



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

May 17, 2019

## Spotlight on Grace: Thursday Concert Season Finale



**Welcome!**



**Enjoy  
FREE  
Half-Hour  
Concerts**

*Donations  
Gladly Accepted*

**Thursdays at Noon**

**Weekly Organ, Vocal or  
Instrumental Performances  
brought to you by  
Music at Grace**

Every Thursday between September and December, and February through May, Grace Church hosts Thursdays at Noon, free half-hour concerts held in the church. This tradition is not a new one at Grace, though there was an extended break for many years, until the fall of 2015.

A faithful audience negotiates downtown traffic and parking to enjoy some of the great music written for organ, piano, voice, oboe, trumpet, guitar, and more. In addition to our faithful regulars, our sidewalk sign often entices those passing by to stop in for a brief listen, or to stay for the entire concert. Sometimes on a cold February Thursday, 10 or 12 people brave the elements to hear Director of Music Vince Edwards share favorite repertoire for the organ. The last two Thursdays saw distinguished guest artists Christopher Lowrey and Cheryl Bishkoff draw crowds of 40 people!

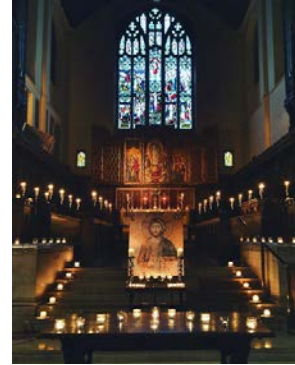
This coming Thursday, May 23, will be our final concert of this season: Quirky Keyboard Fun with Vince Edwards at the organ. Following the concert, a complimentary light lunch will be served in The Pavilion to celebrate the end of our fourth season. Please do join us and discover this musical gem - a gift to the city from Grace Church!

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## Compline this Sunday

Please don't miss our Compline service beginning at 8:00pm this Sunday, May 19, and featuring the Women's Compline Choir. Doors open at 7:30pm for contemplation and prayer, and then at 8:00pm enjoy half an hour of soothing chant, candlelight, and incense.

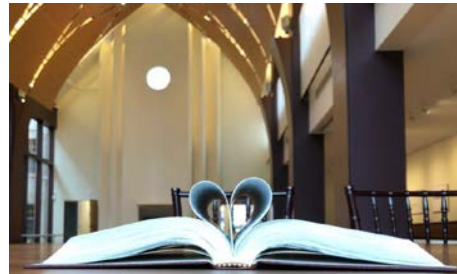
And please mark your calendars for the Annual Choral Concert featuring the Grace Church Choir on Sunday, June 2, at 4:00pm. The program is titled *Notes in Glass and Stone*, and features music of Willan, Handel, and more.



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## New Weekly Bible Study at Grace

Starting on Saturday, May 4th, Grace Church will offer a weekly Bible study from 9:30am to 11:00am. The study sessions will be led each week by Gale Grey, Jonathan Huyck, Lavonne Seifert, or Hartwell Hylton. For this spring, we'll be starting with the Acts of Apostles. All are welcome to attend anytime they're able.

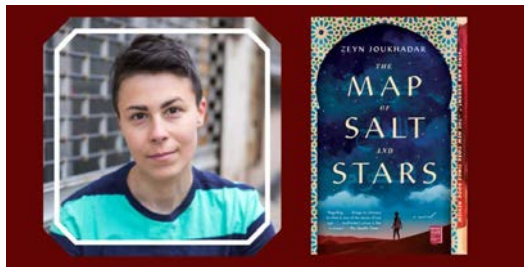


You are welcome to park in the church lot and enter through the Pavilion entrance. For this coming Saturday, please note that Westminster Street is scheduled to be closed for a street fair, so approaching the lot from Empire Street or Weybosset Street is recommended. We will meet in the Chafee Room. If you have any questions, feel free to [ask the rector](#). Please join us!

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## An Evening with Author Zeyn Joukhadar in The Pavilion at Grace

Savoy Bookshop & Café and Reading Across Rhode Island (RARI) present an evening with Zeyn Joukhadar, the author of *The Map of Salt and Stars*, a novel of two girls living 800 years apart—a modern-day Syrian refugee seeking safety and an adventurous mapmaker's apprentice. This event, taking place Thursday, May 23, 6:30pm in The Pavilion at Grace, is the first in Reading Across Rhode Island's *RARI Recommends* series, featuring some of the committee's favorite authors and books. The Tickets, [available here through Eventbrite](#), are \$20 and include a paperback copy of *The Map of Salt and Stars*.



Zeyn Joukhadar is the author of the novel *The Map of Salt and Stars*, a member of the Radius

of Arab American Writers (RAWI), and a member of American Mensa. His work has appeared in Salon, The Paris Review Daily, The Kenyon Review, The Saturday Evening Post, PANK Magazine, and elsewhere, and has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize and the Best of the Net.

The Map of Salt and Stars, currently being translated into sixteen languages, was a 2018 Middle East Book Award winner in Youth Literature, a 2018 Goodreads Choice Awards Finalist in Historical Fiction, and received starred reviews from Kirkus, Booklist, and others. Joukhadar has been an artist in residence at the Montalvo Arts Center in Saratoga, California; the Fes Medina Project in Fes, Morocco; and Beit al-Atlas in Beirut, Lebanon. He will be an artist in residence at the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn, Michigan in 2019.

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## Discover This Gem of the Episcopal Diocese

If you haven't yet discovered the wonderful and welcoming [Episcopal Conference Center in Pascoag, RI](#), we encourage you to consider visiting the campus for one of their upcoming open houses either this Sunday, May 19 or Saturday, June 22, from 11:00am - 3:00pm.

And did you know that in addition to their beloved camps for families, children and teens, the ECC offers occasional programs for adults that provide both respite from the non-stop pace of modern life as well as meaningful opportunities for fellowship, reflection, and spiritual growth? They've just announced [a new adult conference](#) for September 6-8 called *Standing in the Need of Prayer: Connecting with God, one another, and ourselves*. The conference will be led by our own Drake Douglas and The Rev. Meaghan Brower, and [you can register online at this link](#).



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## This Week at Grace

### Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist  
with Music

Wednesday 12:00 Noon Eucharist

**Thursdays at Noon concerts** Final concert of the season  
May 23.

**Open Doors:** Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Please encourage



your friends or guests to come and visit Grace Church and see the new Pavilion at Grace.

**Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking:** Please find convenient accessible in the Grace Church parking lot with access from Snow Street. The new wheelchair ramp connects directly from the lot, and you will enter through the new reception entrance of The Pavilion and into the church at ground level.

**Parking for Worship:** Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

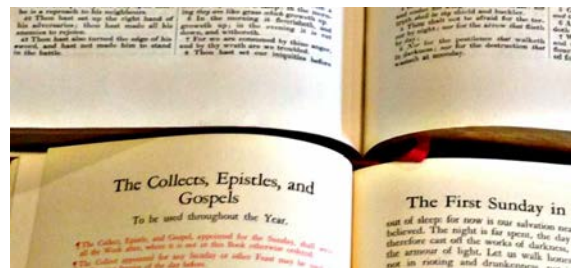
- 1.) in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow; and
- 2.) In the Grace Church parking lot accessed via Snow Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.

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## May 19, 2019 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*



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

This week from the Episcopal Church: [New Episcopal Community Grants](#).

[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.

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## Connect with Grace

