



Red Door in the time of COVID 19

July 5 - 12, 2020



"I come with joy to meet my Lord

forgiven, loved and free in awe and wonder to recall, his life laid down for me." Sung to the American folk melody *Land of Rest*, hymn #304 is one of my favorites. It speaks of Christians coming together from far and near to find a new community of love made known and real in the bread of communion. I am both grateful and apprehensive that we can gather once again and share that bread. Unfortunately, we will not be singing this, or any other hymn, perhaps for a long time.

Rest is something that many of us could use more of. Parents who have been working from home while home-schooling children. Unemployed workers trying to file for unemployment benefits. Medical workers caring for more seriously ill patients than one worker should be responsible for at one time. And those who have been laid off or furloughed are probably not resting at all.

I pray that each one of us will find some time and place of rest and refreshment in the weeks ahead. The last 3 ½ months have been challenging, to say the least. The news has been full of frightening and disturbing images. This is a good time to remember that Jesus often withdrew from the crowds and even from his own students in search of rest. May you also, find peace and rest for your soul.

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Bayview Street Fireworks

Two families on Bayview Street offer a community fireworks display starting around 10 p.m. on Friday, June 3. The street will be blocked off from 6 – 11 p.m. that night for a block party. Feel free to bring a lawn chair to the rectory yard and enjoy the show (unfortunately Rev. Henny will NOT be able to attend and make the rectory available; perhaps next year!)

New directories available

Our 2020 directory was completed during our shutdown, and copies will be available for pick-up on Sunday mornings after worship and during regular office hours, which are 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Forward Day by Day

Our daily devotional for May, June, and July from Forward Movement, an Episcopal Church publishing company has arrived! The author for July is the Right Rev'd. Shannon MacVean-Brown, the newly consecrated eleventh bishop of the Diocese of Vermont. Pick one up this Sunday after worship or during the week in the office.

Red Doors, here we come!

Starting July 5 we will offer worship in person including receiving communion (the bread only). We will try to continue to live-stream worship on Facebook for those who are at particular risk for serious complications from COVID19. All people MUST wear masks the entire time they are in the building (except when actually consuming communion) and maintain six feet from every other household.

We will ENTER through the Red Doors that face Wayne Road and EXIT through the doors by the choir room. Worshippers will pick up a leaflet that contains all of the prayers and the psalm as they enter. An alms basin or basket will be in the main aisle for the collection of gifts, so no collection plates will be passed from person to person. A certain number of pews will be roped off so that each household has at least six feet between it and another household.

Communion hosts will be distributed by the celebrant standing at the foot of the chancel steps. Worshippers will come forward in a line, maintaining six feet behind the person ahead, step up to the celebrant to receive the host, then walk six feet to the right or left before moving their mask to consume the host. Hosts will NOT be placed into the mouths of worshippers by the celebrant.

We will also maintain a log of the names and contact information of all people who enter the building on Sunday morning so that if a case of COVID19 is reported, we can inform those who were present and may therefore be in danger of having been infected.

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