

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

August 28, 2020

## A Message from the Rector



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## Upcoming Outdoor Worship at ECC

Due to popular demand, Grace Church will once again gather as a congregation for in-person worship, at the [Episcopal Conference Center](#) in Pascoag, RI, at **10:00 AM on Sunday, September 6th**. The service will be outdoors, with parishioners socially distanced and wearing masks for everyone's safety. Seating is available under the covered pavilion and shade is available outside the pavilion, but it would be advisable to bring a sun hat and water bottle. If you're able to bring a lawn chair, that could be helpful for overflow seating. The service will end by 11:00 AM, and anyone wishing to picnic afterwards is invited to bring their own food and drink and stay until 12 Noon. Please let us know if you'll be there by [clicking here](#), or emailing Vince Edwards at [vedwards@gracepvd.org](mailto:vedwards@gracepvd.org). Please include in your email how many will be in your group and a phone number where we can reach you, if need be.



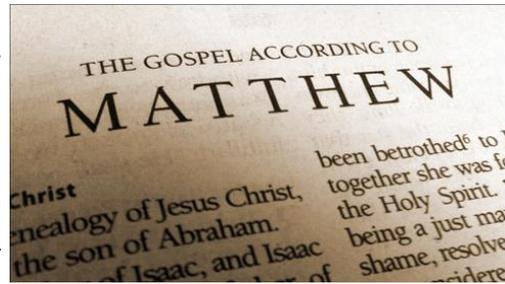
When you arrive at ECC at [872 Reservoir Rd. in Pascoag \(Burrillville\)](#), a staff member will greet you to check you in and tell you where to go. If you'd like to stay past noon and swim in ECC's lake or walk the grounds, [simply register here](#). All are welcome!

**We look forward to seeing you on the 6th!**

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## Upcoming Virtual Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew

Join us via Zoom for an 8-week study of the first book of the New Testament led by the Rector and our Pastoral Associate, Hartwell Hylton. We've been reading Matthew in our Sunday services, which continues until Advent, and this class will shed more light on what we're hearing. Each class will meet from **11:00 AM to 12 Noon on Saturdays, beginning on September 19th.**

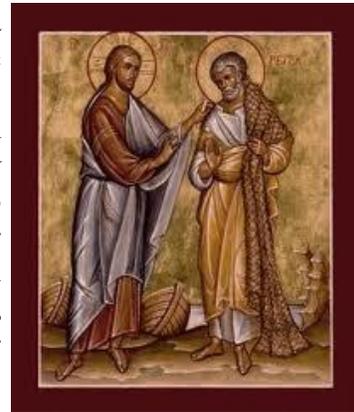


To sign up, or if you have questions, email the Rector at [jhuyck@gracepvd.org](mailto:jhuyck@gracepvd.org).  
**All are welcome!**

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## 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](#).

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## 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!

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## 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.

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## 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 at [asouthgate1@cox.net](mailto:asouthgate1@cox.net) to join in.



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**August 30, 2020**  
**The Thirteenth Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Thirteenth 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.](#)



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## **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.