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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church _____ September 10, 2021

Upcoming Worship at ECC

One of the few positive things to have come out of this pandemic was our worship together last summer at the [Episcopal Conference Center in Pascoag, RI](#).



Even though we are now back worshipping together at Grace, we have decided to make an outdoor worship service at ECC an annual event. **This year, our ECC service will be this coming Sunday, September 12th at 10:00 AM...and this time we will have communion!** Since the service is outdoors, **wearing masks won't be required.** 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 are able to bring a lawn chair, that could be helpful for overflow seating. Space is plentiful so social distancing will be easy!

The Episcopal Conference Center
[872 Reservoir Road](#)
[Pascoag, Rhode Island 02859](#)

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 and recreate. **Unfortunately, there won't be an option to swim this year, since there won't be a lifeguard, however, you are most welcome to visit the lakefront.** There is no need to sign up in advance.

**If you would prefer to worship at Grace,
we will be having the 8:00 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist
service at church per usual.**

If you are not able to attend outdoor worship at ECC in person, the service will be recorded and posted to the Grace Church Vimeo, Facebook, and YouTube accounts.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Prayers for the Nation on the 20th Anniversary of 9/11/01

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*from Prayers for National Life, BCP p. 820*)



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Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: Give to your whole Church in paradise and on earth your light and your peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served you here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. (*Collect for the Departed, BCP p.*

Upcoming Ministry Fair

Following the 10:00 AM Choral Holy Eucharist on Sunday, September 19, during Coffee Hour, representatives from various parish ministries will be on hand to tell you about their groups' activities and encourage you to join them. So grab a lemonade see what Grace Church has to offer...and sign up!



The Return of the Parish Choirs

On Sunday, September 19 we will welcome back The Choir and Choristers of Grace Church to singing regularly for the 10:00AM Eucharist service. They will be singing music of Malcolm Archer, Herbert Howells, and Myron Casner to formally kick off the 2021-2022 Choral



Season. Though all of our adult singers and all eligible choristers are vaccinated, the Choir will be singing masked for the foreseeable future. Regardless, we hope you join us at the 10AM Eucharist to give them a warm welcome back!

Upcoming Choral Compline

On Sunday, September 19 at 8:00PM the men of the Grace Church Schola will sing a short, 30-minute service of Choral Compline. Come, pray in the stillness, and experience the unaccompanied singing of Gregorian Chant and Renaissance Polyphony in a darkened church, lighted only by candles and with fragrant incense wafting through the air. Doors open at 7:30PM. We hope you join us for this calm, and meditative way to start the week.



TICKETS ON SALE FOR CABARET!

Collegium Ancora will present the annual Cabaret fund-raiser on Friday, September 24th at 6:00 PM. "To Life and Love" will feature songs from the Broadway stage and the Great American Songbook, as well as contemporary cabaret songs. Wine and Cheese will be served at 6 PM, along with a Silent Auction, and the show begins at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$30 each; or \$50 for 2 (savings of \$10); or a table of 8 for \$200 (savings of \$40). Tickets are on sale now! Visit www.collegiumancora.org for more information.



Sunday Morning Worship:
The Sixteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
September 12, 2021



This service will be recorded and posted to the [Grace Church Facebook Page](#) and the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the links provided below to watch.

The service will also be archived on the [Grace Church website](#), [Vimeo](#), Facebook, and YouTube pages for 'on-demand' viewing after Sunday morning. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sunday to participate in the worship.

If you'd like to download or print the service leaflet for The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, [please click here.](#)

Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,
ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!

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O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For the texts of the readings for The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, [please click here.](#)

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