

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**August 1, 2021**

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



*Apprehend God*

Apprehend God in all things,  
for God is in all things.  
Every single creature is full of God  
and is a book about God.  
Every creature is a word of God.  
If I spent enough time with the tiniest creature –  
even a caterpillar –  
I would never have to prepare a sermon. So full of God  
is every creature.

- *Meister Eckhart, in Earth Prayers. Edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elisa Amidon. New York: Harper Collins. 1991 p. 251.*

*The flowers on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>*  
*are given in loving memory of*  
*Jack Barnes*  
*by his mother, Valerie.*

***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. We are delighted to have you here. Welcome!

## **ZOOM AND LIVE-STREAMING INFORMATION**

**Our Sunday worship service will be live-streamed at 9 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 Sunday services at 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.

## **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.

Also, a reminder that contributions may now be made **online** through Vanco Payment Solutions. These can be scheduled on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual basis. If you wish to donate now, please go to the church website: [www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org](http://www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org) and click on the **Donate Now** tab on the upper right of the 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.

## **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 or suffering from emotional distress. We pray for all who 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.

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

We pray for Bishop Alan Gates and Tricia Harvey as they continue their four-month sabbatical.

We pray for the Reed, Moore, Mobley and Bethke families as they continue to grieve a younger family member's suicide. We also pray for Jim and Cindy Limberakis and their family at death of Jim's mother, Katherine on July 21, 2021.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE and LATEST UPDATE ON  
REGATHERING IN-PERSON SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

**SUNDAYS at 9 AM throughout the summer**

*Beginning Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, our services have been held in-person in the church at 9 AM. MASKS must be worn by any person over 2 years of age who worships inside the church, whether or not he or she has been vaccinated. Please follow the directions of the ushers regarding entry, seating and exiting procedures. The service time will continue through the summer as a way to mark our identity as a single community after experiencing the isolation of the COVID pandemic.*

*We will continue to have the Sunday services online via Zoom for those who are unable to attend in-person.*

The Regathering Committee, Vestry and I are deeply appreciative of the patience and diligence everyone has continued to practice during this unprecedented time. By doing so, we are offering gifts of hospitality and grace not only to those whom we know, but to all with whom we come in contact – especially as we slowly begin to regather with those who are able to attend in-person worship.

Thank you very much.           – *The Rev. Deborah Warner, Rector*

**USHERS NEEDED AS WE RESUME INDOOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

If you are interested in ushering, please email the church office ([messiahfisher@comcast.net](mailto:messiahfisher@comcast.net)) or Deborah ([dwarner74@aol.com](mailto:dwarner74@aol.com)). We are happy to add you to the list and send you a list of our protocols for our in-person worship. Thanks very much!

**BOOK DISCUSSION:**

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

I invite you to join me in discussing 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 group will meet the following Sundays from 4 – 5 PM on Zoom. A link will be sent out to any who wish to join the discussion:

August 8, Parts 8 and 9

Thanks,   – The Rev. Deborah Warner   [dwarner74@aol.com](mailto:dwarner74@aol.com)

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DOROTHY ASPINWALL: Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM**

Dorothy Aspinwall, a beloved member of the Church of the Messiah, who moved to New Hampshire several years ago, died earlier this year. There will be a memorial service in the Stone Church for Dorothy this coming Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. She will be buried in the Memorial Garden which she designed. We hold her husband Duncan and their children and grandchildren in our prayers as we give thanks for Dorothy's long and loving life.

– *The Rev. Deborah Warner, Rector*

July 1, 2021

*Note: Many thanks to Barbara Billings for sharing this very important and valuable resource that is published through the Episcopal Church's Office for Government Relations. – The Rev. Deborah Warner*

## **LEARN, PRAY, ACT**

### ***Responding to Systemic Racism and Violence as People of God***

The confluence of the inequities revealed by COVID-19 and the systemic racism evident in recent acts of violence calls us to speak out, to fulfill our duty to protect the dignity of every child of God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. As our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry wrote, "Love does not look like the silence and complicity of too many of us who wish more for tranquility than justice." Justice is love in action.

Most of us have a societal advantage that comes with being seen as the norm in America. It makes life smoother, and it's something we would barely notice unless it were suddenly taken away or didn't apply in the first place. We are in a unique position to make a difference by developing an awareness of systemic racism and fostering anti-racism in whatever we do and wherever we go. It takes some education, a lot of prayer and a willingness to step out of our comfort zone.

Here are some suggestions from the Episcopal Church under the categories LEARN, PRAY, ACT. One size does not fit all, but it's a start. Hopefully these resources will stimulate ongoing conversations. Learning requires discernment. Prayer requires waiting upon God. Action is the fruit of these disciplines. Together, they provide us an opportunity to grow.

### **LEARN**

- Read "*The Meaning of July Fourth for the Negro*," a speech by Frederick Douglass before the Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society of Rochester, New York, July 5, 1852. Douglass (1817-1895) was an American social reformer and statesman. After escaping from slavery in Maryland, he became a national leader of the abolitionist movement in Massachusetts and New York, becoming famous for his oratory and incisive antislavery writings.
- Skim *Autographs for Freedom*, a collection of anti-slavery testimonies compiled by Julia Griffiths in 1852 on behalf of the Rochester Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society. Griffiths, a British abolitionist, was a friend of Frederick Douglass.

### **PRAY**

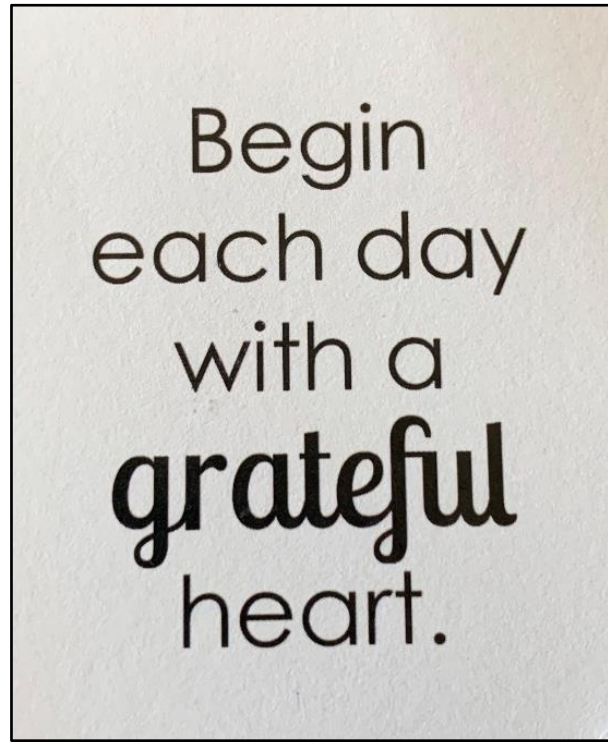
Pray *Excerpts from an Independence Day prayer by Bishop Alexander Viets Griswold, 1766-1843*: O holy, righteous, and immortal God: we beseech thee to continue your merciful goodness to us and to our country. Give wisdom and strength and union to the government and people of these United States. May we be preserved from a trust in ourselves and from all vain confidence of boasting. May we never use our liberty for a cloak of maliciousness; but follow after charity and the things that make for peace. Preserve us, O Lord, from desolating judgments; from selfishness, discord, and contention. Be merciful to those who need the blessings we enjoy. We ask these things in the name and through the merits of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## ACT

Near the end of his speech, Frederick Douglass states: “*Allow me to say, in conclusion, notwithstanding the dark picture I have this day presented, of the state of the nation, I do not despair of this country. There are forces in operation which must inevitably work the downfall of slavery.*” What is your understanding of the history of slavery in the U.S.? Where do you see racial discrimination and inequities today? How can you be part of the solution and not part of the problem?

### **UNITED THANK OFFERING**

We will continue to accept donation for the United Thank Offering through the middle of August. Just bring your blue boxes and pick up empty ones at the 9 AM service or send your offering by mail to the office. *Remember:* Being grateful prolongs your life and increases your happiness. It's documented! Thank you! *Dicky Allison*



### **CHILDREN'S BACKPACKS NEEDED for Falmouth Service Center Distribution**

The Falmouth Service Center is collecting backpacks for children in grades K- 4. If you wish, please bring one or more to church on Sunday or drop them by the church office, Monday – Thursday, between 10 AM and 2 PM between now and August 16th. On behalf of the children who will receive them, thanks very much!

**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*

**BEWARE OF SCAMS TARGETING CHURCHES**

***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*

**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



# August 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 1 9:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed)	2 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) 3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed)	3 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail)	4 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail)	5 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail)	6 11:00am Memorial service & Burial	7
8 9:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed) 4:00pm Book Discussion	9 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) 3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed) 5:00pm Vestry mtg.	10 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail)	11 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail)	12 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail)	13	14
15 FALMOUTH ROAD RACE 9:00am Morning Prayer (Pre-recorded)	16 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) 3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed)	17 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail)	18 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) 10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg. (Live-streamed)	19 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail)	20	21
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