



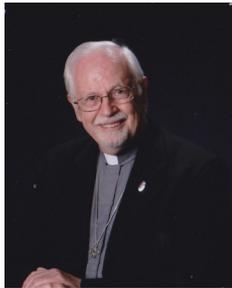
The MESSENGER

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH ON THE HILL
EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE!
JUNE 2020

NOTES FROM FR. PETE

Dear Friends:

"...our belonging to Christ has never been measured by the number of people in church on a Sunday morning (though we long for the day when this way of knowing Christ can return) but by the service we offer to others. Therefore, and despite these very harrowing restrictions, please do all that you can to minister to your people safely, especially to the sick, the vulnerable and the poor."



- The Rev. Dr. Charles Miller, Team Rector of Abingdon-on-Thames and Vicar of St. Helen's Church



SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 11:00 a.m.

We are more than individual churches, we are a diocese – more than 26,000 Christians following the way of Jesus together across Western Washington. On June 7, the Office of the Bishop in the Diocese of Olympia will hold one worship service for our entire diocese. Designed to bring together all Episcopalians in Western Washington to worship as one, connect to each other, and meditate on all the ways we stay connected and stay church, this Sunday will also give our many hard-working clergy, church musicians, and lay volunteers a Sunday of rest in what has been a challenging season. Come worship with us on Sunday, June 7, at 11:00am via Facebook or YouTube!

<https://ecww.org/>

Note: We will be sending out an email with links to these sights so you will be able to click on it and watch.



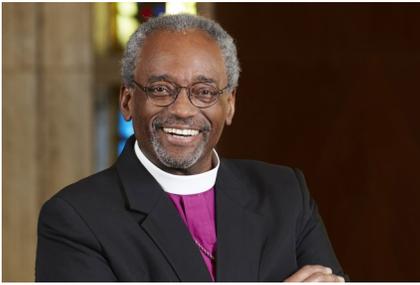
Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has joined the U.S. Conference of Mayors and 100+ national faith leaders from Christian, Jewish and Muslim traditions in calling for a national day of mourning and lament on June 1 as the United States exceeds 100,000 documented deaths from COVID-19.



BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The Bishop's Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, June 9th at 2:00 p.m.

Habits of Grace, May 29, 2020: An invitation for you, from Presiding Bishop Curry



As we learn how to adjust our lives given the reality of the coronavirus and the request to do our part to slow its spread by practicing social distancing, I invite you to join me each week to take a moment to cultivate a 'habit of grace.' A new meditation will be posted each week through May. These meditations can be watched at any time by clicking <https://episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace>

PRAY FOR THE ENTIRE HUMAN FAMILY

In the book of Ecclesiastes in the Hebrew scriptures, the text says,

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die . . .
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance*

Jesus in Luke's gospel said, "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall laugh." This weekend, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the last weekend in May, we will join with people of all faiths, Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and people of good will to observe a time of grieving. To mourn those who have died from COVID-19, to pray for them and for their loved ones, to pray for all who are sick of any disease or condition, to pray for the entire human family.

It is a weekend of grieving, of collective and national grieving ecumenical and interfaith. And we will join together with brothers and sisters and siblings, who pray to God in different ways, but who share with us all a common humanity created by one creator. This weekend we join with them, and as we do so I would invite you to join in that prayer in your congregations and personally. But I wanted to share with you a prayer that was composed for this weekend, jointly composed by Lutherans and Episcopalians, for the feast of Pentecost in the midst of pandemic.

*God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

God love you. God bless you. And may God hold us all, the entire human family in those almighty hands of love.

PENTECOST



The Christian holy day of Pentecost, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers

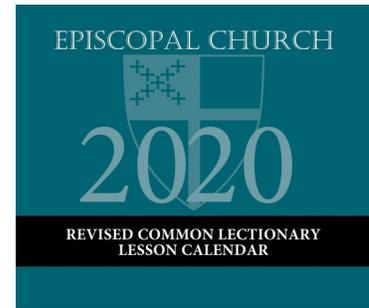
of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. This event represents the birth of the early Church

The term means "the fiftieth day." It is used in both the OT and the NT. In the OT it refers to a feast of seven weeks known as the Feast of Weeks. It was apparently an agricultural event that focused on the harvesting of first fruits.

Josephus referred to Pentecost as the fiftieth day after the first day of Passover. The term is used in the NT to refer to the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension.

Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church's worldwide preaching.

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is now the seventh Sunday after Easter. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. Some understand Pentecost to be the origin and sending out of the church into the world. The Day of Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year in the Episcopal Church. The Day of Pentecost is identified by the BCP as one of the feasts that is "especially appropriate" for baptism. The liturgical color for the feast is red. Pentecost has also been known as Whitsun or Whitsunday or "White Sunday." This term reflects the custom by which those who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost would wear their white baptismal garments to church on the Day of Pentecost. The main sign of Pentecost is the color red. It symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit.



May 31 Day of Pentecost - Whitsunday

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

or [Numbers 11:24-30](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:3b-13](#)

or [Acts 2:1-21](#)

[John 20:19-23](#)

or [John 7:37-39](#)

[Psalms 104:25-35, 37](#)

June 7 First Sunday After Pentecost

[Genesis 1:1-2:4a](#)

[2 Corinthians 13:11-13](#)

[Matthew 28:16-20](#)

[Psalms 8](#)

June 1 Second Sunday After Pentecost

[Genesis 18:1-15, \(21:1-7\)](#)

[Psalms 116:1, 10-17](#)

[Romans 5:1-8](#)

[Matthew 9:35-10:8\(9-23\)](#)

June 21 Third Sunday After Pentecost

[Genesis 21:8-21](#)

[Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17](#)

[Romans 6:1b-11](#)

[Matthew 10:24-39](#)

June 28 Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

[Genesis 22:1-14](#)

[Psalms 13](#)

[Romans 6:12-23](#)

[Matthew 10:40-42](#)



WORK PARTY

Last Thursday, on a hot Hoodsport day, Joe Castonguay, our Junior Warden, organized a 2nd work party to clean up the church grounds. A socially distanced, masked-up yard crew descended on the grounds to beautify it. Thank you to Joe, Sean, Christian, Jerry, Steve, and especially Donna and Kit for lovingly attending to the Memorial Garden, clearing hidden plaques. It looks great!



TREASURER'S REPORT APRIL 2020

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| Operating Revenues | 2,977.00 |
| Grants | 415.00 |
| Operating Expenses | <u>3,026.00</u> |
| Net | 366.00 |
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| YTD NET | (2,126.00) |



June Birthdays

6/11 Skip Hash

6/17 Cyndy Reynolds

6/17 Sean Gaines

6/23 Elizabeth Olide



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MISSION STATEMENT

So that ALL may know and serve God, our mission is to let the love of Christ shine brightly in our daily lives by being a welcoming, nurturing, and supportive community grounded in God's Word and Sacraments

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