



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

July 3, 2020

A Weekly Message from the Rector



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To watch [The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber](#)'s sermon at the National Cathedral, please [click here](#) or on the image above.

Zoom Reference Links



We hope you will join us for our first "Virtual Coffee Hour" via Zoom **next Sunday, July 12 at 11:00 AM**. [The meeting link will be included in next week's ENews](#). In the meantime, if you have not used Zoom before, the links below provide some helpful information for beginners!

Getting Started with Zoom: [Click Here](#)

Zoom Video Tutorials: [Click Here](#)

Racism Is a Public Health Crisis: Race and COVID-19 in Rhode Island

[Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 4:30PM via Zoom](#)

As of June 22, 2020, Black and Latinx Rhode Islanders represented around 25% of the state's general population and 58% of the state's COVID-19 cases, signaling a grossly disproportionate impact of the pandemic on Rhode Island's communities of color. This race-based disparity, observed both in the state and nationwide, serves as yet another indicator of how the many legacies of American slavery and racism have shaped public health over centuries--the same underlying conditions that have created and perpetuated the concurrent pandemic of police violence against Black and Brown communities.



Join the [Center for Reconciliation](#) and a distinguished panel of Rhode Island medical practitioners, public health professionals, and health care executives for Racism Is a Public Health Crisis: Race and COVID-19 in Rhode Island, a webinar exploring this urgent, ongoing, and constantly evolving topic.

- How and why has the COVID-19 pandemic disproportionately impacted Black and Latinx Rhode Islanders?
- What might medical, public health, and health care professionals, policymakers, and all Rhode Islanders do to address racism as a public health crisis now and going forward?
- And how do we see the lessons we've already learned about race and the COVID-19 pandemic relating to our shared past and informing our shared future?

The webinar features:

- Robert Naparstek, MD, FACOEM (moderator), occupational medicine specialist and Treasurer, Board of Directors, Center for Reconciliation
- David Casey, Vice President, Workforce Strategies and Chief Diversity Officer, CVS Health
- Michael Fine, MD, Health Policy Advisor to Mayor James Diossa of Central Falls and Senior Population Health and Clinical Services Officer at Blackstone Valley Health Care, and former Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health
- Marie Ghazal, DNP, RN, CEO of Rhode Island Free Clinic
- Pablo Rodriguez, MD, Chair of the Women & Infants Health Care Alliance, President and CEO of Women's Care, Clinical Associate Professor at the Warren Alpert Medical School, Brown University, and former Medical Director of Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island

Participants may join the Zoom webinar either via video call or voice call.

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

Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96916588176?pwd=VHVYNUNOa05wV3VEU0paNTRSUmtUQT09>

Meeting ID: 969 1658 8176

Password: 684519

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

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/980869808>

To register for the webinar on Eventbrite (optional),
please click on this link: <https://cfrCOVID19webinar.eventbrite.com>

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.

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.



July 5, 2020

The 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 texts of the readings for The Fourth 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.