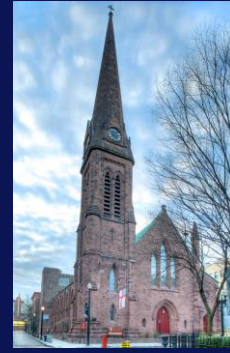


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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church _____ April 16, 2021

Spotlight: Register Now for In-Person Worship

Pre-Register for 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 remaining Sundays of Easter, we invite you to join us for small-congregation in-person worship, [by pre-registration only](#).



For in-person worship **April 18 - May 16**, our goal is to have roughly **40 parishioners in attendance for each service**. At the time of this writing, several open spots remain for this Sunday April 18th, and quite a number of spots for subsequent Sundays as well. Accordingly, we are no longer limiting households to just 2 Sundays in Easter... please feel free to register for *any* available spots.

Please [click here](#) to pre-register your household, 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!

Thursdays at Noon Concerts

On Thursday, April 15, we welcomed the duo "Musicke's Cordes" (Samuel Breen, Baroque violin & Jeffrey Noonan, archlute, theorbo, Baroque guitar) They will played a program titled "Like the Voice of a Man - The Violin in 17th Century London" that featured music by Giovanni Zamboni, Arcangelo Corelli, Antonio Vivaldi, Henry Purcell, and Michel Farinel. To watch the concert, please [click here](#) or on the image to the right!



If you would like to attend the Thursday Concerts in person, please email Vince Edwards at 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](#)).

Next week's artist will be **The Rev. Benjamin Straley**, the new rector of our sister parish, Saint Stephen's on College Hill. Before entering the priesthood, Benjamin was a professional organist and church musician, serving as Associate Director of Music and Organist of Washington National Cathedral. We hope you will join us to give a warm, Grace Church welcome to Benjamin! He will be playing music by Edward Elgar, J.S. Bach, and Healey Willan.

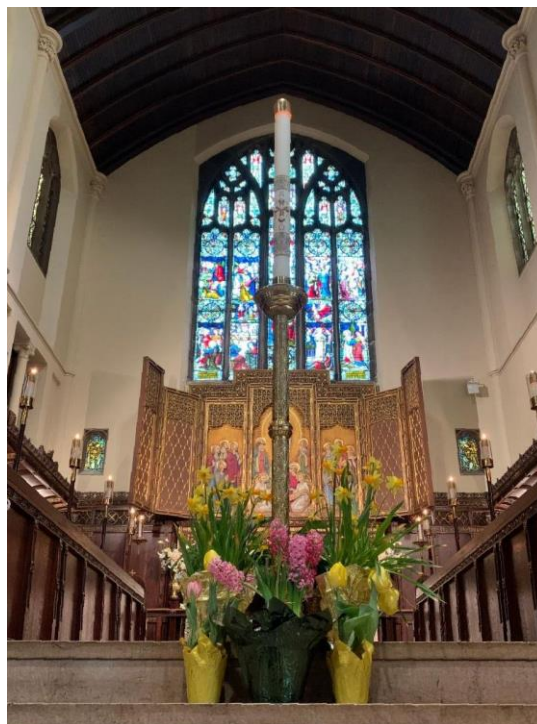


For a complete list of performers and videos of previous concerts, please check out the Thursdays at Noon Concerts webpage on the Grace website by [clicking here](#).

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 Third Sunday of Easter**, [please click here.](#)

Spring Clean-up of Grace Church Cemetery

Spring has sprung, and we are ready to get outdoors again! ***On Saturday April 24th, 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.

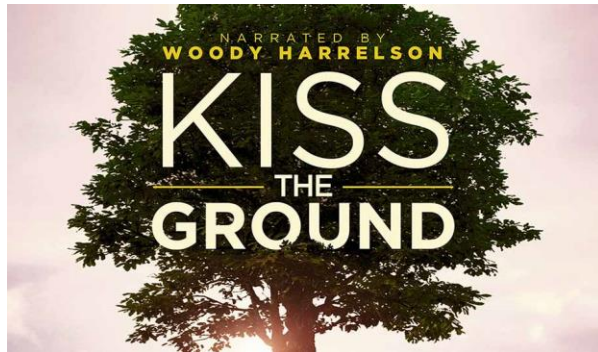


In the past, we have removed two large dumpsters of garbage (over 1200 pounds!), planted flowers, raked leaves, and cleaned the landscape for all to enjoy. ***Our goal this year: clean up the debris, remove leaves and fallen branches, discarded trash, and connect with the community – while following 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. This year's theme is **Sacred Ground: Cultivating Connections between our Food, our Faith, and the Climate.**



Please join us in prayer and conversation, 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 now till April 25. Please [click here](#) to register for your free access to the film.

Thursday, April 22, is Earth Day and you are invited to join with people of faith around the country at noon to pause, reflect, and recite the Climate Prayer. Join us online using the link to the Thursdays at Noon Concert. The prayer will precede the concert program, and you may receive the text of the prayer [by e-mail by registering here](#).

To conclude the week, on **Sunday, April 25, at 5 p.m.**, Grace Church will hold its own Zoom discussion of the movie and how we can take "faith climate action" in our own community. The link for this Zoom discussion is [here](#).

Finally, if you attend church in person on either this Sunday, the 18th, or Sunday the 25th, please look for handouts about climate change and a sign-up sheet to receive more information from Interfaith Power & Light about its various initiatives. If you would like a handout e-mailed to you, please contact [Paula Keogh](#).

Meet Your New Vestry Officers

The Grace Church Vestry voted its new slate of vestry officers at the March meeting. Please join us in welcoming Carissa Mills as your new Senior Warden, Diane Stamp as your Junior Warden, Frank Ward as Treasurer, and Joel Goloskie will remain as Clerk of the Vestry. We are grateful for their faithful service and ministry.

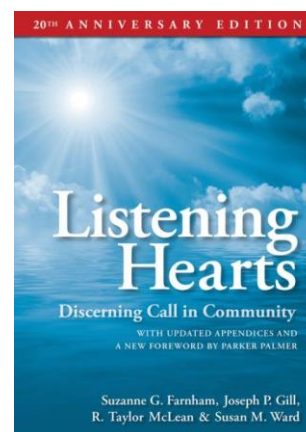
Listening Hearts: A Five Week Series

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.

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 40 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.

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.



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.



April 18, 2021 The Third Sunday of Easter

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For the texts of the readings for The Third Sunday of Easter, [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.](#)

