

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**March 27, 2022**

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



O day of peace

O day of peace that dimly shines  
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world  
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

- *Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944) Hymn text for Hymn 597 in  
The Hymnal 1982*

***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 1<sup>st</sup>**

Based on the recommendations of the Regathering Oversight Committee, on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 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 continue to be offered in one kind only and brought to people in their pew except on Easter and May 1<sup>st</sup> when attendance will be higher.
- Beginning on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>), 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.

### **WARDENS UPDATE**

We had a very full agenda at our vestry meeting on March 14th. We accomplished the following:

- Approved a new design for the pathways
- Discussed possible donees for our Easter offering (to be finalized by 3/22)
- Reviewed various financial matters, including approving an auditor to conduct the upcoming audit
- Accepted the recommendations of the Regathering Committee (based on the new Diocesan Covid Guidelines)
- Received an update of the Strategic Plan
- Reviewed the Cemetery Committee's plans for a columbarium
- Reviewed the Building and Grounds Committee's recommended priorities for renovations to the rectory and discussed possible financing options
- Reviewed nominees for the Search Committee

Regarding the transition, there are four tasks which are currently active: (1) Transition Review, required by the Diocese; (2) search for an interim Rector (being handled by the Rev. Canon Kelly O'Connell); (3) formation of the Search Committee, which cannot be announced until May 2nd; and (4) renovations to the rectory, which has been neglected for far too many years and will require, at a minimum, 29 new windows, 3 new doors, new siding on three sides and a new kitchen. Next steps include obtaining a building permit, gaining approval of the Historical Commission and deciding how to finance the project.

### **NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH**

Many thanks to Mary Ann 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](http://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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **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](http://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

### **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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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

**DONATIONS IN LIEU OF FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR DURING LENT**

On the last Sunday in Lent this year

April 3rd

Wheat Sheaves will be placed on the Altar representing a gift in memory or in honor of a loved one. A donation of \$30 to the charity of choice allows the Altar Guild to place the Wheat Sheaves on the Altar Mantel. Sheaves of Wheat placed directly behind the Altar represent a donation given to the Church of the Messiah's Outreach Ministry. The office will forward your donation to your chosen charity. Over the past several years, the Altar Guild has supported the Falmouth Service Center. Of course, other non-profit agencies may be selected.

If you wish to memorialize or honor a loved one on one of these Sundays, please contact Nancy at the Church office (no later than Tuesday afternoon) for proper acknowledgment in the Sunday bulletin.

**Example of a bulletin listing:**

**The Wheat On The Altar  
This Morning  
Represents a Donation  
To  
(The Falmouth Service Center)**

**In Memory (Or In Honor) Of**


\_\_\_\_\_

**by** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for participating in the Altar Guild's Lenten discipline.

With blessings and appreciation,

The Church of the Messiah's Altar Guild.



When your congregants turn to you,  
know how you can help.

## IDENTIFY & RESPOND TO SIGNS OF RISK

3% of young people will develop a psychotic disorder. Up to 17% may be experiencing symptoms of possible risk for psychosis. **Early intervention matters.**

Join our team on Zoom to learn more about:

- \* early signs of possible risk for psychosis
- \* treatment resources available
- \* Q&A with our research team to ask specific questions
- \* shared best practices for church communities

**Tuesday, March 29, 2022, 1:30-3:00pm**

Click [here](#) to register for Zoom link.

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**Dr. Michelle Friedman-Yakoobian** is a clinical researcher at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center with expertise in early identification and treatment of risk for psychosis.

**Colette Potts** is a research family therapist, educator, and author of *Love First*, an empathy-based children and family ministry program.

**Beth Israel Deaconess  
Medical Center**



HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL  
TEACHING HOSPITAL

### **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](http://www.lwvf.org)

Thank you!

Voter Service Committee  
League of Women Voters, Falmouth

**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](http://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.



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# April 2022

April 2022							May 2022						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Mar 27</b> 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	<b>28</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)	<b>29</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>30</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>31</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	<b>Apr 1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	<b>4</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)	<b>5</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>6</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>7</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	<b>11</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual) 5:00pm Vestry mtg.	<b>12</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 11:30am WHWC (WH Room/PCC)	<b>13</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>14</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 4:00pm Baptism
<b>17</b> 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	<b>18</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Outreach Comm. Mtg (Virtual) 3:00pm W H Meditation	<b>19</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>20</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg. (Virtual)	<b>21</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
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## Church of the Messiah

### 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 &amp; Financial Recorder</i>
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