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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

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Spotlight on Grace: Worship Wherever You Roam

I love being a parish priest, but there are at least two downsides I can think of. One, I don't get to sit in the congregation with my family very often. Two, I don't usually get to experience worship in other churches. (Of course, I knew about both of these when I signed on for this career!)

So vacation is a an opportunity for me (and clergy generally) to get to do one or both of these things that most Christians take for granted. All

Christians, clergy or laity, who are actively engaged in the life of their parish have a chance to worship in a different church when they are travelling. Doing so allows us to see how others "do church", and we can sometimes bring helpful ideas back to our home parishes.

Even more importantly, worshipping when on vacation or travelling can remind us that we are part of the Church universal, brothers and sisters in Christ with people from Cape Cod to Cape Town. This past Sunday, our family worshipped at Church of All Angels, Twilight Park, Haines Falls, NY. I hope that any of you who are travelling this summer will join me in worshipping at a local church wherever you find yourself on a Sunday. And if you experience anything in another church that you like, let me know when you get back to Providence!



Summer blessings, Jonathan

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music

Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

Prayer Group: Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am, Chafee Room.

Open Doors: Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. During the summer, Open Doors will be Monday through Thursday.

Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking:

Please find wheelchair access from the sidewalk on Westminster Street into the church.

Handicapped parking spaces have been posted for Sundays on Mathewson Street near Westminster.

Parking for Worship: Parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. Additional parking is also available on the top level only of the PPAC parking garage, for which the entrance is on Weybosset Street. A stairway from the top level leads right to Chapel Street across from the church. A small number of spaces are available on the portion of the Grace Church lot facing Snow Street, along an inset section of the construction fence. For all other times, please [check with the parish administrator](#) for availability.



July 9, 2017 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

For the text of this Sunday's readings, [please click here](#):

[Zechariah 9:9-12 ~ Psalm 145:8-15 ~ Romans 7:15-25a ~ Matthew 11:16-19,25-30](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Episcopal Youth Event](#). [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.



Summer Choir Is Now in Session

During the summer months we will enjoy the leadership of our summer choir! Summer Choir is open to anyone who sings with the Grace Church Choir, or anyone who would like to try singing in the choir. We meet in the Choir Room at 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings, rehearse the hymns and psalm, and prepare a simple anthem or two. You don't need to give previous notice, but if you would like to try Summer Choir, please do [email Vince Edwards](#), Director of Music, for more information, or if you have any questions. Feel free to sing one Sunday, or every Sunday! Please note: We may not vest once the weather turns hot, so please wear our summer choir "uniform" - white blouse or shirt, black (or very dark) shorts, pants or skirt and dark-ish shoes (sandals are fine!).



A Grace Church Thank You

On behalf of Luci Scanlan, who coordinated our June 25 reception to honor Champ Cooley, and on behalf of all of us here at Grace Church, we would like to thank everyone who helped to make that reception possible.

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