



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

June 12, 2020

A Weekly Message from the Rector



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A Virtual Collegium Cabaret!

[Collegium Ancora](#) acknowledges the stress that COVID-19 and the ongoing struggle for racial equality is causing for people worldwide. We have taken this as an opportunity to try and introduce some levity for folks, something to brighten up an otherwise difficult time in our history.

Many members of *Collegium* have worked diligently behind the scenes to bring you our newest project: [Out on the Town, A Quarantine Cabaret!](#)



Please tune in on our Facebook page [this Saturday, June 13th at 7:00 PM](#) for a livestream of our talented musicians, singing songs that reflect fun, adventure, togetherness, and most of all, HOPE. The video will be available on our Facebook page, please follow [this link](#) and "like" our page!

We will be accepting donations via our PayPal link which will be provided on the post; half of all proceeds will be donated to [Black Lives Matter](#), as we pledge solidarity with and commitment to anti-racism. We hope to see you this weekend!

Virtual Vigil for Racial Justice, Peace, & Reconciliation

Thursday, June 18, 2020, 5:00-6:00 pm EST

To attend via Zoom, please [click here](#).

To register for the event via Eventbrite (optional):
[click here](#).



Please join the [Center for Reconciliation](#) for a virtual vigil for racial justice, peace, and reconciliation in honor of **Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Tony McDade**, and all those killed by anti-Black racism.

The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, will host the vigil, joined by community leaders including Imam Farid Ansari of the [Muslim American Dawah Center of Rhode Island](#); Rabbi Sarah Mack of [Temple Beth-El, Providence](#); Jim Vincent, President of [NAACP Providence Branch](#); and the Rt. Rev. Dr. Jeffery A. Williams, Bishop, [The King's Cathedral, Providence](#).

All participants are invited to have a candle with them to light during the program. Participants may join either via video call or phone call.

To attend the vigil via Zoom, please use this information:

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92863514665?pwd=ZnVJSgkyYng0ejV6cWhhcTN3Mjh0UT09>

Meeting ID: 928 6351 4665

Password: 834077

Call in number: +1 646 876 9923 (EST)

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/adTOnu4SyE>

Voices of Grace: Virtual Worship

At Grace Church we are committed to continue building a loving and joyful community through worship despite temporarily not being able to gather on Sundays or weekdays due to health concerns related to COVID-19. Until our normal rhythm of worship and gatherings resumes, every Sunday morning we will send an email, post on Facebook and upload to Vimeo and YouTube a short worship video put together by our staff that will feature clergy and parishioners participating in "virtual worship" by reading lessons from scripture, preaching, and making music all from their homes. Keep a look out for Voices of Grace: Virtual Worship every Sunday morning!



If you'd like to download or print the service leaflet for this Sunday's Virtual Worship, please [click here](#).

Courtyard Garden & Labyrinth Open

The Courtyard Garden and Labyrinth at Grace will be open for visitors between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday as weather permits.

Guidelines for walking the Labyrinth while observing social distancing will be posted.

Our beautiful labyrinth is featured in [this newly published guide](#) to labyrinths in Connecticut and Rhode Island.



Daily Prayer Link

Inspiring readers since 1935, the Forward Day by Day meditation is a significant resource for daily prayer and Bible study to more than a half million readers worldwide. Also: pray Morning, Noonday, and Evening Prayer, plus Compline, every day; get Daily Devotions, Prayers and Thanksgivings, and the Liturgical Calendars, all linked for use online.



[Click here](#) or on the logo above to find out more!

Thank You For Sustaining Your Stewardship

As the offering plate has ceased circulating each Sunday, it is only through the deliberate continuity of stewardship by our parishioners that Grace will reliably meet its financial obligations during this period.



We know that some among us have lost jobs or seen household income disrupted by this pandemic, so we understand some may need to pause or reduce their support for a time. For this reason, we're in particular need of broad participation - and perhaps even accelerated pledge payments where possible - from those who are able.

Please mail in your pledge payments or schedule electronic contributions. If you're accustomed to placing cash contributions in the offering plate, please consider mailing a check instead. Alternatively, an outdoor mail slot is located adjacent to the reception office at The Pavilion entrance.

Electronic contributions are fast and easy to arrange [through our website](#) or by using the [GivePlus mobile app](#). We're [standing by to help](#) if anyone would like assistance setting that up.

Thank you for maintaining your support of Grace Church as we navigate through an unprecedented challenge. And thank you for joining us in prayer for all who are in need of comfort, peace and healing this Eastertide. May they find these in the never-ending love of our resurrected Christ, and may God's blessing be upon us all.

An Even Brighter Future for Grace Church

As you might have imagined given the vast interior space of our church, simply lighting the space presents a fairly substantial portion of our energy costs. But beginning this week, Grace Church is making great strides toward reducing our carbon footprint and our energy costs by installing LED lighting in the church.

By utilizing inexpensive inserts that fit right into our existing fixtures, we anticipate it will take only a brief period to recuperate the cost of this conversion project through reduced electricity use.

And as a welcome bonus, the pleasing light from these dimmable LEDs can achieve greater brightness than did the inefficient halogen bulbs they replace. With a greater range of brightness settings on the various sets of dimmable fixtures within the church, we can more effectively create the ideal lighting condition for any given service or activity.



Wednesday Virtual Prayer Group

The Wednesday prayer group invites all parishioners to join them in prayer via Zoom every Wednesday at noon. If you can't make that time but would still like to have their prayer list for your own prayers, you can request that list instead. Either way, contact Adrienne Southgate at asouthgate1@cox.net to join in.



"Virtual" Thursdays at Noon Concerts June 11, 2020

Though our normal Thursdays at Noon Concert Series has been temporarily put on hold, the parish musicians will continue the music online! [Click here](#) or on the image to the right to watch Vince Edwards, Organist & Director of Music, playing works by Louis Couperin, Johann Pachelbel, and others on the Portative and Chancel Organs of Grace Church.



June 14, 2020 The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For the texts of the readings for The Second Sunday after Pentecost, [please click here](#).

[Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service.

And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).



Details of the Temporary Closure at Grace

This closure impacts all parish activities until further notice, including Sunday worship, the Open Doors ministry, the Wednesday Eucharist, the Thursday Noon concert, all meetings and ministry gatherings, all music lessons and choir rehearsals. We will continue to send a weekly ENews, so please stay tuned for further updates and our online worship experience videos sent out every Sunday.
