



Emmanuel Newsletter
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 6, 2021

Dear Friends,

We read in Mark's gospel this week that Jesus is accused of casting out demons with demons. Jesus responds wisely, how can Satan cast out Satan? Then we hear the familiar phrase that a divided kingdom cannot stand. At this time, our own nation is divided as severely as it has ever experienced. We might think that our President can resolve our differences. We certainly hope that will happen.

The message from the Lord gives to Samuel is to let the people decide whether they want a king or not. Give them the choice to make for themselves. The people said, "Give us a king to govern us." The Lord tells Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people...they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them." What these passages all have in common is the question of leadership – the who and the what – of leadership. In the end, Jesus said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

I hope that we can talk this week about the divisions that have divided our nation and how we, as citizens and Christians, can claim allegiance to God. At the founding of the United States, the idea of a king was rejected. Democracy was borne of a desire to share power and wealth – the 'commonwealth'. Each time we have strayed from those founding principles, we must struggle to find a better way. As individuals we are guided by our faith and our convictions. God asks us to put those; our faith and our convictions, to the test of the Holy Spirit and the will of God.

Join us on **Saturday, June 5th, at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom** for a lively dialogue.

Don't forget: **WE WILL BEGIN HAVING IN-PERSON SERVICES OUTDOORS AT EMMANUEL CHURCH BEGINNING JUNE 13TH AT 10 am. Bring your own chair and masks.** Be part of an emerging community!

Yours in Christ, The Rev. Joyce Caggiano

Priest in Residence, Emmanuel, West Roxbury

PS. Saturday Zoom services will continue the same as always even after June 13th.



PRAYER LIST

We ask that you keep in your prayers the following persons: Paul; Mary; Catherine and Brant; Carla; Michael; Parker; and Sergio.

(Please email us the names of those who need special prayers---info@emmanuelwr.org. Only first names will be used.)



NOTE: LIVE ZOOM SERVICE IS AT 5:00 PM this Saturday, June 5, 2021.

Join Zoom Service

<https://zoom.us/j/98212700271?pwd=SFhrdXcrVG5ReVV5N3FvUE4zOVNrdz09>

Meeting ID: 982 1270 0271

Passcode: 063049

After 7:00 pm on Saturday, view the TAPED service anytime via our website or YouTube site:

www.emmanuelwr.org

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB_XbZ8h9jldhA

Have a comment? Email us at: info@emmanuelwr.org



Mark Your Calendars! BEGINNING SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH
AT 10:00 AM, IN-PERSON SERVICES OUTDOORS AT EMMANUEL CHURCH.

Bring your own chair and wear a mask.



FREE Virtual Concert offered by the Theodore Parker Unitarian
 Universalist Church of West Roxbury

Virtual Concert of Justice and Hope Featuring Reggie Harris and Cosy Sheridan

Friday, June 11 at 7:00pm

- Sponsored by the Theodore Parker Unitarian Universalist Church of West Roxbury Racial Justice Task Force and Music on Centre, a concert series at the church
- The concert is free and no reservations are required but donations are welcomed for the performers and for the social justice work of the church.
- This will be a zoom concert streamed to the Theodore Parker UU Church Facebook page. See links below...

The Musicians:

- ***Reggie Harris** has been doing social justice and peace work his whole career through concerts, fundraisers and educational programs about the African-American experience and history.*
- ***Cosy Sheridan**, nationally celebrated as a multi-talented performer and teacher or songwriting and guitar styles, is known for her intriguing blend of personal and social commentary using both satiric and profound approaches to her themes.*

To Connect:

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86955214142?pwd=QjdyVi9DYU11UUo1Uy9EUWsxYkQxZz09>

Meeting ID: 869 5521 4142

Passcode: 156140

TPC Facebook page: is <https://www.facebook.com/tpcuuBoston/>