St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Centered in God, Focused on Others



Altar Frontal created by Christina Laberge

Juneteenth Prayer Service

Honoring the Past, Recommitting Ourselves to a Future Rooted in Freedom, Beauty and God's Peace and Justice

Thursday, June 19, 2025
1:30 p.m.

17 Church Street, Hanover, MA 02339
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We are grateful to have you join us. Please note updated COVID-19 & Flu Guidelines:

- Masks are encouraged if you have any symptoms.
- Seek designated area - back 2 pews on the organ side will be for masked participants.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance to the church, and for use before and after Communion.

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, where we are centered in God and focused on others. You are joining us on our very first Juneteenth Celebration and the inauguration of our year-long Tricentennial Celebration. Three hundred years ago, in the very warm South Shore summer of 1725, a group of intrepid Anglicans gathered for prayer and community in the living rooms of like-minded worshippers. They sought time set aside for prayer, for bible study and for reflection on the pressing matters of their day.

Though they were people of great faith, we do not believe that early worshippers gave much intellectual thought or study to the issue of slavery. It was a fact of life. Several of the founding members of St. Andrew's are known to have enslaved people, and some of the proceeds that resulted from their free labor were invested in the continued worship, health and growth of the congregation that now gathers.

Current members of the St. Andrew's community are the beneficiaries of great generosity, faithful witness and the residue of enslaved labor, about which we learned by reading the extraordinary work of Wayne Tucker. On behalf of the Historical Society, he authored several compelling articles including Slavery in Hanover, MA which highlighted the fact that clergy members in this area owned people.

We give thanks for the opportunity to confess our complicity, as we celebrate the liberation of all people, especially all of those enslaved in Hanover and the South Shore and beyond whose work and stories are known to God, yet lost to history. We recognize and celebrate the great contributions made to our country, to our commonwealth and to this church by Black people throughout the ages.

We are grateful that you are here to join us as we affirm the dignity of all persons and their birthright claims to freedom and justice. And we rededicate ourselves to being vigilant against all evils, especially those inherent in oppression and all forms of exploitation. God needs all of us to be united in this divine vision, even in our blessed and sacred diversity.

Our celebration will include the blessing of new vestments and altar hangings that have been so beautifully made by the fabric artist and faithful steward Christina Laberge who has brought to life the vision and legacy of Camille Cibik and Barbara Whitman. Both Camille and Barbara were driving forces in this parish community, and each adored the out of doors. These exquisite liturgical gifts will be used for our longest season of the year – Ordinary Time – inviting us to deepen our faith as we are inspired by Christina's work and The Cibik and Whitman families' generosity.

Please know that you are welcome to participate in this service and in the joyful celebration that follows, as fully as you are comfortable. We are glad that you are here!



The Reverend Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.

OPENING HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LEVAS 1)

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that
the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the
present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun
Of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had
died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers
sighed?

We have come over away that with tears has
been watered;
We have come, treading our path through
the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star
is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the
way;
Thou who hast by thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places,
our God, where we met thee;
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of
the world, we forget thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT

Bishop: Blessed are you, holy and living One
All: **You come to your people and set them free.**
All pray together:
Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us, resist the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and all manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION

Assisting Clergy: Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

All:
Almighty God, Source of all that is,
Giver of every good gift:
You create all people in your image
and call us to love one another as you love us.
We confess that we have failed to honor you
in the great diversity of the human family.

We have desired to live in freedom,
while building walls between ourselves and others.
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin,
or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.
We have tried to love our neighbors individually
while yet benefitting from systems that hold
those same neighbors in oppression.
Forgive us, Holy God.
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,
united in our diversity,
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever.
Amen.

Bishop: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

GLORIA *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (LEVAS 196)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.
***People*: And also with you.**
Presider: Let us pray.

The Presider prays on behalf of the people:

Almighty and most loving God, through your Son Jesus, who came among us choosing to serve his disciples than to be served by them; help us in our weakness not to seek to oppress others, nor to make peace with any form of exploitation, but in all things earnestly and of our own free will to seek to serve each other following Christ's good example, this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

PSALM 139 *Read responsively*

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, **even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Assisting Clergy***:** As we honor and mark this Juneteenth holiday celebration, we offer prayers for ourselves and the world.

Lay Reader: That those entrusted with authority in our nation may support the changes needed in order to exercise leadership and promote healing it in an authentic, responsible, and peaceful manner, we pray . . .
People: **Lord help us hear your call to become instruments of your peace.**

Lay Reader: That the fullness of justice and compassion may be extended to the victims and families who have been subjected to violence in all its forms, abuse, discrimination, or death, we pray . . .
People: **Lord help us hear your call to become instruments of your peace.**

Lay Reader: That our communities and our schools and all sanctuaries may find ways to eliminate violence, especially violence against black and brown people, so that this country may take the lead in fostering conditions for healing racial divisions, we pray. . .
People: **Lord help us hear your call to become instruments of your peace.**

Lay Reader: That we be courageous daily in living out the challenges of the Gospel, we pray . . .
People: **Lord help us hear your call to become instruments of your peace.**

Assisting Clergy: We pray, O Lord, for change. Jesus you revealed God through your wise words and loving deeds, and we encounter you still today in the faces of those whom society has pushed to the margins. Guide us, through the love you revealed, to establish the justice you proclaimed, that all peoples might dwell in harmony and peace, united by that one love that binds us to each other, and to you. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Bishop: The God of heaven has made a home on earth.
All: **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**
Bishop: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a loving sign of God's peace and gratitude to be joined together in community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

The offering will be used to support our Racial Justice Internship as part of St. Andrew's 300th anniversary work.

BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF THE NEW ALTAR HANGINGS BY THE BISHOP

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for the beautiful artistry and vision that your child Christina has brought to this sacred space. Please imbue these altar hangings and vestments with your love and may they be a conduit to your peaceful embrace. **Amen**

Lord, we give special thanks for the mothers Camille and Barbara who worshipped so faithfully in this space, and found delight in God's presence out of doors. Bless Barbara and Camille's, children, Nancy, Sandra, Joyce and Camille whose love and generosity have made these gifts possible. May they sustain and inspire worship whenever they are used. May they be remembered as gifts given in loving memory to devoted mothers whose lives were rooted in God and bloomed in faith and love. May we each come to know and to follow their blessed examples as we continue to age and live into our full stature. **Amen.**

May these joyful and faithfully made paraments inspire study, reverence and Holy and spiritual connections to God's word and expectations. **Amen.**

May these matching vestments bless all who wear them as your servants and as leaders of this congregation. May they be symbolic of our respect for St. Andrew's' past, as they are worn and adorn this sacred space as beacons for a faithful and fruitful future. **Amen.**

Gracious and loving God, please bless the hands, hearts and souls of each of the members of the St. Andrew's Altar Guild, whose faithful work and care for these new vestments and paraments will ensure their preservation. As they care for all of this church's sacred vessels and linens, help them feel your presence and inspired by your love as they are entrusted with these blessed adornments from this day forward. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Assisting Clergy: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

And now, may God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, exploitation of people, so that we may continue to work for justice, freedom and peace. **Amen.**

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. **Amen.**

May God bless us with optimism and vision to know that we can make a difference in this work, so that we can accomplish all that you ask of us. **Amen.**

And the Blessing of God Almighty, the One who Creates, Redeems and Sanctifies, be upon you and all you love, this day, and forever more. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *We are marching in the light of God (Siyahamba)* (WLP 787)

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of, the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of, the light of God.
We are marching, marching we are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kewnkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen, khanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba,
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen, khanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahambe, hamba, siyahamba, hamba,
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Marcharemos en la luz de Dios,
Marcharemos en la luz de Dios.
Marcharemos en la luz de Dios
marcharemos en la luz de, la luz de Dios.
Marchremos remos marcharemos remos
marcharemos en la luz de la luz de dios.
Marcharemos, remos marcharemos
remos marcharemos en la luz do Dios.

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of, the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of, the light of God.
We are marching, marching we are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world in peace.
Be of good courage.
Hold fast to that which is good.
Strengthen the faintheartedness.
Support the weak.
Comfort the afflicted.
Be patient with all,
but make no peace with oppression.
Love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

With Gratitude: portions from From: https://mercyedu.org/juneteenth-2020-prayer-service/); Opal Lee, a 93-year-old activist.

OUR PRAYER AND SACRAMENTAL LIFE

PRAYER LIST:
Meaden family - Greg Eaton - Bill MacLellan – Nicol Family – John – Arlene Watkins – Sandra Whitman - Tracy Sprows – family of Amy Motta—Dennis - Lee G – Don S – Pam E – Jan B – Leah – Katrina & Darren – Paul Nicol –Mark D – Art J – Joyce – Matthew – Thomas & Gloria – Susannah -- David – Margie T – Paula – Pam & Tom – Bill – David H – Sharon M – Greyson -- Jesse & Krystin – Rosie & Silva Family – Haley -- Rita Peak -- Noah Fye -- Tom Finnegan – Sarah – Valerie -- Dennis

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to these your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Each week this prayer list includes requests we have received through publication. If you wish to add people to this list, please use the prayer board in the narthex or email office@standrewshanover.org or call the office or place a note on the offertory plate or give to an usher or to Rev. Amy at Sunday service.

PICK-UP CHOIR BEGINNING JULY 6.
The St. Andrew's Pick Up Choir is a prototype for summer programming. Our goal is to warmly and graciously invite anyone from the congregation or the wider community to try their voices out on Sunday mornings as part of our Summer Pick Up Choir. You are welcome to join for one Sunday, or for every Sunday. The time commitment is an extra half an hour or forty minutes before the service that begins at 9:30am. Have you ever wanted to join the choir, but didn't have the time or confidence in your voice? Not sure if you can carry a tune, but you love church music? THIS is the group for you! Each Sunday morning, our Summer Music Director will begin practice for anyone who is joining us that day at 8:45 am. Quick vocal warmups, and then she will go directly into practicing the hymns and service music chosen for that day. ALL ARE WELCOME! Give this ministry a try, with no stress or long-term commitment required.

OUR YOUTH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - TRUE NORTH!
July 14 through 18! Watch for sign-up on our website. Guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

Link to online giving:
Look at what's happening at St. Andrew's this summer – there is something for everyone . . .



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 14-18, campers 9 a.m. to noon;
volunteers 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.
$50/child, $100 max per family
(watch for sign-up on website & in the Call)



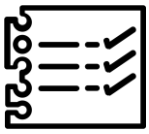
ROSIE'S DAY AT THE BEACH – Wednesday, July 30



***SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY – 11 a.m. to noon**
July 20, July 27, August 10, August 17



TUESDAY MORNING NATURE WALKS – 8-9:30 a.m.
July 8, July 22, August 12



***TUESDAY MORNING POLICY & RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**
10:00 a.m.
July 1, 8, 22, 29



***WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY/POTLUCK/COMPLINE – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**
July 9, July 23, August 6, August 20



THURSDAY DINNER WITH RECTOR IN HULL
– 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
July 10 and August 21



SATURDAY YARD SALE
August 23



GARDENING
Times and Dates to be determined by Volunteers

See interest sign-up forms on parish website *ZOOM options available

Upcoming events:

Monday, June 23 through Friday, June 27: Rev. Amy attending Leader's Way Immersion Certificate Program for Episcopal Clergy at Yale University, CT

Saturday, June 28: Norwell graveside service for Mr. Robert Mastro and Mr. John Cann at 11 am

Saturday, June 28: Celebration of Life joint service at 2 pm for Robert and Bonnie Teetsell, with internment in Memorial Garden to follow and then a gathering in the parish hall

Monday, June 30: Private burial service for Barbara Whitman in Bourne National Cemetery

Monday, July 7: Graveside service for Jean Krous at Blue Hills Cemetery with reception to follow in parish hall

Recurring events:
Sundays: 8:45am pick-up choir;
9:30am service
Office Hours: *Tues. & Wed.*: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; *Thurs.*: 12:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Mondays: Rector's Sabbath

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

HANOVER FOOD PANTRY:
This month we are collecting cleaning supplies, dish detergent, laundry detergent.

ROSIE'S DAY AT THE BEACH - THIS SUMMER ON WEDNESDAY JULY 30
We offer the guests of Rosie's Place, a women's shelter in Boston, an enjoyable summer day away from the city, including time at the beach, a cookout, and an opportunity to 'shop' for clothing and essentials. This special day also fosters meaningful connections and conversation with members of the St. Andrew's community.

On our website see the detailed list of ways you can be a part of this amazing day including donating Summer clothes, help set up, be a greeter/food server at the church or beach or work at the Boutique. Monetary donations are also welcomed
Donations can be brought to the Parish Hall and placed on the stage on Sundays or during office hours. Please contact Michelle Joyce (781-504-5907)
or Carol Scott (617-347-3647) with any questions.
All volunteers are welcome. Link to volunteer/donate on our website
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4FAFA72FABF94-57231934-rosies

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Contact Information:
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HAPPY JUNETEENTH!

This Celebration:

Presider:	The Right Reverend Julia E. Whitworth
Assisting Clergy:	The Reverend Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.
Crucifer:	Charles Fiorentino
Lay Readers:	Suzanne Bunszel and Kristi Peak-Oliveira
Organist:	Sean Glennon

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

Juneteenth in Hanover, MA: Honoring the Past, Recommitting Ourselves to a Future Rooted in Freedom, Dignity, Beauty and God's Peace and Justice

1:00 pm JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION GETS UNDERWAY

1:30 pm Juneteenth Prayer Service presided by The Right Reverend Julia E. Whitworth in the Sanctuary, includes confession, blessing of new altar hangings and vestments. Great music. Service will be live streamed on St. Andrew's youtube & facebook channels.

Band takes a break

2:10 pm Photos with Bishop Whitworth, selfies and social media promotion, socializing, meeting and greeting

2:45 pm Blessing of Red Maple Tree, planted to recognize all of the clergy leaders of the previous 300 years. Offering gratitude for their faithful leadership that has brought us to this day and milestone in St. Andrew's history (Band takes a break)

3 pm Bishop Whitworth departs

3 pm Tower Climb for all interested, with spotters

3 pm Food and games continue

3:45 pm Grills finish