



*September 20, 2020*  
*The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Morning Prayer 9 am*  
*Creation Season*  
*Vestry Forum following the Service*  
*Ministers of the Liturgy*

The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee  
Members of the Vestry:

Ginny Starkis & Susan Edmondson, Wardens  
Edla Ann Bloom, Lucille Clinkman, Steve Ketcham,  
Lisa Ruggiero, Gayle Ruscitti, Peach Warren  
**Musicians:** Randolph Bloom, Mary Johnson, Jeff Lukas

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*  
[Psalm 98:5]

***This Weekend at Trinity:***

**Sunday 9 am Morning Prayer on Zoom**

The link is in our weekly e-news and on our website. Join Zoom Meeting: Go to zoom.us. In the upper right corner click on “Join a Meeting.”

Meeting ID – 822-5682-7302

Password: 546896 If you cannot access by computer you may join by telephone:

**Telephone: 929-205-6099**

A discussion with the Vestry will follow the service.

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***This Week at Trinity***

We have resumed regular office hours: Monday-Thursday, 10am-2pm.

Mother Judith is working remotely and can be reached by phone [716.949.8194] or email

**Wednesday 10 am Zoom Morning Prayer & Fellowship**

**Meeting ID:** 831-6113-8171 **Password:** 497792 **Telephone:** 929-205-6099

**Thursday 4:14 pm:** Grab n Go Meals distributed at Trinity

**Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> Noon Lunch and Bible Study: Women of the Bible**

**Topic: Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel: Reading: Genesis Chapters 24-31; 33; 49**

**Meeting ID:** 874-7495-2317 **Password:** 097331 **Telephone:** 929-205-6099

We will resume our Zoom Chats, Family Game Night, and Bingo in October. Watch for specific dates.

We will again open the sanctuary for private prayer in October

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***Virtual Sunday School: October 4<sup>th</sup>***

Sunday School classes will begin on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

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***Next Steps: Trinity in Stage 2:***

We have begun reviewing our new Building Use Agreement with groups who wish to meet in our building. The Lane Chapel has been prepared for small-group meetings.

We will serve meals prepared in our kitchen on the last Thursday of every month beginning on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Outdoor Worship:** We have submitted for Peer Review a proposal to share outdoor service of Holy Communion in our parking lot on Sundays in October and November. Watch for more information.

Sunday School will be on Zoom for the foreseeable future. We are discussing the possibility of children and youth from other congregations combining classes.

Abundant Care, Inc. will provide takeout Thanksgiving Dinner from Trinity this year. To contribute and help please contact Justin Varteresian, Dave Scott, or Marty Ploof.

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### ***Vestry Highlights: September 14, 2020***

**Resolved:** Proposal for Outdoor Worship and Holy Communion on Sundays in October & November  
**Discussion:**

- Fundraising goals for 2020
- Alternative models for the indoor Christmas Fair
- Leadership openings for January 2021
- Stewardship Leadership for 2020 Campaign
- *What have we done well?* Proposals: Backpack blessing, worship, building opening
- *What could we have done better?* Nothing!

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### ***The Search: Moving Forward***

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** Discussion after the service about the results of the Holy Cow Survey and the September Vestry meeting.

**October-November:** The Profile committee will hold parish meetings on Zoom to discuss future plans for new ministry with your next Rector. Watch for more information about dates.

**January:** The Profile Committee will present the Parish Profile to the Vestry for approval.

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### ***Sacred Ground:***

**A Film-Based Dialogue Series on Race & Faith**

**Beginning on September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Registration Deadline: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

**How to Register:** Email either Mother Judith ([jlee.trinitychurchmilford@gmail.com](mailto:jlee.trinitychurchmilford@gmail.com)) or Mary Johnson ([mary.johnson8@comcast.com](mailto:mary.johnson8@comcast.com)) stating whether you are registering for the Sunday session (5-6:30 pm) or the Tuesday session (7-8:30). The schedule is listed on the next page. You will be sent a password that will give you access to the weekly videos and reading materials.

The program requires the purchase of 2 books. This is the only cost associated with the program.

Howard Thurman, *Jesus and the Disinherited*

Debby Irving, *Waking Up White*

To learn more see <https://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground>.

### ***Community Dinners***

Through a grant from the Milford Community Health Network (CHNA) we distribute meals prepared at local restaurants every Thursday beginning at 4:15 pm.

## SACRED GROUND: OUTLINE FOR SESSIONS 1-5

| Session Topics  | Meeting Times   | Theme  | Preparation Time  |
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| I.<br>Stepping onto Sacred Ground                                   | Sunday, 9/27 5-6:30 pm<br>Tuesday, 9/29, 6-7:30 pm    | Understanding American History & the American Dream: Contradictions & Possibilities  | Video: 1.5 hours: <i>American Creed</i><br>Reading: about 20 pages  |
| II.<br>The Roots of Whiteness, and Deeper Roots                     | Sunday, 10/11, 5-6:30 pm<br>Tuesday, 10/13, 7-8:30 pm | Race is a human construction, not a biological reality. What purpose is served by different racial categories? Who were white people before they became white? | Videos:<br><i>The Myth of Race Debunked in 3 Minutes</i> [3 min.]<br><i>Decoded: Are Cracker, White Trash, &amp; Redneck Racists?</i> [5 minutes]<br>Reading: about 100 pages |
| III.<br>Whose Land?: Exploring Indigenous History                   | Sunday 10/25, 5-6:30<br>Tuesday 10/13, 7-8:30 pm      | A historical overview of the relationships between European Americans and Indigenous peoples of America  | Videos:<br>PBS – 77 min.<br><i>The Episcopal church:</i> 14 min.<br><br>Reading: about 50 pp  |
| IV.<br>Transatlantic Slave Trade & Slavery: Exploring Black History | Sunday 11/8; 5-6:30 pm<br>Tuesday 11/10, 7-8:30 pm    | A historical overview of slavery and the different ways that its complex web of economic complicity has involved almost everyone                               | Videos:<br>PBS: 56 min.<br>Episcopal Church: 23 min.<br><br>Reading: about 20 pp  |
| V.<br>Whose Land? More Layers: Exploring Latino History             | Sunday 11/22, 5-6:30 pm<br>Tuesday 11/24, 7-8:30 pm   | The “in between place” where the Latinx community lives  | Videos:<br>PBS: 2 min.<br>YouTube: 7 min.<br><br>Reading: about 30 pp.  |

***Our Prayers Are Offered For:***

**Parish Members & Friends:** the Blom Family; Erin Lewis; Liz Gienger; David Stochaj; Dave Clinkman; Somasundaram Ulaganayagi; Alan Smat; Farooq Kovelakunila; Dorothy Lutterbaugh; Rachel Hagen; Marco Weiss; Marilyn Stasio; Al Price; Natalie Bottomley; David Gillis; Bob Hicks; Mary Torian, Bob Bloomberg; Sharon Manoogian; Sal & Vas Ferreira; Brad Gustavesen; Elizabeth Klisiewicz; Mike Obrofta; Jean Conway; Lisa Wilson; Sandra Arbogast; Len Baird; Judy Shea; Robin Rowe; Skye Bayleigh Plaisted; Alex; Alisha Starkis Weddeke; Chrissy & Mark; Thomas Scano; the Canali Family; Sherel & Lou Frere; Craig Silverman; Justin Perkin; Dr. Stephen Janko; Tom Childs; Nancy Sharoogian; Bob Mezzadri; all those serving in the military and the Peace Corps, especially Avary DeRagon; Dan Consigli; Drew Beauchamp; Charles; Laura; Elena; Brendan Wood; Danielle & Joel Marsh; Tom Bento; Joel Joudrey; Justin Woessner; Chris Ketcham and their families.

**Homebound Parishioners:** Betty Henneberry; Verna Parente, and Wayne Morey.

**The Deceased:** Marie Blom

**Our Partner Dioceses:** Kumasi and Asante-Mampong in Ghana

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:** Candia Cuddy; James Uthoff; John McCarthy; Everett Adams; Jenessa Lobisser; Michael Meurant; Nicole Aguiar; Evelyn Yaroshefski; Alice Corman; Logan Vendetti; MaryJo Bentley; Laurie Bond; Allison Johnson; Jacob Noble; Liam Shields; Weston Montag; Brenda Lutfy and Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski.

**The Ministers of Trinity Episcopal Church**

are

**THE PEOPLE OF THIS PARISH**

led by

The Reverend Dr. Judith Lee, Interim Priest

Randy Bloom, Minister of Music , Rachel Carpenter, Sunday School Coordinator

Magee Lambert, Church Secretary, Paul Del Molino, Sexton

Ginny Starkis, Senior Warden; Susan Edmondson, Junior Warden

and the Treasurers, Clerk and Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church.

We serve our Lord as a part of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts

led by The Rt. Rev. Doug Fisher, Bishop of Western Massachusetts

***Our Mission Statement:***

*Sharing the Grace of God, the Light of Christ*

*and the Power of the Holy Spirit,*

*through worship, ministry and fellowship.*

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