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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

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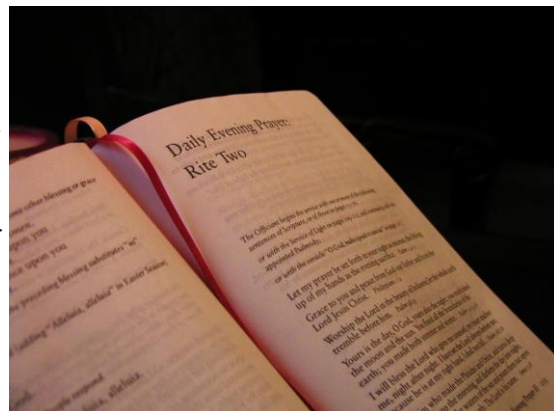
A Message from the Rector



[Click here](#) or on the image above to watch.

The Daily Office at Grace

While we're not yet back worshipping in the church, we will be worshipping AT the church (in the Pavilion garden)! **Beginning next week on September 23rd**, we'll be having Morning Prayer at 10:00 AM on Saturdays and Evening Prayer at 6:00 PM on Wednesdays for five weeks (masked and socially distanced, of course). To sign up for either service next week (but not both, please, since we have limited capacity) [please email me here](#), letting me know which service you'd like to attend. The parking lot gate will be up, and you can walk from the lot outside around the corner to enter the garden via Westminster Street. (Let me know if stairs are difficult for you, and I'll be happy to take you from the lot through The Pavilion).



Blessings,
Jonathan+



Covenant for Regathering

I promise, to the best of my ability with God's help, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Rhode Island for participation in church as we regather during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In faithfulness to the Baptismal Covenant (*BCP* p. 304-305), I will strive to:

Love my neighbor as myself, I will...

- Wear a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship by an assigned speaking part, and follow public health guidelines for hand sanitizing and disinfecting.
- Only attend worship if I am non-symptomatic for the COVID-19 virus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another person also attending.
- Abstain from attending if doing so would put me at greater risk due to my own health status.

Respect the dignity of every human being, I will...

- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household.
- Maintain a six foot or more distance from other members of the congregation.
- Respect any requests for distance, masking, cleaning, and disinfecting to ensure the safety and comfort level of others.

Seek and serve Christ in all people...

- Support the decisions of my diocesan and congregational leaders.
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, video chat, mail, or other means.

This is our expectation for all those who wish to worship with us in person. By participating in our worship, you assume responsibility for following the above, and acknowledge the risks of participation in an in-person gathering.

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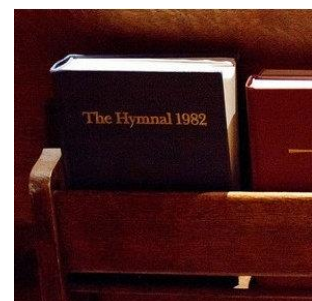
Requests for Hymns from Grace

Email Vince Edwards, Organist & Director of Music, with your hymn requests for our Hymn Series beginning next week!

His email is vedwards@gracepvd.org or [click here](#) to fill out an email form!

If you have either The Hymnal 1940 or The Hymnal 1982, you are encouraged to include the hymn number with your request.

[Click here](#) for the online contents of The Hymnal 1982.



Virtual Thursdays at Noon Concerts

Join us online every Thursday for a short, 30-minute recital brought to you by the parish musicians of Grace Church! [Click here](#) or on the image to the right to watch Vince Edwards, Organist & Director of Music, play works by C.S. Lang, Johann Gottfried Walther, and Everett Titcomb.



Miss a Thursday Concert? Can't find the email in your inbox? Just want to re-watch past concerts?

Click on the YouTube button on the bottom of this email to visit the Grace Church YouTube Channel where all concerts, worship services, and virtual tours have been archived for your convenience!

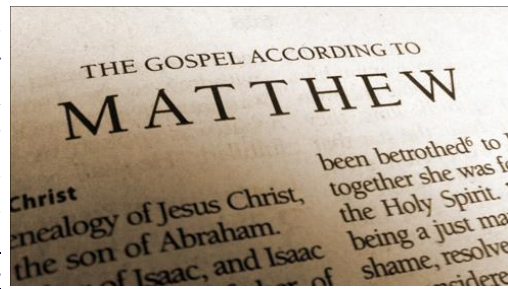
Serving Our City

The vicar of [St. Peter's & St. Andrew's Episcopal Church](#) on Providence's South Side is in need of volunteers to help with their food pantry. From Rev. Maryalice Sullivan: "We need help getting groceries from the Rhode Island Food Bank to our church and organizing the bags that are given out each Saturday. We are a small neighborhood parish. For over thirty years we have had a Food Pantry. Until the pandemic we served 80 to 100 clients per month, since the pandemic we have been serving about double that. Because of the pandemic, we now pre-bag dried goods (and often personal care items), adding meat and fresh fruit, along with vegetables, when available. The guests do not enter the building but check in at one door and receive the groceries at the side entrance. The guests are from the neighborhood and several of them walk. The Food Pantry is a vital ministry in a working class poor neighborhood. We are blessed by those who come to the Food Pantry. If you're interested, please email me at maryalice.sullivan@icloud.com. Thank you!"



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 newly-ordained Deacon, 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 26th.**

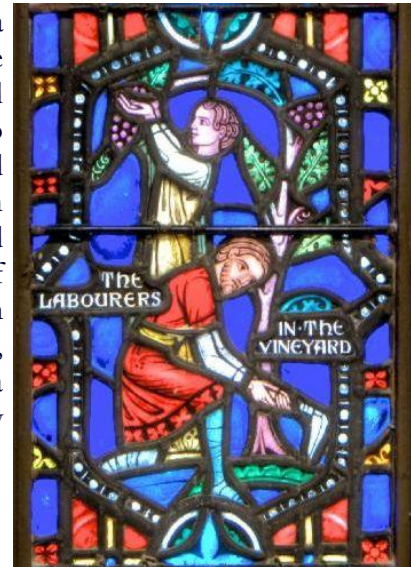


Please note the updated starting date!

To sign up, or if you have questions, email the Rector at jhuyck@gracepvd.org.
All are welcome!

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 as we normally would 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. 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.



September 20, 2020
The Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 Sixteenth 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.