

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020

7:00 P.M. – VIRTUAL MEETING

*I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121:1-2

Quorum. The March Vestry Meeting was called to order virtually on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The following Vestry members were present, representing a quorum for the conduct of business: Millicent Bain, Nancy Bowen, Sean Goldrick, Lis Green, Beverly Griffith, Anita Richardson, Doug Riley, Jan Schroeder, Peter Shafer, Anna von Lunz, David Wallack, and Ted Winstead. The following clergy members, staff members, and officers were present: David Ware, Freda Marie Brown, Cristina Paglinauan, Ellen Chatard, Keri Frisch, Steven Sutor, Tony Brandon, and Fern Riley.

Opening Prayer. David Ware opened the meeting with a prayer.

Reflection. Anita Richardson offered a spiritual reflection.

Approval of Minutes. Fern Riley presented the minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on February 18, 2020. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Rector's Report [David Ware]. David said the staff has been planning for ways to maintain our mission and connections during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic when worship services and meetings have been cancelled in an effort to mitigate the spread of the virus under Governor Larry Hogan's order and Bishop Eugene Sutton's directive. The clergy will offer weekly Morning Prayer services live via Facebook on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:00 a.m., Noonday Prayer on Tuesday and Thursday at 12:00 noon, Evening Prayer on Saturday at 5:00 p.m., and Morning Prayer with Sermon on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The services will also be available later in the day for those not on Facebook from the church website link. Many have tuned in already this week and given positive feedback and thanks to the staff for Freda Marie Brown's service yesterday.

David said the staff is organizing a team of volunteers to individually stay in contact with 12-15 assigned parishioners at least once a week to help extend our pastoral reach. The volunteers will check in with parishioners to see how they are doing, ask what their needs are and how they are meeting them, remind them about our streaming worship services, and notify the clergy of any acute concerns.

E-Redeemer will be sent out twice a week during this time. On Monday, it will provide offerings and information from the Center for WellBeing, and on Thursday, it will have a clergy reflection and other news. Several groups will try conducting virtual meetings, including Centering Prayer, Breathing Group, Bible Study, and recovery groups. Plans for Holy Week and Easter will be developed.

Cristina Paglinauan has been in touch with our community partners at Govans Elementary School, GEDCO and the CARES Food Pantry, Paul's Place, the Helping Up Mission, Johnston Square Elementary School, and BUILD. More information about ways we will organize to help will be coming and available in E-Redeemer.

Vestry Nominations [Ellen Chatard]. Ellen Chatard said our plans for Vestry nominations and the Sunday, April 26 Annual Meeting may need to be postponed. Beverly Griffith and Doug Riley agreed to help in drafting a resolution for the Vestry to allow for such a change in plans.

Adjournment. Doug Riley gave a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Fern Riley, Registrar