



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

Mother's Day & Rogation Sunday

Morning Prayer on Zoom 9 am

Holy Eucharist Outdoors 10:30 am

Ministers of the Liturgy

The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee

9 am Our Grandmothers: Lucille Clinkman, Susan Edmondson, Mary Johnson,
Pat Kepler, Mary Torian, Peach Warren

Musicians: Randolph Bloom, Jeff Lukas, Cathy Poch

10:30 am Dave Clinkman

Holy God, you feed us with earthly and spiritual food. You have chosen us to hear your word and to proclaim your truth. Alleluia! Make us salt of the earth, make us yeast in the loaf. -from A New Zealand Prayer Book

This Weekend at Trinity:

Sunday:

9 am – Morning Prayer on Zoom Link will be sent on Saturday evening

10:30 am – Holy Communion Outdoors in the Trinity parking lot. Masks & social distancing required.

This Week at Trinity

The Parish Office will be open Monday through Thursday, 10am-2pm

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

Wednesday 10 am – Morning Prayer on Zoom: the link will be sent by email on Wednesday morning

Thursday 4 pm – Grab n Go meals at Trinity

Thursday 7 pm – Search Committee meeting on Zoom



GFS Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to **Kimberly Stochaj, Amanda Ellis and Nicolas Figueroa**, who have each been awarded scholarships from the GFS Scholarship Fund. The members of Trinity Episcopal Church appreciate their individual contributions to our family of faith and wish them luck in their college careers.

GFS Scholarship Committee

The Good News Gardens



These smaller plants stayed here at the nursery. They will be given away when they get a little bigger. The youth group collected pails for Good News Gardens then Jon & Charlie turned them into self-watering containers. We will transplant the plants when they get bigger and we will help them find new homes and a new gardener, new people to enjoy and share the harvest. We have about 100 plants here at the nursery.

We already found new homes for about 120 plants. Gardening advice is available if anyone has questions about caring for their new plants.

The National Good News Gardens has created a curriculum for a ten-session course that combines topics of food and faith. We have no solid plans for leading this group at Trinity, Milford, but I am wondering if anyone has questions about it? I am happy to teach if people are interested in the course. More info to come in the newsletter.

- Mary Johnson

Youth Group Mission Projects for May & June



The Youth Group is seeking donations to support their two mission projects. They will host tables for families at the Grab n Go meals on May 20th and June 24th.

May 20th: Summer Play Indoors:

gently used toys, books, games, & movies (VCR or DVDs) and new crafts projects and supplies

June 24th: Summer Play Outdoors: flip flops (all sizes for children and adults), sunscreen, and bug spray.

There are 2 bins in the side entrance to the church for collecting donations. They will be clearly marked for either May 20th or June 24th. If you prefer to make a financial contribution, please write your check payable to Trinity Church with "youth group mission" on the memo line. The youth will sort the May donations on **Sunday May 16th**. Please contact Dr. Sarah Prevelige to learn more about how you can participatedrprevelige@gmail.com

We thank our young people for their leadership, vision, and compassion.



Vacation Bible Camp: Dining in the Kingdom of God

August 2nd-5th. Time TBD

K-12 Hybrid: At home and at our Parish Hall

This year, in partnership with St. Matthew's-Worcester and the United Parish of Upton we will have a hybrid Vacation Bible Camp. Each day will have a different theme and a different menu. Participating either on Zoom from home or in our separate parish halls, participants will prepare a meal to be eaten at home. We will share stories about feasts in the Bible, and each day we will learn a new song. Senior High youth may earn community service hours by participating as leaders, coaches, or performers. Watch for more information!



Celebrating our Youth Ministries & Our Graduates: Mark your Calendars

June 6th – Celebrating our Children & Youth: Sunday School students and youth will be our Readers. We will celebrate their accomplishments this year, and we will celebrate the ministries of Rachel Carpenter as Church School Coordinator & Sarah Prevelige as Youth Group Mentor.

June 13th – Honoring our Graduates: We will celebrate our youth and young adults graduating from 8th grade, high school, and college. **Please contact Beth Moeller if someone in your family is graduating from 8th grade, high school, or college.**



**A Meditation for the Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mothers Day & Rogation Sunday
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This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. . . . I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you.

[John 15:12, 15-16]

These words appear at the center of what is called Jesus' "Farewell Discourse" during his last dinner with his disciples (Chapters 14-17). Some of the Gospel's most beautiful and poignant lines are in this discourse, especially when we realize how Jesus chooses to say goodbye. He does not promise a time when they will meet again; he does not commission them to be an elite leadership group; he does not invite their apologies or self-recrimination. He does not present himself as one who is set apart to be wiser, or more intimate with God, or invulnerable. Rather, Jesus reassures them, over and over again, of just the opposite. The relationship that they have shared will continue to bring them peace and insight, not because of he has said or done but because their love is grounded in their shared trust in God.

This meditation by Kahlil Gibran expresses this same love, a love with which we let go of those to whom we might cling most tightly, a love grounded in trust that God continually brings forth the unending life that we share.

Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*

*Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.
They come through you but not from you,
And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.
You may give them your love but not your thoughts,
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls,
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot
visit, not even in your dreams.*

*You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.
The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and He
bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far.
Let your bending in the Archer's hand be for gladness;
For even as He loves the arrow that flies, so He loves also the
bow that is stable.*

AMEN.

Our Prayers Are Offered For:

Parish Members & Friends: Paul Langlois; Sharon Manoogian; Sal & Vas Ferreira; Laura Uretsky; Lee Kalns; Michael Lambert; Liz Pekkala; Marian Smatt; Darius; Becky Dean; Karin Tourtellotte; Ron Taylor; Michelle; Stephanie; Kim Liquori; Peter Lee; Gloria Falcone; Barbara; Valerie; Ray & Enid; Clinton Clark, III; Marco Weiss; Al Price; Robert; Mary Torian, Beth & Terry; Esther McKenzie; 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; 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 and their families.

Homebound Parishioners: Verna Parente, and Wayne Morey.

Our Partner Dioceses: Kumasi and Asante-Mampong in Ghana

Those celebrating birthdays this week: Damien Black; Elizabeth Steen; Amie LeBlanc; Ronald Foley; Verne Thayer; Jim Thayer; Barbara Palumbo; Megan Collins; Steve Ketcham; Nicolas Figueroa; Ethan Moeller; Megan Palmer; Jaclyn Long; Sophie McGuinness; Joseph Aguiar; Angus Jennings; Tami Locklin; Rick Davis; Bryce Haddad; and Brian Roy.

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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
Beth Moeller, Senior Warden; Lisa Ruggiero, 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

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*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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