

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
April 3, 2022

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

- *Meister Eckhart, Iona Abbey Worship Book.*
Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications. 2017. page 173

The Wheat on the Altar this Morning
Represents a Donation
to the
Episcopal Relief & Development's Ukraine Crisis Response Fund
by Peg Nicholson

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 10 AM Sunday worship service will be live-streamed 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 9:45 AM 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.

UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS as of April 1st

Based on the recommendations of the Regathering Oversight Committee, on Monday, March 14th the vestry voted the following COVID protocols based on the latest diocesan directive sent to clergy and lay leaders on March 7, 2022. The directive allows for local discretion.

- Masks will continue to be asked to be worn for indoor worship.
- A quadrant of seating will be set aside for people wishing or needing to maintain physical distancing. Others are invited to sit there as long as the physical distancing procedure is followed.
- With the exception of the seating set aside for people wishing or needing to maintain physical distancing, kneelers will be placed on the floor.
- Hymnals and Prayer Books will be placed back into the pew racks, even though services will continue to be printed.
- Offering plates will continue to be placed by the entry way.
- Communion will be offered in both kinds beginning Sunday, April 3rd. Please follow the directions at the service. We will have a chalice for those who wish to drink from the common cup, and a small chalice for those who wish to receive communion by intinction. We will use unwrapped communion wafers.
- Also, beginning on April 3rd, coffee and tea only will be served in the Woods Hole Room after the 10 o'clock service. The room is to be properly ventilated – with windows and the door to the balcony open. Masks are to be worn to the degree they do not interfere with consuming beverages. Purell will be available.
- Weather permitting, coffee hour will be held outside on the patio.
- On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (April 14th and 15th), the liturgies will be held in person in the Stone Church. There will be no Maundy Thursday supper preceding the service.

It is hoped that this gradual relaxation of protocols will demonstrate our continued commitment to safeguarding the health and well-being of all members and visitors to the church, offer options based on people's comfort levels; and, increase opportunities to connect with one another and get to know new members and visitors.

Thank you for your continuing support.

– The Rev. Deborah Warner, Rector

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 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, and Haiti. We pray for all who serve in the diplomatic corps and in the armed and peacekeeping forces.

In our parish prayer list, we continue to pray for Charlie, Larry, David, Robert, Miyoko, Emily, Steve, Janet, Bunk, Sarah, Johnny, Bruce, Betsy, Amy, Bob, Debby, Sandra and Helen.

NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

Many thanks to Mary Anne Mann who has worked extremely hard to research the history of the Church of the Messiah here in Woods Hole. Her research and subsequent essay are part of a response each parish has been urged to do as a means of further understanding the complex history of our diocese, especially with regards to Enslaved People and Indigenous People. Her essay was emailed earlier this week and is available on our parish website: www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org. Along with other parish histories, eventually this essay will be available through the Community of Practice website through the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts: www.diomass.org. Hard copies are available at church.

EASTER OFFERING RECIPIENTS

As a means of responding to the ongoing crisis in Ukraine as well as local ongoing needs, our entire Easter offering will be equally divided among the following: Ukrainian relief efforts through Episcopal Relief and Development and World Central Kitchen; and the Falmouth Service Center.



EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to give Easter flowers in honor or in memory of someone, please send a check payable to the Church of the Messiah with Easter Flowers in the memo line. Please give the name of the person(s) whom you wish to honor or remember. In order to list the names in the Easter bulletin, the deadline for receiving names is Thursday, April 7th.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 10

8 AM Holy Eucharist

10 AM Holy Eucharist

Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11 - 13

Holy Week liturgies with readings, prayers and music will be online via our website: www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org

Maundy Thursday, April 14

7 PM Institution of the Lord's Supper

(Please note, this year we will have no dinner prior to the service nor we will we have foot-washing as part of the liturgy.)

Good Friday, April 15

12 Noon Good Friday Liturgy: Readings, Prayers and Hymns

Easter, April 17

5:45 AM Community Sunrise Service at Nobska Point

8 AM Holy Eucharist with Music

10 AM Festival Eucharist

CEMETERY COMMITTEE NEWS

As the number of grave plots available for sale in the cemetery dwindles, the Cemetery Committee is tasked with researching and presenting options for the future. Consequently, the last piece of land in the cemetery is being prepared so that it will be suitable for burials. Plans for columbaria are also in the works, with siting, size, and configuration currently being determined.

The large shed in the cemetery needs repairs and improvements. At the committee's latest meeting, we discussed repairs such as painting, gutters, and cleaning. We would also like to have electrical service extended to the building so that it can be used as a workshop.

PATHWAYS UPDATE

As previously reported, working with the Pathways Committee (Paul Graney, Charles Mann, Susan Morse, Terry Soares, Jean Taft, The Rev. Deborah Warner, *ex officio*), landscape architect Tom Lee has designed a plan for walks and pathways to link the Stone Church and the PCC and also provide a direct route from the street to the patio entrance to the Woods Hole Room, effectively unifying our campus. In keeping with the expanded use of the side entrance to the Stone Church, Tom has worked hard to create a clean, uncluttered entrance design that emphasizes the beauty of the west face of the Church. It includes both stone steps and a gently inclined walkway for handicapped access, both connecting to walkways to the PCC. Following Tom's presentation on March 14th, the Vestry approved the overall design. Terry continues to work with Grafton Briggs to develop preliminary cost estimates, with selection of materials to be determined once costs are known. The construction decision will hinge upon the relationship of the cost to the funds set aside for this project, mostly raised as part of the Capital Campaign, donor-designated for pathways.



A statement from the House of Bishops on the Conflict in Ukraine

To the faithful in Christ Jesus throughout The Episcopal Church,

We are gathered at a moment of profound jeopardy to the principles of international law and peace. As we meet and pray together as a House of Bishops, Ukraine—an independent, sovereign nation that has posed no threat to others beyond its borders—has been invaded by military forces of Russia, without provocation and without justification.

On December 1, 1991, the people of Ukraine voted in a nationwide referendum on the question of their future. Nearly eighty-five percent of the electorate took part in that referendum. The question set before them was simply this: “Do you support the Act of Declaration of Independence of Ukraine?” More than ninety percent of those casting a vote voted yes. The independence of Ukraine was, and remains, an act of clear, principled self-determination. In the thirty years since then the people of Ukraine have, through challenges and difficulties, forged a strong sense of national purpose and identity.

There is a direct link between our baptismal covenant to respect the dignity of all people in Christ and the demand to respect the will of nations to determine their own destiny—the rule of *jus cogens*, in international law—when expressed freely through the ballot box. We acknowledge and lament the failure of many of the nations where The Episcopal Church lives and gathers to respect and defend that fundamental principle in their own policies and actions in the years since the founding of the United Nations.

Yet that acknowledgment must not stay us from denouncing the utter depravity of the war now unfolding in Ukraine. It is evident that Russian military forces have directly and indiscriminately attacked civilian residences, medical facilities, even agreed corridors for the humanitarian withdrawal of civilians in areas of combat. These actions are a fundamental violation of the rights and dignity rightly accorded all people, and a flagrant breach of international norms.

As the bishops of The Episcopal Church, we pray:

- That the nations of the world call upon the Russian government to cease immediately this unjustifiable violence, especially against the innocent;
- That our siblings in the churches of Russia and Ukraine remind their leaders of Christ’s commandment that we love our neighbors as we love ourselves—a commandment we believe provides no justification for violent conflict unless in the defense of women, children, the elderly and those otherwise vulnerable;
- That God protect and defend those who, with great courage, have stood and spoken against the choice for war in the counsels of their governments, their churches, and in the public square;
- That God support and encourage our churches in Europe, and our sister churches of the Anglican Communion present there as well, who even now are receiving refugees in the cities they serve, and helping them rebuild shattered lives;

- That all refugees, regardless of the reasons for their flight or the country of their origin, be received with equal dignity, equal hospitality, and equal treatment;
- That the work of diplomats and peacemakers and the voices of all those in authority labor without ceasing to bring a swift and just end to this conflict, and the preservation of Ukraine's independence and autonomy under conditions of security and tranquility;

And that the Prince of Peace, whom we know also to be the Judge of Nations, will work through us and all followers of Christ to build a more peaceful and just world—where all people can live in safety, where the will of all for their nations can be freely expressed and fully lived out, and where God's dream of a Beloved Community of all people and nations is realized through the works of mercy and compassion.

We urge all faithful members of the Church to support the relief of the Ukrainian people as it is being carried out by Episcopal Relief and Development and by the Convocation of the Episcopal Churches in Europe.
Camp Allen, Texas

March 19, 2022

SAVE THE DATE- CANDIDATES NIGHT FOR MAY ELECTION

The League of Women Voters of Falmouth and FCTV will co-present Candidates Night for the local May elections on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Hermann Room of the main library. The program will also be broadcast live and rebroadcast on FCTV 13. Democracy begins on the home front. Please save the date. For additional information please visit our website at www.lwvf.org

Thank you!

Voter Service Committee
League of Women Voters, Falmouth

Falmouth Chamber Players Orchestra

William Drury, Conductor



CONCERT

FRANZ KROMMER

Symphony No. 2 in D major, Op. 40 (1803)

CHARLES GOUNOD

Symphony No. 1 in D major (1855)

Saturday, April 9 at 3:00 pm

Sunday, April 10 at 3:00 pm

John Wesley United Methodist Church
270 Gifford Street
Falmouth

Admission is by donation at the door. Suggested donation: \$20 for adults, \$5 for students.

Masks required

For more information contact Fritz Sonnichsen at 508-274-2632



The David Bruce Cole Music Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS TO THE CEMETERY MAY ALSO BE MADE ONLINE

Contributions may 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* tab on the upper right of the Home page and follow the top link.

Donations to the Cemetery Annual Appeal and Perpetual Care Fund may also be made online, via PayPal. Click on the *Donate* tab and follow the bottom link to PayPal. Please indicate if you wish to donate to the Annual Appeal or the Perpetual Care Fund.

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.



Please like us on Facebook

April 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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10 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	11 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual) 5:00pm Vestry mtg.	12 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 11:30am WHWC (WH Room/PCC)	13 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	14 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	15	16 4:00pm Baptism
17 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	18 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Outreach Comm. Mtg. (Virtual) 3:00pm W H Meditation	19 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	20 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg. (Virtual)	21 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 11:00am Mem. Serv. & Reception 6:00pm Choir rehearsal	22	23
24 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	25 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)	26 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	27 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	28 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	29	30 Bishop Gates visit
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2022 Vestry

The Rev. Deborah M. Warner	<i>Rector</i>
Peg Nicholson	<i>Warden</i>
Michael Kasparian	<i>Warden</i>
Winifred Dick	<i>Clerk</i>
John Holden	<i>Treasurer</i>

Charles Mann	2023	Patti Dibella	2023
Susan Morse	2024	Rachael Rhude	2024
Denise Jay	2025	Paul Graney	2025

Deanery Representatives

Dicky Allison	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Helen Gordon	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Jean Taft	Deanery Representative, Convention alternate

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>
Bruce Bagley	<i>Church Sexton</i>
Doug Amon	<i>Cemetery Sexton</i>
Jessica Morrison	<i>Webmaster</i>

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