

# The Church of the Messiah's

## Good News

June 12, 2022

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



Jesus demanded not so much  
that we should imitate  
the divine dance of love's freedom and trust,  
but the divine labor  
of love's suffering and risk.

The love that dances is the internal love of the Trinity,  
the love that suffers is that same love  
turned toward a world suffused with enmity.

The first is the perfect love of the world to come;  
the second is that same love  
engaged in the transformation  
of the deeply flawed world that is.

Miroslav Volf

### *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 Bridge Priest and the 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!

**NEWS FROM THE WARDENS**

Thanks to all of you who stepped up to fill out the strategic plan selection slip or responded by email. We appreciate your willingness to work on one of the goals or objectives outlined in the plan. The vestry meets on Monday, June 13th, and will determine the details of how to move forward. We will communicate that process in next week's Good News.

For those of you who were not in church or on Zoom last Sunday, we are asking every member of our church to volunteer to work on one of the objectives identified in our strategic plan. They all fall under one of three key goals: nurture and grow the congregation; develop various forms of outreach to the community; and achieve financial stability.

If you are able to volunteer some time, please email your choice of a goal or identify one of the objectives in the plan, distributed to all on June 1st, to [peg.nicholson@gmail.com](mailto:peg.nicholson@gmail.com). Thank you!

**THE NOONTUNES SUMMER CONCERT SERIES RETURNS!**

After a two-year absence, we are thrilled to bring back our summer concert series this season. **There will be three concerts during the month of July on Wednesdays at 12:15pm.**

This year's schedule is:

**Wednesday, July 13th:** Jeanne Prendergast, soprano and Mark Lawlor, organ

**Wednesday, July 20th:** Schola Cantorum

**Wednesday, July 27th:** Sarah Bach, soprano and Emily Murphy, piano

We are looking for sponsors to help cover the costs of these concerts. We welcome donations of any amount and all donors will be listed in each program during the series. Donations may be made "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone and will be listed that way in the program.

Brochures are available in the back of the church that include more information about Noontunes and being a sponsor. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you! - Brittany Lord

Dear Parishioners,

This is the time in the Christ-ian year in which we explicitly celebrate Trinity Sunday. However, it is the theology that shapes the whole Christ-ian year, after all, it was Jesus who introduced us to that way of seeing the Divine, by talking of God as his 'Father,' claiming a unity with God, and promising the Holy Spirit. So, it is from Jesus that we get the weird God-math that discontintifies Christ-ianity, God as three in one, multiplicity in unity. So, blame God; I'm sure God can take it.

Beyond the theology of Trinity that shapes the way we do church, I believe it also shapes the way we do life. If we are indeed made in the image of God, that is a Trinitarian image, and through the work of the Spirit God's story becomes our story. When we look at how God relates to the world, we use the Trinitarian terms, Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier (or Sustainer). I prefer the terms from the devotional writer and priest Jim Cotter, who reframes this as God as Earthmaker, Painbearer, Lifegiver.

It is into this Trinitarian life we are called:

- Earthmaking – creating a safe Holding Space for others (including our planet)
- Painbearing – entering into the Suffering Space of others with compassion
- Lifegiving – discovering Transforming Spaces through action and contemplation

I invite you at this time to contemplate the ways in which others have created safe and trustworthy spaces for you to grow into being who you are, who has been alongside you as you grieve and suffer the injustices of this world, and how you have discovered that which is lifegiving, through an appreciation of that which is, or through advocacy, justice, and your vocation in the world, whatever that may be.

As we move into 'ordinary' time in the Church year, I invite to re-embrace the 'Ordinary goodness of life' in a consciously Trinitarian way – 1) making space for those for whom the world make little space and caring for our planet in a way that contributes to it being safe and healthy for others; 2) looking to the suffering of the world and our local community, and not being afraid to ask and hear the answer to 'What do you need at this time?' which may lead to action and advocacy; 3) find a new practice that is lifegiving for you, especially if you are living into a new phase of life. Often spiritual practices that pair prayer and action together are good choices.

If you wish to discuss this further, I am one of those theo-geeks that are happy to talk about the Trinity and the way I see that as the call to live out the unitive Love of God in a threefold way.

May God Earthmaker, Painbearer, Lifegiver, surprise and uphold you in the week ahead.

Peace,

*Storm+*

Bridge Priest

## **JOHNNY STONE MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Messiah Woods Hole is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Johnny Stone Memorial Service

Time: **Thursday, Jun 16, 2022 02:00 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87343718114>

Meeting ID: 873 4371 8114

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Meeting ID: 873 4371 8114

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/u/keeA3eQerG>

## **CEMETERY COMMITTEE NEWS**

Outside water taps have been turned on in the cemetery. Old U. S. flags will be removed from graves in anticipation of new flags being placed in time for Memorial Day.

If your loved one's grave needs a metal flag holder representing a specific branch of service, please contact the town's Veterans' Services Department located at 59 Town Hall Square, 508-495-7453.

Please be aware that small objects and stones placed on gravesites and headstones may be removed at the discretion of the committee or the landscape workers to prevent mowing hazards. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

## **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. We pray for those who are victims of natural disasters and changes in the earth's climate. Along with so many around the world, we pray for the people of Ukraine as they continue to suffer from Russia's invasion. Finally, 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, Bruce, Betsy, Amy, Bob, Debby, Sandra, Helen, Dicky and Jean.

## ZOOM INFORMATION

**Our 10 AM Sunday worship service will continue to be virtual 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. When you join, you will be looking at the sanctuary until the service begins.

### 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 are to be worn for indoor worship.
- A quadrant of seating has been 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 have been placed on the floor.
- Communion is offered in both kinds: the larger 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 are using unwrapped communion wafers.
- Hosts are needed to prepare the coffee and tea which 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.

### 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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# June 2022 - July 2022

June 2022							July 2022						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 12 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	13 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual) 4:30pm Vestry mtg. (WH)	14 Flag Day (United States) 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 7:00pm WHCC Rehearsal (W. H. Rm.)	15 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg. (Virtual)	16 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 2:00pm Memorial Service	17	18 9:30am Celebration of Life (PCC)
19 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 9:00am Search Comm. 10:00am Holy Eucharist	20 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Outreach Comm. Mtg. (Virtual) 3:00pm W H Meditation	21 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 7:00pm WHCC Rehearsal (W. H. Rm.)	22 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	23 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	24	25
26 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	27 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)	28 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 7:00pm WHCC Rehearsal (W. H. Rm.)	29 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	30 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	Jul 1	2
3 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	4 Independence Day (United States) Office Closed 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)	5 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 7:00pm WHCC Rehearsal (W. H. Rm.)	6 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	7 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	8	9
10 8:00am FALMOUTH TRIATHLON 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 7:00pm WHCC Rehearsal (W. H. Rm.)	13 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 12:15pm Nootunes Concert (Stone Church)	14 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	15	16

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### 2022 Vestry

The Rev. Dr. Storm Swain	<i>Bridge Priest</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. Dr. Storm Swain	<i>Bridge Priest</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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