

# The Church of the Messiah's

## Good News

May 2, 2021

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



### *'Tis the gift to be simple*

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'Tis the gift to come down where I ought to be;  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
When true simplicity is gained,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;  
to turn, turn, will be my delight.  
Till by turning, turning we come round right.

- *Shaker song, 18<sup>th</sup> century*

### ***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 and Bob.

We join with the family and friends of Nancy Norman Lassalle, a beloved longtime member of the Woods Hole community, who died in New York City on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Nancy was devoted to the arts, especially ballet. She was a kind and caring supporter of young people as they discovered and nurtured their love of and participation in the arts. Her presence and wisdom will be missed by all the lives she touched.

#### **HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RE: REGATHERING FOR WORSHIP?**

Earlier this week, a questionnaire was sent out to the parish via email and also by US mail to those who do not receive email. The purpose is determining who wishes to attend services in person outside on Saturday afternoons (5 PM) and/or in person inside on Sundays at 10 AM. Space will be limited at both services, reservations will be required and physical distancing will be practiced. We will continue to have Sunday services online even when we begin worship in person. Please sign and return your survey ASAP.

## **EASTER SERVICE AND OFFERING**

While our Easter service was held online Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM, we are still happy to receive your Easter offering through May 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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:**

*Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, by Debbie Irving

Many people who participated in our early Spring book discussion of Isabel Wilkerson's book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent*, recognized our need to continue to be part of a book group as we talk about the role of racism in our country's history. As a way of continuing these important discussions, I invite you to join Mary Fran and me as we lead discussions on Debbie Irving's book, *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*. Copies of the book are on order through Eight Cousins Bookstore in Falmouth.

The groups will meet on Tuesdays, beginning May 11<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 – 5:30 PM and Sundays, beginning May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 4 – 5 PM. They will run until Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining the book group, please contact me either through the church office (508-548-2145) or through email [dwarner74@aol.com](mailto:dwarner74@aol.com).

As promised, both Mary Fran and I are happy to lead another book group *later in the year* on Isabel Wilkerson's book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent*. Thanks very much, - Deborah

## IMPORTANT NOTICE and UPDATE ON REGATHERING

***PLEASE NOTE:*** WHILE THE CDC AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS HAVE CHANGED THE GUIDELINES RE. CHURCH GATHERINGS, PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS HAVE NOT YET CHANGED ANY PROTOCOLS. WE WILL DO SO ONLY WHEN THE DIOCESE ADVISES US WE CAN.

***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 anyone 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 those who choose to receive their vaccination(s) have done so, 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

As you know, on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, a portion of the parish email membership was compromised. While no illegal activity occurred as a result, it is a reminder to be very careful when opening up emails from a strange email address or with an odd heading. ***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*

## **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](http://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://seagrant.whoi.edu/community-engagement/shrinkwraprecycling/?fbclid=IwAR0dtEGmm4twXKuzAIKtycAUUnAGTwcQDsCqByijBGZcT9Z1I1HxhOx0A5Ws>



# Plant Sale

Woods Hole Library  
Sat. May 15  
9 till noon  
Rain or shine  
\*Masks & distancing  
\*required\*



donations of plants  
most welcome!

## 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](#)

# May 2021 - June 2021

| May 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    | June 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY                              | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY  |
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| <b>May 2</b><br>10:00am Virtual Holy Eucharist (Live-streamed) | <b>3</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED<br>3:00pm W/H Meditation (Live-streamed)        | <b>4</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED                                      | <b>5</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED                                      | <b>6</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>9</b><br>10:00am Morning Prayer (Live-streamed)             | <b>10</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED<br>3:00pm W/H Meditation<br>5:00pm Vestry mtg. | <b>11</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED<br>4:30pm Spring Book Discussion    | <b>12</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED                                     | <b>13</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b> |
| <b>16</b><br>10:00am Morning Prayer (Live-streamed)            | <b>17</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED<br>10:00am Outreach<br>3:00pm W/H Meditation   | <b>18</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED<br>4:30pm Spring Book Discussion    | <b>19</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED<br>10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg. | <b>20</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b> |
| <b>23</b><br>10:00am Morning Prayer (Live-streamed)            | <b>24</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED<br>3:00pm W/H Meditation (Live-streamed)       | <b>25</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED<br>4:30pm Spring Book Discussion    | <b>26</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED                                     | <b>27</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b> |
| <b>30</b><br>10:00am Morning Prayer (Live-streamed)            | <b>31</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED<br>3:00pm W/H Meditation (Live-streamed)       | <b>Jun 1</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED<br>4:30pm Spring Book Discussion | <b>2</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED                                      | <b>3</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>6</b><br>10:00am Virtual Holy Eucharist (Live-streamed)     | <b>7</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED<br>3:00pm W/H Meditation (Live-streamed)        | <b>8</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED<br>4:30pm Spring Book Discussion     | <b>9</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED                                      | <b>10</b><br>10:00am OFFICE<br>CLOSED | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> |

## Church of the Messiah

### 2021 Vestry

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| The Rev. Deborah M. Warner | <i>Rector</i>    |
| Jean Taft                  | <i>Warden</i>    |
| Nancy Rea                  | <i>Warden</i>    |
| Winifred Dick              | <i>Clerk</i>     |
| John Holden                | <i>Treasurer</i> |

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

### Deanery Representatives

|               |                                  |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Dicky Allison | Diocesan, Deanery Representative |
| Helen Gordon  | Diocesan, Deanery Representative |
| Denise Jay    | Deanery Representative           |

### Staff

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| The Rev. Deborah Warner | <i>Rector</i>                              |
| Brittany Lord           | <i>Music Director, Organist</i>            |
| Nancy McDonald          | <i>Parish Administrator</i>                |
| Jennifer Kelly          | <i>Bookkeeper &amp; Financial Recorder</i> |
| Bruce Bagley            | <i>Church Sexton</i>                       |
| Doug Amon               | <i>Cemetery Sexton</i>                     |
| Jessica Morrison        | <i>Webmaster</i>                           |

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