

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**July 5, 2020**

*Welcome to the Church of the Messiah*  
*We are delighted to have you worshipping with us.*



For Our Country

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly ask you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people all who are here out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

- *Book of Common Prayer (1979). page 820. adapted.*

***Church of the Messiah***  
***Mission Statement***

*The Church of the Messiah is an inclusive and welcoming community*

- *Committed to serving God by serving neighbors near and far;*
- *Affirming the dignity of every human being;*
- *Believing we are called to be stewards of creation.*

- *adopted by the Vestry of the Church of the Messiah on February 10, 2015.*

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

*At the vestry meeting on Monday, June 8, 2020 the consensus of the vestry, in conversation with the rector, was to delay “in person” worship in the Stone Church until at least September 1<sup>st</sup>.* While all of us recognize this may be disappointing for some people, we reached this very important decision based on the following considerations:

First and foremost, our primary goal is do all we can to ensure the health of anyone who comes to worship in person. Because a large portion of the congregation is over 60 and others have compromised immune systems, by current CDC guidelines, these individuals are at a higher risk to contract COVID-19. We did not want to put anyone’s health in jeopardy, nor have people feel obligated to attend “in person” worship.

Second, the present virtual service online streaming is having very positive results. People from across the country are able to attend the services either live or view them later on our website. Going forward, one piece of our “new normal” will be to continue to live stream our services even after we have “in person” worship so we include any and all who wish to attend, regardless of their location.

Third, the audio visual and information technology at Messiah and particularly in the Stone Church needs a significant upgrade in order to enhance our online presence now and going forward. Services or events which are held in the Stone Church can be offered at a significantly higher quality. Therefore, the vestry voted to invest in completing this upgrade as soon as possible during the summer. It will be done by a highly respected company here on the Cape that works locally as well as in Boston and Cambridge. The final result will be that we are using state of the art audio visual equipment and information technology that will meet our needs now and for the foreseeable future.

We deeply appreciate the extremely positive support we have received throughout this time of physical distancing. As you can tell each and every week, we are extremely fortunate to have the technology team of Dicky Allison, Helen Gordon and Brittany Lord.

On behalf of the vestry and the parish, thank you very much. - *The Rev. Deborah Warner, Rector*

**Our Sunday worship services *continue to be* live-streamed at 10 AM via Zoom. Information on how to join these services and how to download Zoom may be found below and will be sent out in a separate Constant Contact e-mail .**

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO DOWNLOAD ZOOM:**

1) Go to this link: <https://zoom.us/download> and follow the directions to download Zoom. Depending on what type of device you are using, the link will take you to the Zoom website or the App Store if you are on a mobile device. Zoom is **free**, and **there is no need to sign up or create an account**. All you need is the software/app installed on your device.

2) Then join us for Morning Prayer this Sunday at 10am by clicking this link: <https://zoom.us/j/632447285> We suggest you plan on getting to our virtual church at 9:45am to give yourself plenty of time to get settled. You can go ahead and test this link now ahead of time to make sure that everything is working. Because virtual church hasn’t actually started yet, you will end up looking at a screen that may show a live video of you if you have a camera. On Sunday at 9:45am when you join, you will be looking at the sanctuary.

### **A PRAYER FOR OUR FUTURE**

*As our capital campaign continues, we invite you to join together in praying the following prayer that was composed by members of the parish and the rector.*

O God, Giver of all good gifts,  
we thank You for the grace of serving You by serving our neighbors.  
May our hearts be kind and generous.  
May our ministry be rooted in love and bold in imagination.  
Having transformed the Parish and Community Center, may our lives  
and the lives of all who join us, continue to be renewed by Your love and the  
power of the Spirit. Amen.

### **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Our prayers are asked for those who suffer from racial profiling, addiction, anxiety, are survivors of abuse or assault, those who are undergoing treatment or living with cancer, are unemployed or homeless. We pray for refugees seeking safety and security in this and other countries and for all who are ministering to their needs. We pray for all who are suffering from or ministering to those with the COVID-19 here and around the world. Lastly, we join with millions of others here and abroad to pray for racial justice in this country and around the world. In our parish, we continue to pray for Charlie, Gloria, Sally and Larry.

We pray in thanksgiving for the life of Keith Dickinson who was a faithful communicant at the 8 AM service. Keith died peacefully at his home on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **“MASKS” by Falmouth Clergy**

Please follow the link below to view “Masks”, a video by Falmouth clergy showing our love for our neighbors.

<https://youtu.be/FYg02WQMe48>

### **MUSIC NEWS**

The choir and I are enjoying putting together the special “virtual choir” anthems and are looking forward to continuing through the summer. Since I will be making many more of the slideshows that accompany the music, I am looking for more photos and/or short (30 second) video clips to use. If anyone has nice photos of flowers, nature, wildlife, points of interest around Falmouth, church activities, etc, please feel free to share and they may be used in one of our worship services! As I continue to plan music for the summer, there may be certain “themes” that will come up, and I will put out additional notices looking for photos or videos that go with those themes.

If you’d like to share some photos, please email them to: [comwoodshole@gmail.com](mailto:comwoodshole@gmail.com). High resolution photos work better. If you have a short video clip (30 seconds or so), please contact me and I will let you know how to get it to me, as the file is probably too big to email.

Thank you!  
Brittany Lord

**FINANCIAL OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS:** Although our church office is closed, we monitor the mail, voicemail and email on a regular basis. Please continue to send financial contributions by mail to the Church of the Messiah, 16 Church Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543. These can be sent on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual basis. We also have the capacity to receive stock transfers. For further information, please call the church office at 508-548-2145 and leave a voice mail.

## Some thoughts about the month of June 2020 from our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry

During this month of June, we find ourselves in the midst of great titanic struggles, hardships, and difficulties. When important things are at stake, when the lives of God's children, and the life of the world in many respects is at stake. Even as I speak, protestors march through our streets, protesting the way we have been. Protesting for the way we could be. Black Lives Matter, protesting in our city streets that we might learn to live the ways of justice, and mercy that reflects the heart of God's love. And even as I speak, this month of June is Pride Month when our LGBTQ siblings remember and recall, and continue their struggle for equality and mutual respect, and human dignity in our society, in our church and throughout the world.

And even as I speak, the COVID-19 pandemic continues in strange and unanticipated ways, but it continues. This is the month of June. These are some hard times. Hard times for all, but really hard times for so many. Sometimes it's helpful to go back and look how others navigated hard times. I went and picked up a small book. There's a book of sermons by Harry Emerson Fosdick. It was published in the mid 1940s, in 1944 I believe. It was a collection of sermons that he preached as the pastor of Riverside Church in New York City, during the Second World War when the entire world was in an apocalyptic struggle between good and evil. One of the sermons he titled, "In such a time as this, no dry-as-dust religion will do."

He pleaded with people of God to draw closer to God for strength and energy. To live lives of love, of faith, of hope. In that same period of time, he composed the hymn that's found in many of our hymnals, and I would offer it for us this week in this month of June.

*God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thy ancient churches' story,  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour . . .*

*Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore.*

(Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930)

God love you. God bless you. May God hold us all in those Almighty hands of love.

Reference: "No Dry as Dust Religion Will Do," *A Great Time to Be Alive: Sermons on Christianity in War Time*, Harpers & Brothers, 1944

(taken from the Episcopal Church website: short talks by the Presiding Bishop entitled "Habits of Grace" June 16, 2020)

## **CELEBRATING GOD'S CREATION: Caring for this corner of the earth**

### ***INVASIVE PLANTS AND NATIVE PLANT ALTERNATIVES***

We have been exploring various invasive plants to watch out for in our area, as well as the ecological benefits of including native plants in your yards. If you haven't had a chance to read the Good News the past few weeks, please check it out! Some great information has been presented already. Last week we looked at the invasive shrub Autumn Olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*) and talked about our native chokeberries (*Aronia melanocarpa* and *Aronia arbutifolia*) as great alternatives to use in your garden. This week we look at Dogwoods.



There are several shrubs in the Dogwood family that make wonderful landscape plants. The increasingly popular red-twig dogwood (*Swida sericea*/*Cornus sericea*) and the silky dogwood (*Swida amomum*) are a couple of examples. Both have white flowers in the spring that are loved by native pollinators. The flowers lead to berries that are loved by birds and a variety of other mammals. The dogwoods are important host plants for caterpillars such as those of the spring and summer azure butterflies. Both dogwoods have spectacular fall foliage followed by red stems that persist through the winter providing interest in the landscape during those gray winter months! As they grow in size, they provide shelter and nesting sites for birds as well.

- Brittany and the Environmental Committee

### ***WAYS TO SAVE THE PLANET – Simple Things Can Make a Difference***

#### **Ah-h, the Clean Air!**

Remember when the air was cleaner and there were fewer cars on the road? It seems like the traffic is beginning to feel more like normal now. I remember someone said that the earth seemed happier, even as we were in quarantine. The birds seemed to sing louder and even the trees leafed out happier. In our neighborhood we called each other when we were venturing out to the stores. “Can I pick up anything for you while I’m out?” Not that I want to stay in quarantine, but there was that side of it... Maybe if we each do a little bit of thinking we can still limit the number of cars or trucks on the road.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Perhaps continue the neighbor calling neighbor to ask if one could pick up something at the store instead of everyone getting in their cars to get just a few things.
2. Make the most of each car trip. Try to do a few tasks at a time, get gas when you are out grocery shopping, plan hardware, pet store, groceries all in one trip.
3. Buy local when you can, to save all that long distance truck travel for produce and such.

4. If you order on line, only ask for special delivery dates when you REALLY need something right away. Otherwise, one truck will have only your purchase to deliver instead of a truck full of merchandise.
5. Walk to the store when you can. If you have a lot to buy, well, why not press that old Flexible Flyer into service again. You might start a trend! Take it to the beach if you can walk there. Parking won't be a problem.
6. Bicycle when you can, to places like the library, beach, or to pick up a few things.
7. Save gas by driving the speed limit.
8. Carpool
9. Consider continuing Zoom meetings, at least through the summer when tourist traffic is high.
10. If you are looking for a new car, think hybrid or electric. (ok, that's not a little thing)

All of us doing our little bit can make a big difference. Keep the skies blue, the air fresh, and the earth happier!

### ***LOCAL CSA's (Community Sustainable Agriculture farms)***

As we scramble to secure groceries, what better time to embrace our local CSA's and businesses that source local, sustainable foods. Please see the list below for some of our area contacts. These farmers have different offerings and plans. All in the spirit of Buy Local!

***Bay End Farm, Buzzards Bay***     [www.bayendfarm.com/farmstand](http://www.bayendfarm.com/farmstand)  
**contact them for CSA details**

***Bootstrap Farm, Cataumet***     [www.bootstrapfarm.com](http://www.bootstrapfarm.com)  
**Offering curbside delivery for members. Public shopping is also available, currently for Tuesday, Friday & Saturday pick up. Order online, with car delivery at store. Please visit our website for the latest public shopping hours.**

***Cape Cod Organic Farm, Barnstable***     [www.capecodorganicfarm.org](http://www.capecodorganicfarm.org)  
**May 27- September 30 for pick up at Farm**

***Coonamessett Farm, Hatchville***     [www.coonamessettfarm.com](http://www.coonamessettfarm.com)  
**offers a variety of CSA options for pick up at Farm. The Farm Market is open Wednesdays through Sundays 9 am to 5 pm. They are now taking SNAP program EBT cards. They have an expanded grocery section including produce, cheese, and meats. They also have take-home meals, fresh and frozen, made at the farm by Buffalo Jump.**

***DaSilva Farms, Teaticket***     [www.dasilvafarm.com](http://www.dasilvafarm.com)  
**offers a variety of CSA options for meat and eggs. Sign up to receive updates for delivery schedule.**

***Pariah Dog Farm, East Falmouth***     [www.pariahdogfarm.com](http://www.pariahdogfarm.com)  
**contact them for CSA details. Vegetables, fruit, herbs, eggs, maple syrup, sea salt and honey**

## **WOODS HOLE RESEARCH CENTER OFFERING SPRING WEBINAR SERIES**

Here's something to add to our "stay at home" list...The Woods Hole Research Center is offering a lecture series to help people of all ages understand current research in climate change. To register for this free series, please go to the Woods Hole Research Center website: [www.whrc.org](http://www.whrc.org) and follow the prompts. *You can also view previous webinars in the series on this site.*

## **MIDDLE EAST FORUM WEBINARS**

### **Middle East Forum of Falmouth 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Lectures Webinars Open to the Public**

The Middle East Forum of Falmouth ([www.meff.world](http://www.meff.world)) will present five lectures this summer as a series of Zoom webinars (see below or [www.meff.world/upcoming-speakers-1](http://www.meff.world/upcoming-speakers-1)). The lectures will deal with diverse topics, moving through Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Israel and Turkey with insights into their history, politics, sociology, and religion. The speakers are outstanding experts in their field and well known for their first-hand knowledge and scholarship.

The lectures will run for 30-40 minutes and will be followed by a question and answer period with the Zoom attendees. The lectures will begin at 5:00, EDT on the Sunday afternoons indicated below.

The webinars are open to the public and are free of charge. If you would like to attend all or some of the webinars, you should submit an e-mail to [infomeff.world@gmail.com](mailto:infomeff.world@gmail.com) with your name and e-mail address, and request to be added to our e-mail list. You will then automatically receive an invitation to each of the webinars a few days before the scheduled date.

More information about the Forum and the lectures is available on [www.meff.world](http://www.meff.world).

**July 12: Dr. Randa Slim. Challenges and Reform Opportunities Facing Lebanon**

**July 19: Prof Joshua Landis. Oil, Covid and the New Middle East: Implications for US Policy**

**August 2: Prof. Henry Munson. Role of Religion in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

**August 9: Prof. Rashid Khalidi. The Hundred Years War on Palestine**

**August 23: Dr. Soner Cagaptay. Erdogan's Empire: Turkey and the Politics of the Middle East**

We hope that you will join us for these lectures.

Marc Shulman  
President, Middle East Forum of Falmouth  
Falmouth, MA

### **UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

While most of the response to our Fall 2019 campaign outreach was in hand by the time of our January Annual Meeting, we do continue to receive significant donations. To the gifts, pledges, and bequests reported at the Meeting, we have since received from both new and earlier donors, additional gifts of \$23,225 bringing our total to date to \$2,418,000. We will continue fundraising through August. We continue to welcome pledges as well as checks. The dream outcome would be raising the full \$2.7 cost of the completed building. As most of you know, even under the constraints imposed by the Covid-19 emergency, through the power of Zoom our new Parish and Community Center remains a focal point for a wide range of activities from committee meetings to meditation sessions.

*Charles Mann, Chair, Capital Campaign Phase 2*

*Sandra Rodgers, Chair, Capital Campaign Phase 1*

*Don Aukamp*

*Carol Casey*

*Deborah Dougherty*

*Arden Edwards*

*Mark Haycock*



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# July 2020 - August 2020

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Church of the Messiah, Administrative Assistant

## Church of the Messiah

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