



June 17, 2020

**THIS SUNDAY**

**June 21, 2020**

10:30 a.m. **Gender Freedom**

Arthur Freeheart, Cathy Crosby, and Teresa Veramendi, Social Justice Coordinator

[Click here](#) for instructions on how to join virtual worship on Sunday.

**CHURCH NEWS**

**Help Us Shape the Future:** In this time of constant change, we want to hear from you. Please take this [short survey](#) to help us create programming and initiatives that inspire you.

**[Drop In Chalice Circle:](#)** Now is a great time to join a chalice circle, and this one allows you to come when you can, with no need to attend every time. Join James at 2pm every Thursday on Zoom for a chance to connect, reflect, and unwind.

**[Anti-Racist Resources:](#)** Visit this post for ideas on how to start the work of anti-racism. We plan to add more resources as time goes on. If you would like to contribute to the resources with a book review or other suggestion, please [email](#) us.

**Soft Re-Opening:** Church Council recently approved a soft re-opening of the church building which allows members and staff to use the building on an individual basis if all safety precautions are followed and the use is pre-approved. Please [email](#) to arrange a time for quiet personal reflection in the sanctuary or to use the library.

**Grace House:** The pandemic has dramatically reduced the amount of donations they are receiving at Grace House, and they will soon have a full roster. If you are able to drop off donations, they are seeking twin bedding sets, towels, personal hygiene products, cleaning supplies, and masks. If you have questions, you can [email Sara](#) in the office.

**Campus Kitchens:** If you can help prepare or distribute the free to-go meals on Monday nights, please [sign up for a shift online](#). If you know someone who could use a free meal, please send them to the church parking lot at 5 p.m. on Monday nights.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

*NOTE: The church building remains closed. All gatherings will take place virtually.  
Links and instructions to participate below.*

**Thursday, June 18**  
2:00 p.m., Chalice Circle

**Sunday, June 21**  
10:30 a.m., Worship

**Monday, June 22**  
Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

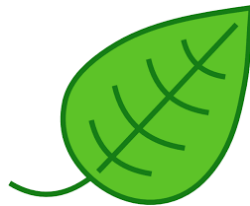
**Tuesday, June 23**  
7:00 p.m., Sermon Writing Workshop

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Religious Education on Hiatus

Our children and youth religious education program will be on hiatus until Sunday, June 21. We will be preparing for our summer programming in the interim. See you soon!



### *It's Easy Being Green!*

Green gift ideas:

For the outdoorsy campers and hikers in your circle, consider a gift from "The Humble Procrastinator" at the Village Mercantile in Saranac Lake and Green Goddess in Lake Placid. Product line includes reusable sandwich and snack pouches, recycled shopping totes; recycled tent canvas become bucket bags with handles. Access on Facebook--@

thehumbleprocrastinator for easy, guilt free shopping.

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## HELPFUL RESOURCES and OPPORTUNITIES

**Recommended Reading:** If you're looking for reading material that will help you understand more about the reality of the struggle faced by People of Color in the United States, this list is a great place to start.

**Poor People's Campaign Moral March on Washington:** Poor & low-income people are suffering most in the current COVID-19 crisis. We won't be silent anymore. The Poor Peoples Campaign's Mass Poor People's Assembly & Moral March on Washington is going digital! On June 20, 2020, we will hold the largest digital gathering of poor and low-income people and people of conscience in this nation's history. Join us: [June2020.org](http://June2020.org)

**The Nature Up North summer campfire series has gone virtual!** Join us this Thursday, June 18 at 7-8 pm on Zoom for a reading of the Lorax, Lorax-themed arts and crafts, and camp songs. To participate, register

at <https://www.natureupnorth.org/lorax-campfire>. We will send all registrants information on how to access the zoom meeting. Hope to see you there!

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