your name...*

*Your kingdom come... your will be done...*

*on earth... as it is in heaven...*

*Give us today... our daily bread... and forgive  
us our sins... as we forgive those who sin against us...*

*Save us from the time... of trial... and deliver us... from evil...  
for the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours, forever.  
...and ever...*