

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
August 29, 2021

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



Just to be

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

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

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 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, abuse survivors, are undergoing treatment or living with cancer or suffering from emotional distress. 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 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 and for those in the armed forces. We pray for those who are victims of natural disasters and changes in the earth's climate. We pray especially for the people of Afghanistan and Haiti.

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

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

We pray for all who grieve: those whom we name and know, as well as those whose names we will never know.

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

SUNDAYS at 9 AM throughout the summer

Beginning Sunday, July 18th, 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.

As of August 16th, the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts updated our COVID 19 protocol. In addition to requiring everyone (above age 2) to wear masks when inside, the distance between people outside one's family or "pod" must be 6 feet. Please adhere to this when gathering for worship and in receiving communion

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) or Deborah (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!

Resources to help us look inside ourselves and respond to systemic racism and violence as the people of God...

LEARN

Explore the online presence of the Equal Justice Initiative (eji.org), founded by public interest attorney and *Just Mercy* author, Bryan Stevenson. EJI believes we need a new era of truth and justice that starts with confronting our history of racial injustice and the dehumanizing myth of racial hierarchy. In the section on Racial Justice (https://eji.org/racial-justice/), gain new insights from EJI's descriptions of enslavement, racial terror lynching, segregation, presumption of guilt and mass incarceration. Or consider some of the issues in depth through reports and videos on the site.

PRAY

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACT

Visit The Episcopal Public Policy Network (https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/) website, and join the grassroots network of Episcopalians across the country dedicated to carrying out the Baptismal Covenant call to "strive for justice and peace" through the active ministry of public policy advocacy. Become an ally and an advocate.

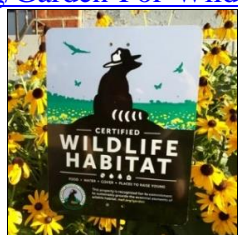
Note: Many thanks to Barbara Billings for compiling this list of resources on racial justice resources. DMW

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



WE NEED YOU! YES YOU!
VOLUNTEER TODAY

*Make a difference in the life of a hospice patient by
spending one hour a week.*

**Beacon Hospice an Amedisys Company is looking for volunteers to
spend time with our hospice patients.**

What can a volunteer do?

- **Read a book or magazine to the patient**
- **Take the patient for a walk or to an activity**
- **Help with a craft or play a game of cards**
- **Write letters, sing a song, or watch a movie on TV**
- **Listen and hold their hand**

For more information about how to volunteer at Beacon Hospice,
and receive free training,
contact: Sheryl Pannebaker Carberry,
Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at 508-778-1622

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](#)

September 2021

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Aug 29 9:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed) | 30 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) 3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed) | 31 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) | Sep 1 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) | 2 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) | 3 | 4 |
| 5 9:00am Holy Eucharist: In-person & live-streamed | 6 LABOR DAY 10:00am Office Closed 3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed) | 7 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) | 8 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) | 9 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) | 10 | 11 |
| 12 9:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed) | 13 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) 3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed) 5:00pm Vestry mtg. | 14 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) | 15 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) 10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg. (Live-streamed) | 16 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) | 17 | 18 |
| 19 9:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed) | 20 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) 10:00am Outreach Comm. Mtg 3:00pm W H Meditation | 21 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) | 22 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) | 23 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) | 24 | 25 |
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2021 Vestry

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| 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

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

Staff

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

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