



June 4, 2020

## STAYING CONNECTED TO YOUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

### FAITH AND RACISM - INVITATION TO ONLINE PRAYER AND REFLECTION TONIGHT - THURSDAY, JUNE 4, AT 7:30 P.M. – VIA ZOOM

From the beginning, our church has proclaimed that faithful Christian discipleship includes resistance to racial injustice. We are a church that joins in covenant, confesses our faith, and seeks change in the world.

Please join me tonight for a time of prayer and reflection on this important topic.

Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster  
Senior Minister

HERE IS THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO JOIN TONIGHT'S ZOOM MEETING:

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### GOD OF SPIRIT, WIND, AND FIRE – A PRAYER



*God of Spirit, Wind and Fire,*

*We lean on You this day as we watch, listen and respond to all that is unfolding around us.*

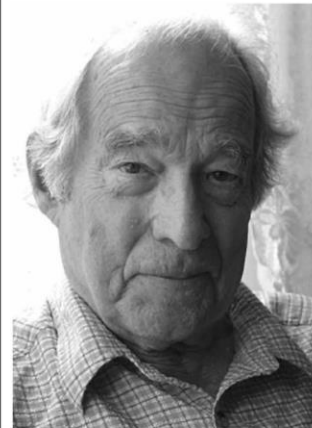
*Our hearts are broken, we are deeply grieved.*

*Your people are crying out for justice as repeated acts of violence towards our brothers and sisters of color continue.*

*Help us O' God! Send your fierce Spirit, the comforter, the advocate -- to call us forth and guide us! Fill us with courage as we are called forth to honor truth, justice, equality, and love.*

*Lord, in your mercy, we pray. Amen.*

**PREACHING VOICES  
A FOUR-WEEK DISCUSSION GROUP WITH REV. MATT WOOSTER.  
WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30 P.M.  
JUNE 24, JULY 1, JULY 8, JULY 15**



The tradition of Christian preaching is rich with a diversity of gifts. Each preacher seeks to listen to the voice of God at the point where the witness of scriptures meets the witness of our lives. In this initial four-week session, participants will have a chance to discuss the sermons of preachers, some well-known and some not, who have addressed American churches in the past fifty years. All participants will receive a link to an audio or video recording of the sermon to be discussed. Please register in advance, even if you cannot make all four sessions.

Barbara Brown Taylor preached “Sacramental Sky” on February 28, 2010.

Martin Luther King Jr. preached “The Drum Major Instinct” on February 4, 1968.

William Sloane Coffin preached “Alex’s Death” on January 23, 1983.

Rebekah Anderson preached on the Good Samaritan on March 16, 2019

**CONSIDER THESE  
TWO NEW PASTORAL CARE  
DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**MOURNING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES  
DURING THE PANDEMIC**

**Facilitated by Rev. Judy Swahnberg  
Monday, June 15, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.  
VIA ZOOM**

In the past few months, many people have lost someone they love. Grieving is always hard work. Especially now, without the circles of family and friends and the traditional healing rituals of funerals and memorial services and shared meals, the loss can feel even more acute.

Anyone who has experienced loss is welcome to gather for support, comfort and prayer.

**LIVING ALONE DURING THE PANDEMIC**

**Facilitated by Rev. Judy Swahnberg and  
Co-Senior Deacon Mimi D'Angelo  
Monday, June 22, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.  
VIA ZOOM**

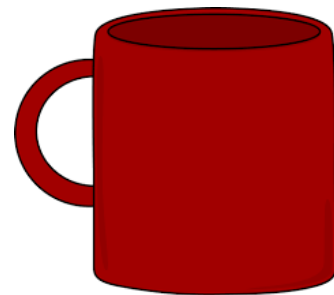
*You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.  
Psalm 16:11*

- What is working for you on your path? What is not working?
- What gives you joy?
- Let's share insights about living alone, living faithfully and fruitfully during this time of uncertainty.

**GRAB A CUP OF COFFEE AND COME TO VIRTUAL COMMUNITY HOUR!  
EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:30!**

Every Sunday morning, you are invited to visit with our clergy and other members and friends in a "Virtual Community Hour" from 9:30 Sunday morning until the virtual worship services begin to stream at 10:00.

Following a brief welcome, separate "breakout rooms" will be randomly generated to allow for conversations in small groups. The only agenda is to connect with familiar faces and meet new friends, so feel free to bring your coffee and stop in for a quick hello or stay for the full half hour. The dress code is casual. (PJs encouraged!)



Virtual Community Hour will be hosted as a Zoom conference. If you're not already a Zoom veteran – don't worry. Zoom is very easy to use. To participate in this Sunday's Virtual Community Hour by

computer, just click on the link you will see in the community hour notice that will be emailed to you at 6:45 on Sunday morning.

**NAVIGATING UNCERTAINTY DURING THE PANDEMIC**  
**And Think about Taking Advantage of**  
**These Other Sources of Support...**

**CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER**

Friday, June 12: 10:30-11:45 am.

Meets once a month

A gathering for Caregivers to find support and comfort.

Our group focuses on supporting caregivers of spouses, adult children, grandchildren, relatives, and family members.

VIA ZOOM

**CONNECTIONS**

Friday evening, June 19: 7:30 pm-9:30 pm

Meets once a month, usually.

We gather to talk, laugh, share opinions, recommend books and films, and appreciate where we are in our lives.

All women in the Hills Church are welcome.

VIA ZOOM

**SENIOR TEA WITH JUDY**

Put the kettle on and take a break!

3 PM-4:00 pm or so...

Two Tuesday afternoons in June: June 16 AND June 30

Come to either or both!

VIA ZOOM

To participate in any – or all – of these Zoom gatherings, just e-mail either Judy Swahnberg – [judy@hillschurch.org](mailto:judy@hillschurch.org) or Cynthia Gordan – [cynthia@hillschurch.org](mailto:cynthia@hillschurch.org) – and they will send you a Zoom link to click on when the time comes. It's as simple as that!

**ATTEND WORSHIP BY VIDEO**

Worship services have moved online during the building closure, with worship leaders recording their parts from different locations.

Worship services will be available on the website ([hillschurch.org](http://hillschurch.org)) early Sunday mornings. The services will also premiere on Facebook beginning at 10:00 every Sunday morning, so that people can worship together at the usual time.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE](#)

[CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE CHURCH'S FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

Also, visiting the church website will allow you to access the Order of Worship for each Sunday morning's 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

### NOON PRAYERS FROM THE HILLS

Did you know you can tune into the church Facebook page at noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for a brief time (5-15 minutes) of reflection and prayer with one of the ministers. These prayers are accessible for viewing later as well.

Tuesdays: Anne Marie Holloway

Wednesdays: Matt Wooster

Thursdays: Judy Swahnberg

### FAMILY PROMISE "FUN RUN" FUNDRAISER CANCELLED REPLACED WITH A VIRTUAL EVENT



An important fund raising run for Family Promise has had to be cancelled and replaced with a virtual run which began last Friday, May 29.

To participate, just find a sponsor or sponsors – and click on the link below to register!

[https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/virtual-wonder-run-](https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/virtual-wonder-run-2020?fbclid=IwAR25piAQoPh8AUg9Hgs8SFTWkcJ5Jhd_KNFW6DUO_7skDdJggIVfQGen_Mc)

[2020?fbclid=IwAR25piAQoPh8AUg9Hgs8SFTWkcJ5Jhd\\_KNFW6DUO\\_7skDdJggIVfQGen\\_Mc](https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/virtual-wonder-run-2020?fbclid=IwAR25piAQoPh8AUg9Hgs8SFTWkcJ5Jhd_KNFW6DUO_7skDdJggIVfQGen_Mc)

### CONTACT YOUR MINISTERS

Although we are not regularly in our offices at the church these days, you can still reach your ministers by phone and email. Please use the contact information below to be in touch with any of your ministers and know that they will be there for you if you want to:

- Share a prayer request,
- Have a conversation for pastoral care, or
- Simply share updates and receive a prayerful blessing by phone.

Rev. Anne Marie Holloway: [annemarie@hillschurch.org](mailto:annemarie@hillschurch.org)

Judy Swahnberg: [judy@hillschurch.org](mailto:judy@hillschurch.org)

Rev. Matt Wooster: [mattw@hillschurch.org](mailto:mattw@hillschurch.org)

### TUESDAY MORNING MEDITATION – FROM 9:30 TO 10:30 CONNECTING TO THE SPIRIT OF GOD...

*“The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with Thee,  
nor leaves Thy sight,  
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee.  
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.”*

From the American hymn, “The Lone, Wild Bird”

Whether you are new to meditation or practice it daily, please join us via Zoom as we find rest in the Spirit of God from our homes on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30am.

Zoom is a service that enables groups to connect either by video using your computer or by audio using your phone. And it is VERY easy to use. To participate, just e-mail Mary Hill Canavan (see below) and she will send you an official Zoom "invite" and tell you how to CLICK and Zoom in! (And if you have been meditating via Zoom for a while now, there is no need to e-mail Mary - as she will automatically send you a Zoom invite weekly!) Then at 9:30 next Tuesday morning, find a comfortable place to sit with your computer or phone and get ready to meditate with your friends - virtually!

Help us sustain a sense of community together in the midst of being apart.

Come as you are able, just as you are....

Peace to you all,  
Mary and Judy

P.S. Questions? Email Mary Hill Canavan at [mhillcanavan@gmail.com](mailto:mhillcanavan@gmail.com) or Rev. Judy Swahnberg at [judy@hillschurch.org](mailto:judy@hillschurch.org).

### **OUTREACH UPDATE FROM YOUR CHRISTIAN SERVICE SUPPORT BOARD**

The outreach activity of our church has continued despite the Covid-19 pandemic. The members of the Christian Service Support Board (CSSB) have remained in touch with the organizations which we have supported financially. Here are reports from two of those organizations.

**Family Promise** has a new outreach person, Paula Brown. Although for now they cannot house families at our Church, they are housing four families at leased facilities, one family will be moving into a house very soon, and they are negotiating a second house for June. Their volunteer group is still active and their national headquarters is working on new programs for families.

**The Wellesley Food Pantry** continues to be fully operational. They have had to move to the Unitarian Universalist Church just down the street from us during this summer's construction at our church. They update their website weekly to request items in short supply, but most staple foods and supplies are always in demand. Food pantry donations cannot be delivered to our church, but should be placed in collection bins at Roche Brothers or Whole Foods or dropped off at the west side of the Unitarian church. Volunteers are always welcome.

### **THE WELLESLEY FOOD PANTRY HAS MOVED TO TEMPORARY QUARTERS DURING THIS SUMMER'S CONSTRUCTION WORK AT OUR CHURCH**



Due to this summer's construction at the hills church, the Wellesley Food Pantry will be operating – on a temporary basis – out of the Unitarian Universalist church (309 Washington Street – across from Green's Hardware) but will be returning to the Hills Church once this summer's construction work is complete.

In the meantime, it is important for all of us to continue to support the vital work being done by The Food Pantry. The Pantry's website is updated weekly to reflect items in short supply, but they can always

use your help with white and brown rice (preferably 2 pound bags), vegetable oil, dishwashing liquid, paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, diapers in sizes 5 and 6, shelf-stable almond and soy milks, and jars of jelly/jam.

For more information about how you could help the Food Pantry at this time, you can always go to their website. Here is the URL - (<http://www.wellesleyfoodpantry.org>).

It is no longer possible to bring your Food Pantry donations to the church, but please continue to drop them in the collection bins at Roche Bros or Whole Foods. OR, you can drop your donations off on Monday mornings – between 8:30 and 10:30 – on the WEST side of the Unitarian Church.

Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated.

### **2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS ZOOM GATHERINGS:**

Our Confirmation Crew will continue to touch base on the second Wednesday of each month in June, July and August. We look forward to the Fall when we can celebrate their confirmation journey -- in person and in our sanctuary!

### **CONTINUED PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH/FAMILIES IN MAY:**

6, 7, 8 Church School will continue to gather on ZOOM each Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

Middle School Youth Group will continue to meet via Zoom at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons!

### **A NEW MEETING TIME FOR PRAYERFUL PARENTS**

Our Prayerful Parents ZOOM Prayer Group will meet for its last Thursday evening gathering of the program year on Thursday, June 11, at 7:30.

All our prayerful parents are invited to join Rev. Anne Marie Holloway on Monday mornings throughout the summer months for a " Morning Cup of Prayer" - beginning Monday morning, June 15, at 6:00.

### **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUP – FAITH IN UNCERTAIN TIMES**

The final meeting of this group is next Wednesday, June 10. High schoolers are welcome to participate in last meeting even if they have not been able to participate in any of the previous gatherings. is group will be continuing to meet each Wednesday evening at 7:00 – for the next two weeks.

At each of the Zoom-based gatherings, our youth will be invited to engage in conversations about fear, doubt, and hope – and Rev. Anne Marie Holloway and Mimi D'Angelo will explore ways in which our Faith can serve both as a compass and a guide as we continue to journey through this time of COVID-19 together.

Please be on the lookout for more information in a separate email.

**IF YOU HAVE EXTRA KITCHEN UTENSILS,  
DONNA MCCABE CAN HELP YOU FIND A GOOD HOME FOR THEM**

The Christian Service Support Board believes NOW would be a great time to clean out your kitchen drawers and take steps to ensure that any extra kitchen utensils you have make their way to the New Life Furniture Bank – and from there to a good home.

The New Life Furniture Bank provides furniture and household goods to individuals and families who are transitioning from a homeless environment, victims of fire, military veterans and refugees – and here are some things these individuals and families could use:.

Potholders	Serving Spoons
Kitchen Towels	Flatware
Can Openers	Measuring Cups & Spoons
Cutting Boards	Metal Flippers
Vegetable Peelers	Rubber Spatulas



Donna McCabe has volunteered to help you get your extra kitchen utensils into the hands of people who could really use them. Here is a picture of the bin she has put on her porch for this purpose. All you need to do is to stop by Donna and Gary’s house at 124 Washington Street in Wellesley and place your donations into this bin. Donna and Gary will take it from there – with much gratitude to you from them and from Christian Service for taking the time to extend a helping hand to those in need.

And you won’t even have to back your car out of the McCabe’s driveway. (They have a circular drive!)

Questions? Contact Donna McCabe [dmccabe4@comcast.net](mailto:dmccabe4@comcast.net)



## HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, June 4

- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning - Virtual
- 10:30 a.m. Church Staff Meeting - Virtual
- 12:00 p.m. Noon Prayers - Rev. Swahnberg\*\*\* - [On FB](#)
- 7:30 p.m. Online Prayer and Reflection – Faith and Racism – VIA ZOOM

### FRIDAY, June 5

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### SATURDAY, June 6

### SUNDAY, June 7

- 9:30 a.m. Virtual Community Hour - Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service\*\*\* - [Online](#)
- 11:00 a.m. Church School
- 11:15 a.m. 6, 7, 8 Church School
- 4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

This Sunday's Scripture Reading Psalm 8 Matthew 28:16-20
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### MONDAY, June 8

### TUESDAY, June 9

- 12:00 p.m. Noon Prayers - Rev. Holloway\*\*\* - [On FB](#)
- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Pastoral Care Meeting – Virtual
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council

### WEDNESDAY, June 10

- 12:00 p.m. Noon Prayers - Rev. Wooster\*\*\* - [On FB](#)
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Discussion Group – Faith in Uncertain Times - Virtual

### THURSDAY, June 11

- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning - Virtual
- 10:30 a.m. Church Staff Meeting - Virtual
- 12:00 p.m. Noon Prayers - Rev. Swahnberg\*\*\* - [On FB](#)
- 7:30 p.m. Prayerful Parents Check-Ins