

## Outdoor, In Person Worship

Given the advances we have made with vaccines, along with the common sense practices that Americans have undertaken for the last 14 months - wearing our masks, watching our distance and washing our hands – the CDC has issued new guidelines on gathering for worship. Taking these guidelines into consideration, along with epidemiological studies published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* and elsewhere, the Meetinghouse Committee (Casey Mulqueen, Jim Muschett, Patty Bilotto, Todd Gregory, Alex Ackley, Maria Ferrante, David Spollett, and Vanessa Rose) and Council have voted unanimously to begin holding **Worship Services Outdoors**.

**May 9 at 8:00 am** we will continue our longstanding tradition of holding Outdoor Worship at the Audubon Center on Burr Street. Masks will be required and social distancing encouraged. Wear your outside clothes, bring a chair or blanket, and join us in the beauty of bird song and budding trees!

**May 16 at 12 noon** we will gather on the front Lawn on Old Post Road for Outdoor Worship with musical accompaniment! We will continue on the Lawn **each** Sunday through June 13. Masks will be required and social distancing encouraged. Bring a chair or blanket, and join us in our “home spot!”

**Each Sunday at 10:15 am**, tune into our On Line Worship (with no congregation in attendance).

**Between now and mid-June** we will make further decisions about worship for the summer, including where and when to hold Outdoor, In Person Worship as well as the **possibility** of Indoor, In Person Worship. All decisions will take into account our desire and spiritual need to gather for worship, balanced with the best scientific advice on actions required to minimize risk to public health and safety.