

The Church of the Messiah's

Good News

April 11, 2021

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



“Welcome, happy morning!”

*Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,
hours and passing moments praise thee in their flight,
Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,
Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to thee.
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.*

- *Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?) tr. John Ellerton (Hymn text 179 Hymnal 1980)*

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.*

ALL ARE WELCOME: A Word from the Rector and Wardens

As an Episcopal parish, our intention is to welcome any and all who come into our midst whether physically or virtually. In what can feel like uncertain and unsteady times, we are urgently encouraging everyone to be mindful of the importance that all people feel welcome and safe, regardless of who they are. Thanks very much for practicing this art of hospitality.

ZOOM AND LIVE-STREAMING INFORMATION

Our Sunday worship services *continue to be* live-streamed at 10 AM via Zoom.

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 Virtual Holy Eucharist 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.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Our prayers are asked for those who suffer from racial profiling, addiction, anxiety, are survivors of abuse or assault; 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. We offer our prayers on behalf of those suffering from dementia and their families. We pray for those who are victims of natural disasters and changes in the earth's climate.

As children and young people in our families, parish and community continue school or college in person, online or through home schooling, we pray for them and for adults working with them for patience and a shared spirit of wonder and discovery.

In our parish prayer list, we continue to pray for Charlie, Larry, David, George, John, Robert, Michael, Katherine, Axel, Miyoko, Richard, Emily and Alan.

We pray for all whose lives have been forever changed because of gun violence in this country, remembering especially those who have been killed in the mass shootings in Atlanta, GA and Boulder, CO. May we have the courage to continue to work for change in gun laws and possession in this country.

We also join with Valerie Barnes and her family as they grieve and give thanks for Jack, who died two weeks ago.

EASTER THANKS:

Again, I wish to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our Easter celebration so joyous, including but not limited to the Flower Committee and donors, the Altar Guild, readers, musicians, staff and our technology team! Thanks so, so much! Amazing!!! - *Deborah*

EASTER SERVICE AND OFFERING

While our Easter service was held online Sunday, April 4th at 10 AM, we are still happy to receive your Easter offering if you have not yet sent it in. In keeping with our practice of sharing our holiday offerings, this year one half of our Easter offering will be divided between the Falmouth Service Center and the Maya Childcare, Inc. in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala.

More people continue to experience food insecurity due to the economic issues associated with the COVID pandemic. The Falmouth Service seeks to ease the stress of our neighbors through their food distribution program as well as financial assistance to meet housing expenses. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and the friends and neighbors of the Service Center, food has been provided to residents of Falmouth as well as the Upper Cape and families living on Joint Base Cape Cod.

As we know and have read, the toll of poverty reaches far beyond our country's borders. The Maya Childcare, Inc program in Quetzaltenango Guatemala supports the Acorn Childcare Center. Even in the midst of a global pandemic and two hurricanes that ravaged their country last year, the Acorn Childcare Center continues to provide young children and their families with nutritious meals, clean water, opportunities to read and learn in a supportive, nurturing environment and the physical and emotional support necessary to deal with the scourge of poverty. Thanks to Rachael Rhude's deep commitment and connection to this program and ministry, we are able to see and learn first-hand what a difference our contributions will make.

The other half of our 2021 Easter Holiday offering will go to meet our parish financial obligations, some of which are unexpected due to the pandemic; but clearly, have helped to keep us connected.

Please make checks for your Easter Holiday offering payable to the Church of the Messiah and write *Easter Offering* on the memo line. All checks should be dropped off or mailed to the church office at 16 Church Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543.

On behalf of those whom your contribution will support, thank you very much.

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SPRING BOOK DISCUSSION: *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*, by Isabel Wilkerson

As a way of deepening our awareness of the racial pandemic raging in this country, you are invited to join others in the parish in reading *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. Copies of the book are available for purchase through Eight Cousins Bookstore in Falmouth.

The two groups meeting on Zoom **began March 2nd**: Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 PM (led by Mary Fran Buckley) and Sundays from 4:00 – 5 00 PM (led by Deborah Warner). You can attend either group depending upon your schedule. The final sessions are: Tuesday, April 13th and Sunday, April 18th. Please email Deborah (dwarner74@aol.com) so you can receive the Zoom link. Thanks. – *Deborah*

IMPORTANT NOTICE and UPDATE ON REGATHERING

At the vestry meeting on Monday, March 8, 2021, the sense of the vestry, in conversation with the rector, was to continue to delay “in person” worship in the Stone Church until the beginning of June at the earliest. While all of us recognize this may be disappointing for many people, we reached this very important decision based on the directives sent to each congregation in the Diocese of Massachusetts and 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, people in MA are continuing to be eligible to receive their vaccination based on their age and health conditions: currently people 60 years or older are eligible; as of April 5th – people 55 years or older will be eligible; and as of April 19th – people 16 years or older can receive their vaccinations. Based on these state eligibility requirements, we do not want to demonstrate a preference for one age group and thereby inadvertently discriminate against others. Therefore, we continue to wait until all adults and young people are eligible and have received their vaccination before *slowly* resuming “in person” worship; and only then, doing so when we are in full compliance with the “diocesan regathering in person worship mandates.”

Third, our virtual worship online streaming continues to have very positive results. People from across the country and around the world are able to attend the services either live or view them later on our website. Going forward, part 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.

Fourth, in an effort to vary our worship experience, on the first Sunday of the month, we will continue to have a communion service. At the time of the distribution of communion, no one will receive. Instead, we will all share in prayer that underscores our connection through the gift of God’s love as theologically represented in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. On other Sundays of the month, we will continue to also have Morning Prayer using various resources available through the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion as well as others.

Finally, the Regathering Committee, Vestry and I are taking very seriously our responsibility to be pastorally sensitive to the congregation and community. We are doing so while being scrupulous in our care for each other, the staff and all who come into our midst. We deeply appreciate your support and patience as we continue to navigate this unprecedented time. – The Rev. Deborah Warner, Rector

BEWARE OF SCAMS TARGETING CHURCHES

At a recent deanery clergy meeting, I heard about several churches that had members targeted requesting parish membership lists. **PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Lists are only for church members and church business. They are not to be shared by anyone at any time beyond the church community.** If you do not have a current parish list, please contact Nancy McDonald who will be happy to mail you a copy (through the US Mail.) - *Thanks very much, Deborah*



Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

Statement from the bishops on Atlanta shootings and anti-violence

The bishops have issued the following statement regarding the March 16 shootings in Atlanta and anti-Asian violence.

The shootings in Atlanta this week are yet one more manifestation of violent hatred and racism in our nation. While details of the tragedy will yet emerge, any attempt to avoid confronting the racist dimension of these attacks ignores the toxic intersection of racism with misogyny, xenophobia, and epidemic of gun violence.

Asians and Asian-Americans have faced violence and racism in America since the mid-19th century from patterns of horrific vigilante attacks, to exclusionary immigration policies, to forced camp internment. A recent wave of anti-Asian violence and hate crimes has been unleashed, targeting women and the elderly, in particular. Inflammatory language normalized by political leaders has scapegoated Asians during the pandemic, with hate speech inevitably leading to violence.

We decry this normalization of hate speech, as we decry all forms of verbal and physical violence manifesting racism. We call upon all members of our diocese to rededicate ourselves to the work of anti-racism and genuine transformation.

Last month both of us participated in a joyous celebration of Chinese New Year, led by members of longstanding Chinese congregation at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. Our life together is enriched by the presence of that congregation, as well as the clergy and lay people of Asian descent throughout the diocese. We rejoice that they are a part of us, and we a part of them. On behalf of our diocese, we stand with them and with all people of Asian and Pacific descent in this moment of vulnerability and grief.

The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, Bishop Diocesan
The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Bishop Suffragan

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS CAN NOW BE MADE ONLINE

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.

We have also updated our website so contributions may be made online. These can be sent on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual basis. Please go to our website to find out further information or call the church office. www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org Click on the *DonateNow* tab on the upper right of the Home page.

Third, we also have the capacity to receive stock transfers. For further information on any of the above, please call the church office at 508-548-2145 and leave a voice mail.

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

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

Anyone can create a welcoming haven for local wildlife. Turning your yard, balcony container, garden, schoolyard, work landscape, or roadside greenspace into a Certified Wildlife Habitat® is fun, easy, and can make a lasting difference for wildlife.

<https://www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife/Certify.aspx>



~ Brittany and the Environmental Committee

WOOD HOLE SEA GRANT BOAT SHRINK WRAP RECYCLING PROGRAM

April 16 – June 30, 2021

Is your boat shrink wrapped and spending the winter in your driveway? Follow the link below for information about the recycling program organized by Woods Hole Sea Grant. 3.6 tons of shrink wrap were recycled in 2019. Due to Covid-19, the program was cancelled in 2020.

The Bourne Waste Management facility and MacDougall's boatyard in Falmouth are two of the local drop off points. If your boat is being stored at another boatyard, check with them and encourage them to participate, if they are not already doing so.

<https://seagrants.whoi.edu/community-engagement/shrinkwraprecycling/?fbclid=IwAR0dtEGmm4twXKuzAIKtycAUAGTwcQDsCqByijBGZcT9Z111HxhOx0A5Ws>

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH'S MINISTRY

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.
And 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.



Please like us on [Facebook](#)

April 2021 - May 2021

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2021 Vestry

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Jean Taft	<i>Warden</i>
Nancy Rea	<i>Warden</i>
Winifred Dick	<i>Clerk</i>
John Holden	<i>Treasurer</i>

Don Aukamp	2022	Paul Graney	2022
Charles Mann	2023	Peg Nicholson	2023
Susan Morse	2024	Rachael Rhude	2024

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Denise Jay	Deanery Representative

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The Rev. Deborah Warner	<i>Rector</i>
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