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# THE VOICE

*We warmly welcome everyone to celebrate God’s love by joining in dynamic worship, creating genuine community, and serving all with justice and respect.*

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

April, 2021

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## MINISTER’S MESSAGE

*Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*

Dear Ones,

Christians from nearly all denominations celebrate Holy Communion at least once a month, though our Catholic friends do so weekly. Also called the Eucharist (which means “thanksgiving”) or the Lord’s Supper, this sacrament was established by Christ himself in remembrance of his sacrifice, life and teachings. Of course, there are differences, but the basic practice of using bread and wine as tangible representations of the body and blood of Christ has been in existence since the very early days of the founding of the Christian church (water is sometimes used in deference to those who are not able to drink alcohol). In our congregational tradition, grape juice is used and is usually distributed in small cups alongside small pieces of bread (unleavened or leavened) served on a tray.

Sometimes Communion is offered through what is called the “intinction” method (intinction means “to dip”) whereby recipients dip small pieces of bread directly into a common cup (of juice or wine) usually held by an ordained minister or priest (a Catholic priest will serve his congregants directly by first dipping the wafer/host into the wine). Intinction originated early on

and is exclusively practiced in both Catholic and Anglican-Episcopal churches. Whether the elements are distributed in cups or by intinction, the function is the same: participants are urged to look within themselves to make sure they are at peace with God and neighbor.

In most churches the fundamental message to the Christian in the rite of Communion is unmistakably repeated whenever it is celebrated by recitation of the following phrase: “Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.” Saint Paul summed this up when he wrote, “For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” (*I Corinthians 11:26*) Although it is not the only meaning associated with the life and death of Christ, the dominant and orthodox interpretation is that Jesus died upon the cross for the sins of the world, that he was raised from the dead on Easter morning and that in so doing he conquered death for all humanity, and will return to earth one day to make all things right.

We are now open for in-person worship and are making a week to week decision whether to do so based on the science. On Easter Sunday, April 4th we plan to meet in the sanctuary as we publicly celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, which is a cornerstone of our faith. During the service we will also be sharing the Lord’s Supper via easily opened, individualized, pre-packaged containers which include a tiny wafer and small amount of juice. Because Jesus has risen, we, too will one day rise! In the meantime we face each day with faith, hope and love. I very much look forward to seeing you in church on Easter morning and throughout the spring.

*Blessings, Pastor Wayne*



**SELF HELP DAY at Second Church**  
**April 10, 2012 9 to Noon**

The friends and family of 2<sup>nd</sup> Church are blessed with many talents. We hope to have you share your talents as we gather at the Church to work on a few projects to improve our church building. Please note the date above. These projects are simple and can be accomplished with a willing spirit. **Precautions:** Rest assured, individuals will be appropriately spaced within the church, face masks are a must, and hand washing/sanitizing are also recommended. If you have one hour or more, come on down and lend a hand. We have painting projects and cleaning projects. We look forward to seeing YOU! Any questions? Call the Church Office. **Please let us know if you're planning to attend so we can plan out the projects and supplies.**

*Many Thanks,  
Your Facilities Committee*

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

I pray that you all had a restful and rejuvenating Lenten season. Beginning Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, we will resume our journey with the Beatitudes at virtual Sunday School on Sundays at 9am via Zoom. More information and resources will be mailed to families directly. If you have any questions or ideas for our Christian Education Committee, know someone who would like to be added to our resource distribution, or have a particular faith topic that your family would like resources to explore please feel to reach out to me.

Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup>: **Easter Sunday**  
**No Sunday School**

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! I hope that you have the chance to participate in worship in person or via live-stream, explore any part of the Lenten family devotional that inspires you, and don't forget to open the special Easter treat bag!

Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>: **Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst**

Matthew 5:6 Participants will encounter the fourth blessing and promise of the Beatitudes. They will explore the metaphor of "hunger and thirst" for righteousness, and they will learn a functional definition of righteousness (justice). Participants will hear a grown-up say that we all hunger for things that aren't food sometimes.

They will imagine a world where all people have what they need and are treated fairly.

Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>: **Blessed Are the Merciful**

Matthew 5:7 Participants will encounter the fifth blessing and promise of the Beatitudes. They will hear the terms "mercy" and "merciful" and contrast mercy to the harshness we see in the world. Participants will hear a grown-up say that God is merciful to us. They will receive a challenge to see the world through lenses of mercy, or "mercy glasses."

Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>: **Blessed Are the Pure in Heart**

Matthew 5:8 Participants will encounter the sixth blessing and promise of the Beatitudes. They will hear the term "pure in heart," and explore what it means to integrate our hearts, minds, and bodies to be whole human beings. Participants will hear a grown-up say purity sometimes disrupts the world in order to be faithful. They will receive a challenge to care for others because our hearts are created to love others. As always, if you have any questions or ideas please feel to reach out to me.

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**OUTREACH & MISSIONS**

We are extending our Lenten mission through April 25<sup>th</sup>. It is our collection for the **Attleboro Literacy Center**: students need assistance with household and dry goods (that are otherwise not available at food pantries), and baby supplies. See the suggested list below:

**Cleaning supplies**

- Bleach, Lysol, toilet cleaner, floor cleaner
- Soap (hand soap and dish soap)
- Sponges, paper towels
- Clorox wipes

**Dry goods**

- Tinfoil
- Cling wrap
- Ziploc baggies
- Paper towels
- Paper napkins
- Toilet paper

**Toiletries**

- Toothpaste (for adults and children)
- Tooth brushes
- Mouth wash

- Hand soap
- Face wash
- Body and hand lotion (hypoallergenic)
- Wash cloths
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Body wash

**Baby goods**

- Diapers
- Baby formula
- Wet wipes (hypoallergenic)
- Baby food
- Toddler snacks

Please contact the church office for drop off times (508) 222-4677, or bring them on Sunday mornings. There are labeled blue bins in the church kitchen. The Lenten Mission collection items will be distributed to Literacy Center students and others in need at our April Food Pantry.

The **Food Pantry** will be "open for business" to Attleboro residents on **Monday, April 26** in Fellowship Hall. The volunteers distributed bags of food to 8 families in February, and 9 families in March. Thank you for your generous donations of money and supplies. Spaghetti sauce, cereals, real fruit juices, canned fruit, baked beans, tuna, spam, peanut butter, hearty soups, corned beef hash, detergent, toiletries, and female hygiene products are always welcome. The drop-off site is in the church office or kitchen for the time being. Contact Betsy Pray, [rlpbpp@gmail.net](mailto:rlpbpp@gmail.net). The **Family Café** is temporarily closed. Contact: Linda Wiswall, [wiswalllinda@gmail.com](mailto:wiswalllinda@gmail.com).

The next Outreach and Missions Committee meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** at 9 a.m. on Zoom. Welcome to our new committee member Paula Foresman. Please let us know if you would like to join our committee, attend meetings, or have any concerns. Contact: Janet Blair, [janbblair@aol.com](mailto:janbblair@aol.com)

## April Birthdays

- 1 Ron Candelet  
Jamie Reiley
- 3 Steve Smith  
Linda Wiswall
- 4 Leslie Baptist  
Thomas Smith  
George Spatcher
- 7 Bill Morton
- 8 Vicki Buttrick
- 9 Rick Bassler
- 12 Julie O'Connor
- 13 John Nuovo
- 14 Debra Hazen
- 16 Sheila Koback
- 17 Edie Beauregard
- 18 Lynn Candelet
- 19 Bill Armstrong
- 20 Nicole Corliss  
Emma Goulding
- 22 Bob Frye
- 25 Casandra Case
- 28 Joe Ordog
- 30 Julie Cusack

## MUSIC NOTES

No long article on archival mysteries this month! Instead I'm going to summarize some of the issues with our live-streaming of Sunday worship over the last six weeks, and the fixes (permanent, I hope) that have been made.

The problems were plural, and so were the solutions. First, there were conflicts between our wireless devices and others, probably located outside of the church but nearby, in apartments or businesses. (For the technically-minded, the conflicts had to do with duplicate IP addresses). Then, on a subsequent Sunday, we discovered that even though everything looked perfect in-house, the signal wasn't being transmitted to our provider and then to the outside world (you at home). One "black-box" device that does this (it's called an encoder) was replaced. But then, over the next few Sundays the audio and video became more and more garbled and intermittent. Our main Comcast modem, which serves the entire building and connects to the Comcast network, was replaced. The

final discovery was that our internet upload speed was unpredictably dropping below the minimum required for intelligible streaming. The solution for that was to upgrade our Comcast service to give us higher speeds. Worship this past Sunday (March 21) worked perfectly. We will keep our fingers crossed that it stays that way.

Both Comcast and our streaming provider, Power Sound of New England (PSNE), agree that many of the above issues, including the conflicting IP addresses and the dropping upload speeds, have to do with the increasing use of wireless streaming over the past year. Homes, schools, businesses, and churches are using more devices and more internet bandwidth. Since most Comcast lines (including ours) are shared, usage by others affects one's own speed. Note too that reception at home of HD video and audio also requires higher download speeds. Your mileage may vary!

### BIG THANKS TO JACK!

Jack Baptist, officially our Sexton, is unofficially our Information Technology Problem Solver. Jack has done this for many years, mostly behind the scenes. Other than Comcast-owned devices (and now, those purchased from PSNE), all of the other equipment in the church building has been installed by Jack, often at minimal or no cost, salvaged from corporate use.

Jack has spent countless hours over the last few months diagnosing problems with our live-streaming. He's gotten us up and running at the last minute on some Sunday mornings. Most importantly, as an IT professional, he speaks the language of the Comcast and PSNE technicians. We've often (half-) joked that Jack, currently retired, could become PSNE's resident technician for the southeast MA region. But, seriously, the PSNE techs know that they can talk to Jack by phone and he knows what to do at this end. Jack's help has been invaluable, and we are grateful!

*Bill MacPherson, Director of Music*



The sight and sounds of spring are here! We are excited to kick off our largest fundraiser of the year! We will be selling raffle calendars for \$10 per calendar for the entire month of April. We will be selecting daily winners for the whole month of May! The greatest part is you have the opportunity to win more than once! Some of the prizes that will be on the calendar are a Brigg's Nursery Gift Card, a family membership to the Attleboro Art Museum, a summer fun bag, a week of Jack and Jill summer camp and many more wonderful items. There will be paper calendars available for sale April 1<sup>st</sup>. You can also call or email me to request a calendar.

The spring is a time of growth and our school curriculum literally comes alive in the spring; we will have butterfly habitats, lessons on wiggly worms and life cycles of plants and frogs! The preschoolers love this time of year and the teachers do too! They have worked hard all year at getting the daily routine down, fine tuning their self-help skills and are really inquisitive about the outside world!

We will begin working on special projects for both Mother's Day and Father's Day. The children really enjoy these projects. The children love to show their love for the grown-ups in their lives.

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year has been AMAZING! We have many full classes and are still receiving inquiries on a daily basis! I love being able to connect with new families and share all the wonderful things about Jack and Jill.

If you know anyone seeking pre-school, please send them our way. They can call us at 508-222-1149 or visit our website at [www.jackandjillattleboro.com](http://www.jackandjillattleboro.com)! Thank you for your continued support!

*Warmly, Katrina Lay  
Executive Director*

## APRIL CALENDAR

Each Sunday Service, 10 am  
In-person if possible,  
live streamed on our website!  
View later as well.

Virtual Sunday School at 9:00 am. See  
CE article for details.

J&J Board of Directors Meeting,  
April 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

Board of Deacons Virtual Meeting,  
April 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm

O&M Committee Virtual Meeting,  
April 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am

Facilities Committee Virtual Meeting,  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.

Food Pantry Distribution,  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Admin Committee Virtual Meeting  
April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

**May Voice Input Deadline,  
April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Church Council Virtual Meeting,  
April 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am.

## Did You Know?

A number of years ago, Lee Sanford, the long-time Curator of this church, got a call from a gentleman in Raynham who told him a very interesting tale. It seemed that this fellow, whose name is lost to history, had in his possession a civil war gravestone, which, for an unknown number of years, had served as a splash guard at the end of a roof drain on his house. Sacrilege, you say! But it seems that the stone was upside down so there was no telling exactly what it was, least of all a tombstone. Well, one day while doing a little remodeling, the stone was proved to be a genuine civil war marker. Now what to do with it. He couldn't reuse it so he started digging in another direction.

From my personal experience, I know that Raynham has a very extensive genealogy collection, and after much research he did find the man's name and service record.

*George A. Tripp  
Co. H 3rd. Mass. Mil Inf.*

But where did the stone originally come from. After checking with the GAR archives, he discovered that the veteran's wife was buried in our Kirkyard. Hence the call to Lee Sanford. Arrangements were made and a hole was prepared. The stone weighs a goodly amount and about half of it is below ground. About this time, the late Ed Smith, who was a member of our congregation, was very involved with a civil war re-enactor company and they were only too happy to give George a proper civil war send off. The company arrived in full dress uniforms including their rifles. The original plan was to have them fire a salute and then play taps, but the Attleboro Police vetoed the idea of a rifle discharge even if it was only blanks.

In any event taps was played, and the company marched off the field. I missed the civil war because I was too young but I was there for George's funeral.

Ted Moxham





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## Daily Lectionary Scripture References –May 2021 (Year B)

**Sat., May. 1**

Psalm 22:25-31  
Amos 9:7-15  
Mark 4:30-32

**Sun., May. 2*****Fifth Sunday of Easter***

Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

**Mon., May. 3**

Psalm 80  
Isaiah 5:1-7  
Galatians 5:16-26

**Tues., May. 4**

Psalm 80  
Isaiah 32:9-20  
James 3:17-18

**Wed., May. 5**

Psalm 80  
Isaiah 65:17-25  
John 14:18-31

**Thurs., May. 6**

Psalm 98  
Isaiah 49:5-6  
Acts 10:1-34

**Fri., May. 7**

Psalm 98  
Isaiah 42:5-9  
Acts 10:34-43

**Sat., May. 8**

Psalm 98  
Deuteronomy 32:44-47  
Mark 10:42-45

**Sun., May. 9*****Sixth Sunday of Easter***

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

**Mon., May. 10**

Psalm 93  
Deuteronomy 7:1-11  
1 Timothy 6:11-12

**Tues., May. 11**

Psalm 93  
Deuteronomy 11:1-17  
1 Timothy 6:13-16

**Wed., May. 12**

Psalm 93  
Deuteronomy 11:18-21  
Mark 16:19-20

**Thurs., May. 13*****Ascension of the Lord***

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

**Fri., May. 14**

Psalm 47  
Exodus 24:15-18  
Revelation 1:9-18

**Sat., May. 15**

Psalm 47  
Deuteronomy 34:1-7  
John 16:4-11

**Sun., May. 16*****Seventh Sunday of Easter***

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

**Mon., May. 17**

Psalm 115  
Exodus 28:29-38  
Philippians 1:3-11

**Tues., May. 18**

Psalm 115  
Numbers 8:5-22  
Titus 1:1-9

**Wed., May. 19**

Psalm 115  
Ezra 9:5-15  
John 16:16-24

**Thurs., May. 20**

Psalm 33:12-22  
Genesis 2:4b-7  
1 Corinthians 15:42b-49

**Fri., May. 21**

Psalm 33:12-22  
Job 37:1-13  
1 Corinthians 15:50-57

**Sat., May. 22**

Psalm 33:12-22  
Exodus 15:6-11  
John 7:37-39

**Sun., May. 23*****Pentecost***

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**Mon., May. 24**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Joel 2:18-29  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11

**Tues., May. 25**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Genesis 11:1-9  
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

**Wed., May. 26**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
John 20:19-23

**Thurs., May. 27**

Psalm 29  
Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20  
Romans 8:1-8

**Fri., May. 28**

Psalm 29  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Romans 8:9-11

**Sat., May. 29**

Psalm 29  
Isaiah 5:15-24  
John 15:18-20, 26-27

**Sun., May. 30*****Trinity Sunday***

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17

**Mon., May. 31**

Psalm 99  
1 Samuel 2:11-17  
Romans 9:19-29

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