

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
July 11, 2021

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



Being and Living

Just to be is a blessing.
Just to live is holy.

- Rabbi Abraham Heschel, found in *Earth Prayers*, edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elisa Amidon. New York: Harper Collins. 1991. P. 365

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE GATHER IN PERSON FOR WORSHIP
ON
SUNDAY, JULY 18TH AT 9 AM

(Please note the change in date.)

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 *continues to be* live-streamed at 10 AM via Zoom on July 11th. Beginning on July 18th, live -streaming will begin at 9 AM!

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 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; have cancer, suffer from dementia, are unemployed or homeless. We pray for refugees seeking safety in this and other countries and those 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 pray for those who were killed, injured, or are missing in Surfside, Florida, as well as those who have been part of the local, state, national and international rescue efforts there.

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, Lee, John, Boyd, Sally, Bill and his family.

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

We pray for Matt Potts and his family as Matt begins his new responsibilities at Harvard University's Memorial Church.

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

SUNDAY, JULY 18TH AT 9 AM

Our first in person service in the Stone Church will be held on Sunday, JULY 18th at 9 AM.

While we had intended to open up on July 11th, we postponed the date one week because we learned that the Falmouth Triathlon is on Sunday, July 11th. This event draws at least 650 bicyclists, each of whom will be passing the church at the same time we will be parking cars, crossing Church Street and trying to get to “the church on time.” Rather than risk injury to any rider or driver, we have postponed our opening one week to July 18th at 9 AM.

Our worship schedule in the meantime is the following:

Sunday July 11th, 10 AM service will be live-streamed through our Zoom link.

Beginning Sunday, July 18th, our services will be live in-person in the church at 9 AM as well as live-streamed on Zoom. 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

In order to safely begin our regathering services, we will begin by having four ushers per service. There are specific protocols which must be followed. If you are interested in serving as an usher, please email the church office (messiahfisher@comcast.net) or Deborah (dwarner74@aol.com). Thanks very much!

WOODS HOLE LIBRARY SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB: Wed. July 14th from 7:30 -8:30 PM

The Woods Hole Library Social Justice Book Club will be discussing Isabel Wilkerson’s book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent*. The group meets at the Woods Hole Library this coming Wednesday, July 14th from 7:30 – 8:30 PM. For more information, please call the Woods Hole Library at 508-548-8961 or visit their website: www.woodsholepubliclibrary.org.

STORM TIPS

Here are some preparations that you can make before a storm hits.

- Build an Emergency Kit with essential items to meet the unique needs of your family. To help build your kit, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a [detailed checklist available](#).
- Eversource also has a [storm safety checklist](#) available to help you prepare and stay safe before, during and after a storm.
- Stock up on non-perishables, such as canned goods and pet food, and make sure you have adequate medical supplies and prescriptions for yourself and your pets.
- Pick up some paper goods: paper plates, paper towels, plastic ware. Turn the temperature controls on your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting to keep food cold in the event of a power outage.
- Fill several large containers with water for drinking and also fill the bath tub so you have water to flush your toilet. Keep flashlights, batteries, candles and matches on hand and make sure they are available throughout the house.
- Have a battery-powered radio available.
- Make sure you have fresh batteries that are the correct size for the flashlights and radio.
- Be sure there's a first aid kit in the house.
- Fill your car with gasoline. Your car can also be a good place to get warm or charge your cell phone. Just make sure you keep it well ventilated and don't fall asleep while it is running.
- Be prepared to cook outside. You can use charcoal or propane grills or even a camping cook stove if the power goes out. Never bring grills inside.
- Have extra gasoline on hand if you own an electric generator.
- Make a list of emergency phone numbers, or program them into your cell phone. Handy numbers to have include the Red Cross, fire, police and a family doctor.

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:

July 18, Part 5

August 29, Parts 8 and 9

August 8, Parts 5 and 7

Many thanks to Mary Fran Buckley who led a discussion on this book which concluded on June 8th

Thanks, - The Rev. Deborah Warner dwarner74@aol.com

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.

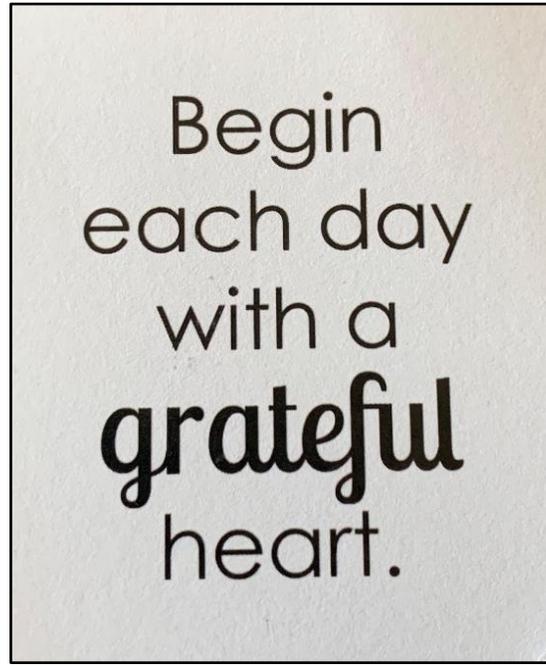
PRAY

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 INGATHERING COMING IN JULY



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

REUSE YOUR OWN CONTAINERS FOR LIQUID CLEANERS!

I was at the farmers market last Thursday and there was a new vender who is selling cleaners, dish soap, and many other liquid items. The exciting part is that she has industrial size pump bottles to refill your own bottles and spray-type containers. She will weigh your bottle; you refill it, and then she weighs it again, and you pay for contents. She will be at the market every two weeks. So, the next time she'll be there will be July 1st. I don't know about all the brands she has, but some are the "safe" brands that we see at the stores. Not sure about prices on the products. I was in a hurry that day. But I am going to try her out. I have been collecting so many containers that it will be great to reuse them. I sometimes buy the larger containers to refill my own spray containers, but then I own another plastic bottle! So, check the new vender out. She also has items for sale made from recycled materials. I am planning to try it out. Let me know what you think if you do too.

~ Maureen Nolan

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®](https://www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife/Certify.aspx) 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



Dear Parishioners,

It goes without saying that this past year has been difficult for everyone. There has been loss, stress, isolation, fear and uncertainty inserted into our everyday lives and through this entire pandemic you have kept your hearts open and continued to support our families and staff with your generous donations.

A simple note of thanks does not seem to be enough to recognize all your kindness but it is all we have to offer. Thank you all for your continued support and making this year a lot brighter for everyone here.

With much gratitude,
The Families and Staff of
The Village at Catskill

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.

July 2021 - August 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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18 9:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed) 4:00pm Book Discussion	19 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) 10:00am Outreach Comm. Mtg 3:00pm W H Meditation	20 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail)	21 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) 10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg. (Live-streamed)	22 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail)	23	24
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