

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church \_\_\_\_\_ April 8, 2021

## Spotlight: Pre-Register for In-Person Worship for the Next Six Sundays (April 11 through May 16)

### **Pre-Register now for Small-Congregation In-Person Worship during the Easter season**

As we transition back toward resuming full in-person worship (planned for Pentecost Sunday on May 23rd), for the 6 consecutive Sundays of Easter we invite you to join us for small-congregation in-person worship, [by pre-registration only](#).

For in-person worship **April 11 - May 16**, our goal is to have roughly **40 parishioners in attendance for each service**. To accomplish this, for now, we ask that each household limit themselves to pre-registering for no more than 2 of the 6 Sundays. But as of this moment, there remain loads of pre-registration slots available for each Sunday, so please pre-register now.



**Please [click here](#) to pre-register your household, for 2 or fewer of these 6 Sundays, and please be sure to select the appropriate quantity and list the names of all individuals attending from your household.**

Please note: it is essential that we follow COVID safety protocols including social distancing and mask wearing by all attending throughout their time in the building. Please enter only through the reception entrance facing our parking lot, and please do not gather to socialize indoors but rather proceed directly to a pew. Only pews with opened doors are available for seating, and ropes are in place to enhance distancing between households. Thank you for your cooperation!

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## Virtual Coffee Hour this Sunday at 5:00 PM

Zoom Coffee Hour is now gathering **monthly**. Please join us for the next coffee hour on Sunday, **April 11th, at 5:00 PM**.

[The Zoom link is here](#), and will also appear in the Sunday morning Live-stream email and in a separate reminder on Sunday afternoons.



Topic: Grace Church Virtual Coffee Hour  
Time: Apr 11, 2021 05:00 PM Eastern Time

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81178208840?pwd=MnNzSxIwa1VkNzB5TkwxOGJCRG1Ldz09>

Meeting ID: 811 7820 8840 Passcode: 247564

One tap mobile: +19292056099,,81178208840#,,,,\*247564#

Dial-in: +1 929 205 6099

**We hope you join us for this time of fellowship!**

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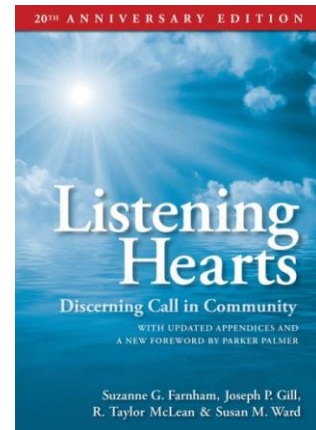
## Listening Hearts: A Five Week Series

The pandemic has changed us in ways yet to be realized. The Rev. Jennifer West is inviting those so inclined to prayerfully dialogue about our present relationship with God through a five week discussion series based on the renowned book *Listening Hearts* by Suzanne Farnham and others.

Entering its 30th anniversary this book helps readers to “clarify and expand their understanding of call, ministry, discernment, and community as they relate to one another.”

Designed for those with an appreciation for silence and listening, each discussion session will center on an aspect of discernment: What is Call for the Christian?, What is Discernment?, What Conditions Help to Discern God’s Call?, Is It God We Are Hearing?, and Why Is Christian Community Important in Hearing God’s Call?

Beginning on May 22 (Memorial Day Weekend excluded) on Saturday mornings, participants are expected to read *Listening Hearts* before the first session and, to maintain the coherence of the group, to commit to faithful attendance. Interested in participating or learning more? Please [contact Grace Church](#) or [Jennifer West](#) or call Jennifer at 401 867-0474.



## Small Group Discussions: Jesus's Stories: Parables in Matthew and Luke

Jesus's stories are among the best known and most influential in the world. How did he seek to change attitudes and behaviors with his parables? Join us each Tuesday for six weeks as we dive into parables found in Matthew and Luke. Accompany us as we let the Great Storyteller find us and invite us into the divine narrative. With the Spirit's help, we hope to grow closer to Jesus who said, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand" (Luke 8:10). Beginning on Tuesday, April 27 at 7pm, connect virtually with others for discussion, discovery, and prayer. Discussions will be led by Ryan Weimer and Anne White. Interested in joining? [Contact the church](#) or [Ryan Weimer](#) or call 401-451-9232.

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## Thursdays at Noon Concerts Resume April 15th

We will welcome the duo "Musicke's Cordes" (Samuel Breen, Baroque violin & Jeffrey Noonan, archlute, theorbo, Baroque guitar) who were scheduled to play last year before the pandemic. The program they will play is titled "Like the Voice of a Man - The Violin in 17th Century London" and will feature music by Giovanni Zamboni, Arcangelo Corelli, Antonio Vivaldi, Henry Purcell, and Michel Farinell.



**This will also be our first concert IN PERSON, since November!**

**Precautions and procedures will be in place to ensure the safety of all.**

**Our capacity for the Thursday Concerts will be limited to 30 people.**

**If you would like to attend, please email Vince Edwards  
at [vedwards@gracepvd.org](mailto:vedwards@gracepvd.org) with you Name and Phone Number.**

*Please note, if you are not able to attend in person, or prefer not to yet, we will still be live-streaming this and all concerts going forward. The recordings of the live-streamed concerts will also be made available in the usual places ([church website](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#)).*

**We hope you are able to join us either in person or virtually on April 15th!**

For a complete list of performers and videos of previous concerts, please check out the Thursdays at Noon Concerts webpage on the Grace website by [clicking here](#).

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## Live-streamed Sunday Morning Worship

**Every Sunday Morning**, Grace Church offers a 'live-stream' broadcast of our Sunday morning eucharist service. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in the worship life at Grace.

The service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church Facebook Page](#) and the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the links provided below to watch. The services will also be archived on the [Grace Church website](#), [Vimeo](#), Facebook, and YouTube pages for 'on-demand' viewing after Sunday morning.

### Sunday Morning Links

**YouTube:** [Click here!](#)

**Facebook:** [Click here!](#)



**If you'd like to download or print the service leaflet for [The Second Sunday of Easter](#), [please click here.](#)**

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## Information for Making Vaccination Appointments

In the interest of helping our parishioners gain access to the COVID-19 vaccine as quickly as availability and eligibility will allow, we offer the following information and links.

**Eligibility:** In Rhode Island, presently individuals age 50 or older (or 16 and older for individuals with a [qualifying underlying condition](#)), plus Pre-K through 12 teachers, staff, licensed child care providers, healthcare workers, first responders, and those in congregate settings are eligible to receive the vaccine. Up-to-date [eligibility information can be found here.](#)



Additionally, [under a new initiative](#) to increase vaccination rates within certain geographies more heavily impacted by COVID, eligibility for residents of the following zip codes has been expanded to all persons above the age of 16 or 18 (depending upon the minimum age for the respective vaccine), for vaccination at city- and community-run vaccination sites and 'other targeted venues', within those respective communities. Please [click here for details](#). The zip codes covered by this initiative are: 02863 (Central Falls), 02860 and 02861 (Pawtucket) and 02904, 02905, 02907, 02908, and 02909 (Providence).

### **Vaccination Appointments:**

Rhode Island residents, here is the main [vaccine information page](#) from RI DOH. Massachusetts residents, please [click here for information](#).

For anyone having difficulty navigating the above resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to family or friends for assistance. It is permitted for someone to make an appointment on your behalf. If you do not find someone to help, please call the church office at 401-331-3225, and we will do our best to assist.

## **Spring Clean-up of Grace Church Cemetery**

Spring has sprung, and we are ready to get outdoors again! ***On Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 9am-12pm, Trinity Gateway Historic Improvement Association (TGHIA) will host***



***its annual spring clean-up of Grace Church Cemetery.***

This historic location at the cross section of Elmwood Ave & Reservoir Ave is in deep need of some care. Grace Church is requesting strong participation from among our community of parishioners to help make this clean-up a success. [Please click here to sign up](#), and help us clean these 9-acres of land. Founded in 1834, our cemetery holds more than 8500 dearly departed members of our community. Sadly, the landscape is often littered, and many headstones have been toppled.

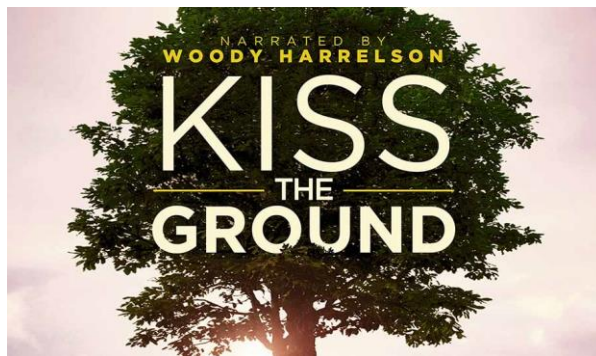
In the past, we have removed two large dumpsters of garbage (over 1200 pounds!), planted flowers, raked leaves, and cleaned the landscape for all to enjoy. ***Our goal this year: clean up the debris, remove leaves and fallen branches, discarded trash, and connect with the community – while following safe social distancing of course!***

Want to sign up? [Complete this form](#).

Can't make it, but still want to help? [Make a financial donation here](#) and help spread the word – tell your friends, families, co-workers and neighbors! [Share the event on Facebook!](#)

## Celebrate Faith Climate Action Week April 16-25

Grace Church is joining faith communities around the country to celebrate Faith Climate Action Week, April 16 – 25. This year's theme is **Sacred Ground: Cultivating Connections between our Food, our Faith, and the Climate.**



We hope you will take part in activities planned, including viewing and discussing the documentary **Kiss the Ground**. This 84-minute film highlights how regenerating the world's soils could potentially “stabilize the Earth’s climate, restore lost ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies.” It is available for free viewing from April 10 – 25.

You are invited to first watch the film, Kiss the Ground, the featured film of Faith Climate Action Week. Please [REGISTER](#) to view the film here, and view it at home at your leisure now through April 25. [Here's the movie's trailer.](#)

On Sunday, April 25, at 5 p.m., all are invited to gather on Zoom for a discussion of the movie and how we can take “faith climate action” in our own community. Watch for a link to that online discussion in the ENews for that week.

Why is this important to us as people of faith? From Interfaith Power & Light, sponsor of Faith Climate Action Week: *In this moment in our country's history we are experiencing three great overlapping challenges: a pandemic and economic downturn causing more families to go hungry, racial injustice awareness rising, and the climate crisis worsening. We have an opportunity to address all of these issues with one focus – our food practices.*

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## Re-Live the Journey of Holy Week and the Glory of The Resurrection

There are many blessings from our new ability to live-stream and record our worship services in high-definition audio and video, and among them is the opportunity it affords to re-live - - or share with others -- a worship service or concert or other experience that you found particularly impactful.

As a reminder, each service of the Paschal Triduum, plus the glorious Easter morning worship, are available for you to view and to share. They are archived on the [Grace Church website](#), [Vimeo](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#). We hope you will enjoy accessing and sharing these archived videos.



[Please click here to view the Holy Week & Easter 2021 brochure.](#)

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



**April 11, 2021**

### The Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 Second Sunday of Easter, [please click here.](#)



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