

### COVID Precautions

*Out of an abundance of caution, and because of our affection and care for one another, we strongly urge everyone to wear a mask while in the church.*

### A Message from Libby

I will not be with you on Sundays for a while longer, as I fulfill a long-standing prior commitment to help St. John's in Williamstown during their Rector's paternity leave. However, I will still work in the office most Wednesdays and continue collaborating with our parish wardens, who provide such sound leadership. My contact info is at the end of this insert, along with theirs, so please get in touch if you need me during this time. Morning Prayer on Zoom continues each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. with Darryl Lafferty officiating. The Rev. Jane Tillman leads Sunday worship today, and The Rev. Peter Feltman-Mahan will be guest celebrant and preacher on June 5, Pentecost Sunday. I will return on Sunday, June 12.

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### Collect

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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### May 29 – Easter 7

|                     |     | 10:00 Service Music                   | Hymns are in the blue <i>Hymnal 1982</i> |
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| Prelude             |     | <i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i> | Robert Powell                            |
| Opening Hymn        | 214 | Hail the day that sees him rise       | <i>Llanfair</i>                          |
| Sequence Hymn       | 7   | Christ whose glory fills the skies    | <i>Ratisbon</i>                          |
| Offertory Hymn      | 305 | Come, risen Lord                      | <i>Rosedale</i>                          |
| Communion Voluntary |     | <i>Awake, My Heart, with Gladness</i> | Wilbur Held                              |
| Closing Hymn        | 215 | See the Conqueror mounts in triumph   | <i>In Babilone</i>                       |
| Postlude            |     | <i>Menuet Gothique</i>                | Leon Boellmann                           |

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**Worship Teams** (If you exchange shifts with someone, please notify the Church Office by Wednesday morning at [stpaulsstockbridge@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsstockbridge@gmail.com))

### Sunday, May 29 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

|                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Celebrant           | The Rev. Jane Tillman |
| Preacher            | The Rev. Jane Tillman |
| 8:00 Reader         | Darryl Lafferty       |
| 10:00 Usher/Greeter | Diane Dillon          |
| 10:00 Reader        | Carl Sprague          |

### Sunday, June 5 Day of Pentecost

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|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Celebrant           | The Rev. Peter Feltman-Mahan |
| Preacher            | The Rev. Peter Feltman-Mahan |
| 8:00 Reader         | Darryl Lafferty              |
| 10:00 Usher/Greeter | Martha Bodine                |
| 10:00 Reader        | Darryl Lafferty              |

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### Readings

#### Acts 16:16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi of Macedonia, a Roman colony, and as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much

annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

### **Psalm 97**

- 1 The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice;  
    let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,  
    righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him  
    and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world;  
    the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord,  
    at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness,  
    and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!  
    bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,  
    because of your judgments, O Lord.
- 9 For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth;  
    you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil;  
    he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous,  
    and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,  
    and give thanks to his holy Name.

### **Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

## **John 17:20-26**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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**Today's Flowers** are given by Janice Jones-Thomson in loving memory of her mother, Beulah Hill Jones.

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## **Parish Prayer List**

- People we pray for on Sundays: **Sarah, Bruce, Robert**
  - Long-term prayer list: **Piers, Katrina, Rich, Karen, Michael, Tom, Khali, George, Doug, George, David, Barbara, Christy, John, Peter & Darryl, Jim, Florence**
  - Those who have died:
  - Our partners at Grace Church, Great Barrington and their priest Tina Rathbone; Christ Trinity Church, Episcopal-Lutheran, Sheffield and their priest Erik Karas; the Austen Riggs community and the Riverbrook Residence; victims of war, violence, abuse, persecution and disaster at home and abroad; those impacted by the pandemic
  - Outreach Ministry of the Week: **Berkshire Community Diaper Project**
  - Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: **All Saints' Berkshires, North Adams**
  - Anglican Cycle of Prayer: **The Church of South India (United)**
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## **A Memorial Day Prayer**

Creating and sustaining God, who calls us to live in peace, hear our prayer for all who have died, whose hearts and hopes are known to you alone. Hear our prayer for those who put the welfare of others ahead of their own and give us hearts as generous as theirs. Hear our prayer for those who gave their lives in the service of others and accept the gift of their sacrifice. Help us to shape a world where we will lay down the arms of war and turn our swords into ploughshares for a harvest of justice and peace. Comfort and heal those who grieve the loss of their loved ones. Hear our prayer this day and in your mercy answer us in the name of all that is holy. Amen.

*(adapted from a prayer by Austin Fleming in [www.jesuitresource.org](http://www.jesuitresource.org))*

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**Tuesday, May 31      Community in Faith Adult Forum      7:00 pm via Zoom**

Our Easter Season three-parish Community in Faith Adult Forum ends on Tuesday, May 31 with a lectionary-based Bible Study facilitated by the Rev. Tina Rathbone, Rector of Grace Church. The link is on our website. Come join us!

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**2022 Appalachian Trail Mini-Mission Day Trip      June - August, 2022 in Sheffield**

Begun in 2018 as a shared ministry of two Sheffield churches, First Congregational (UCC) and Christ Trinity (Episcopal/Lutheran), Mini-Mission Trip "Trail Magic" is back. You can share in this fun mission of hospitality, spending a day outdoors chatting with hikers and friends while sharing refreshments! One St. Paul's team will serve on Saturday, August 6. Two or three more people are needed to round out a second team from St. Paul's. Training will be provided on either June 1 or 7 on Zoom. The flyer on the bell tower bulletin board has more information. To join a team, please e-mail Libby Wade or speak with Martha Bodine.

## **Gideon's Garden Planting Day**

**Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**

Our sister church, Grace Church in the Southern Berkshires, invites you to help plant Gideon's Garden. This annual event is full of camaraderie as volunteers place tender young plants in the prepared soil in hopes of a bountiful harvest this summer to supply various feeding programs and food pantries, including Lee Food Pantry. If you like to dig in the dirt and want to spend an hour or two furthering the mission of feeding the hungry, bring your trowel and gloves to Gideon's Garden on Division Street near Taft Farm in Great Barrington at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 4.

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## **A String Quartet Concert in the open-air**

**Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**

Christ Trinity Church presents the second in its 2022 Lich Gate Concerts series, featuring music for string quartet at The Pavilion in Sheffield Town Park on Frederic Lane in Sheffield. Both lawn tickets and seats in the pavilion are available. Artistic Director and Concert Violinist Jorge Ávila, also a Sheffield resident, has programmed Ludwig van Beethoven's *String Quartet No. 2 in G Major, Op. 18*, and William Grant Still's *Lyric String Quartette*. The New York-based string quartet features Jorge Ávila, *Violin I*; Rachel Handman, *Violin II*; Orlando Wells, *Viola*; and Sarah Hewitt-Roth, *Cello*. Visit [www.christtrinitychurch.org](http://www.christtrinitychurch.org) for information.

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## **Goodbye to Parish Administrator Jean Chapin**

At the end of May, Jean Chapin will leave her job as St. Paul's Parish Administrator. The three South County Episcopal/Lutheran congregations began an experiment last September with Jean serving all three part-time. It turned out to be too many hours of work, so in April Jean decided to give up St. Paul's (the furthest from her home) while staying with the other two. She will, however, continue to produce St. Paul's weekly E-pistle on-line newsletter until we hire a new administrator. In her letter of resignation, Jean said, "I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to work at St. Paul's and deeply appreciate all of the valuable experience I have gained." I've only worked with Jean a few weeks, but have come to appreciate her skill and friendly disposition. I'll miss her. In the short term, with the vestry's approval, Jorja Marsden will take on the bookkeeping functions and I will take on the production of leaflets and inserts. We may need to call on volunteers from the congregation to help with other office work from time to time this summer. As soon as possible, the wardens and I will begin assessing what has been learned from this experiment in order to redesign the position before searching for new staff.

*The Rev. Libby Wade*

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## **Profile and Search Process**

In June, we'll be forming the Profile Committee and Search Committees. Please submit your own name or nominate someone you think would be good on one of these teams by June 1 via e-mail to Jorja Marsden ([jorjamarsden@verizon.net](mailto:jorjamarsden@verizon.net)) or Martha Bodine ([marthabodine@yahoo.com](mailto:marthabodine@yahoo.com)).

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## **St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Stockbridge, Massachusetts**

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