

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
October 3, 2021

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



A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God,
so draw our hearts to you,
so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations,
so control our wills,
that we may be wholly yours,
utterly dedicated unto you;
and then accompany us as we work
for the welfare of all people and your sacred creation.
This, we pray, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

- *Book of Common Prayer (1979) p, 832
adapted by the Rev. Deborah Warner*

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 8:45am 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, abuse, dementia, cancer, emotional distress, are suffering from or ministering to those with the COVID-19 here and around the world. We pray for all who are unemployed or homeless, are 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 and for the people of Afghanistan, Haiti and states devastated by Hurricane Ida.

In our parish prayer list, we continue to pray for Charlie, Larry, David, John, Robert, Michael, Katherine, Axel, Miyoko, Richard, Emily, Alan, Bob, John, Boyd, Carol, Kathryn, Fredrica, Pam, Jim, Steve, Janet, Bunk and Sarah.

We also pray for all teachers, students and school and university administrators.

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

We pray for all who grieve: those whose names we do not know and those whom we do, including Arthur and Robin DuBois whose lives were celebrated by family here on Friday.

LOVE FIRST FAMILIES GATHERED FOR A BEACH CLEAN UP AND PIZZA PARTY

On Sunday, September 26th, several of our Love First families gathered for a beach clean-up at Nobska (which was actually more of a rock beach clean-up!) and then a Planning Pizza Party on the PCC patio. In addition to deciding to meet monthly as a group, these beloved young families will be working together on various service projects to assist others in and beyond the parish community. Please stay tuned for more information on these activities. ~ DMW

**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!

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS CAN NOW BE MADE ONLINE

The church office is now open Mondays through Thursdays from 10 AM to 2 PM. Whenever it 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.

LEARN - PRAY - ACT

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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

UPCOMING EVENTS DURING OCTOBER AT MESSIAH

Sunday, October 3rd - Appreciative Inquiry Forums

One of the goals of the 2021 vestry has been to reach out to the parish to design a strategic plan for the next 2 to 5 years at the Church of the Messiah. We have clearly done extraordinary work over the past several years. Now is the time to begin to turn our attention to what we feel God and the community of which we are a part is calling us to do and be over the next 2 to 5 years. To that end, the vestry has hired Helen Weems Daley, an experienced church and diocesan consultant, to work with us through this process.

The first part of gathering information will be to meet after church on **Sunday, October 3rd** at ONE of the three gatherings: 10:30 – 11:30 AM OR 1-2 PM (each session is in person, with parishioners masked and practicing physical distancing) OR 3 – 4 PM on ZOOM.

Sunday, October 10th at 9 AM BLESSING OF ANIMALS

This annual service is a lovely tradition in which we open our sacred worship space to our animals (great and small) and ask God's blessing of them and us – in this life and the life to come. More information will be forthcoming.

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](#)

October 2021 - November 2021

October 2021							November 2021						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 3 9:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed) 10:30am Parish Forums (10:30 AM, 1:00 PM)	4 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed)	5 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	6 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	7 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	8	9 3:00pm Gifford Mem. Service
10 9:00am Blessing of Animals (In-person & live-streamed)	11 Indigenous Peoples Day OFFICE CLOSED 3:00pm W H Meditation 5:00pm Vestry mtg.	12 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 11:30am Woods Hole Woman's Club (WH)	13 8:00am 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	14 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal	15 Deborah on Vacation	16
17 9:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed)	18 10:00am - 2:00 PM 10:00am Outreach 3:00pm W H Meditation	19 Deborah on Vacation 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	20 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Environmental	21 8:30am 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal	22	23
24 9:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed) 10:15am Cemetery 4:00pm Love First	25 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed)	26 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 11:00am WHWC Board Mtg. (Conf. Room)	27 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	28 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	29	30
31 Halloween (United States) 9:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed)	Nov 1 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed)	2 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	3 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	4 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	5	6
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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>

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
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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 & Financial Recorder</i>
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