



NEWSLETTER
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 10, 2022
Emmanuel Church
West Roxbury, MA, 2022

Fellow Parishioners,

Welcome back from what we hope was a joyful and fun packed holiday weekend!

As the summer moves on we enter into 5 Pentecost, Proper 10. The service will feature Lessons from Deuteronomy and Colossians. As anyone who ventured into the Dialogue Sermon programs hosted by Rev Joyce during COVID, you will know that I am a big Old Testament fan. As nice as the Easter season is, all New Testament all the time leaves me somewhat detached. So, lessons from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy etc. get my attention back up!

I was recently asked by someone outside our church community if I spoke about the recent Supreme Court decision on abortion to the parish and how, as a Christian, did I speak to it. I say that I am only a warden of my parish. I have not spoken to it. What I do here I do as a devout Christian first and foremost. I read the Bible every day and attend an evening service five nights a week, I attend an amazing lay led service here at Emmanuel every Sunday.

I recently received an email from a non-parishioner with a link to an offensive article that does not reflect my values nor those of where I work, Home Depot. At Home Depot, our values are to respect and value every person we work with and those we serve. Many who found this too difficult a task are no longer employed at our company.

That is my answer to all of you and to those who asked. I value and respect all those who are like me or different. I value and respect those whose choices in life are like mine and are not. I defend the right of a woman to choose what is right for her. I defend the safety and health of a child abused and I defend the right of those so very different from me to be who they are, to be who God made them to be.

I do believe the Supreme Court, in the majority's haste to make history and turn back almost 50 years of precedence, has left all women and babies at greater risk than ever before. I will leave it at that.

I hope to see you this Sunday July 10 at the 10 am service. Thank you.

Terri Halliday, Warden



As the war continues, we pray for Ukraine and its people. Our prayers truly help, as they keep us mindful of God's love for us all and the miracles that occur even when all seems lost.

Please consider donating to one of the many organizations raising money for Ukraine. If you prefer to donate directly to an organization focused on helping children in Ukraine, there is Save the Children: https://support.savethechildren.org/site/Donation2?df_id=5746&mfc_pref=T&5746.donation=form1

Another worthy organization is World Central Kitchen a nonprofit founded by Chef José Andrés providing food onsite in Ukraine and to refugees coming into border countries. Learn more at: <https://wck.org/>

Слава Україні!

PRAYER LIST



Please keep in your prayers the following persons: Paul, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Gail, Anne, Patricia, Barbara., Maureen, Edmond.

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