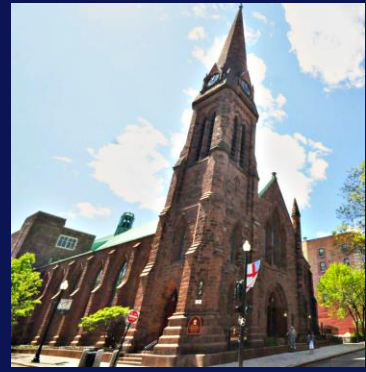


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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

May 20, 2022

Update in COVID-19 Protocols at Grace Church



Friends,

The State of Rhode Island has entered the "high transmission" category, and so Grace Church will return to requiring masks for all. Hopefully, the rate will go down again soon so that we can safely resume our mask-optional policy. For the time being, we will also return to offering only bread at communion. Sadly, we have also decided to cancel the Grace Church Day pot-luck which had been scheduled for next Sunday. Coffee Hour will be held in The Pavilion Courtyard.

I'm sorry that we presently seem to be going backwards on Covid transmission, and I know you join me in praying for all those whose health has been effected by this pandemic.

Blessings,
Jonathan+

Spotlight: A Pastoral Statement from the Presiding Bishop

My heart is heavy with the news that a white supremacist gunman took the lives of 10 children of God in Buffalo on Saturday. I grew up within walking distance from the scene of this hateful crime, and my friends and I used to ride our bikes around the neighborhood. Buffalo's Black community raised and formed me. I grieve with the city and people I love.



The loss of any human life is tragic, but there was deep racial hatred driving this shooting, and we have got to turn from the deadly path our nation has walked for much too long. Bigotry-based violence—any bigotry at all—against our siblings who are people of color, Jewish, Sikh, Asian, trans, or any other group, is fundamentally

wrong. As baptized followers of Jesus of Nazareth, we are called to uphold and protect the dignity of every human child of God, and to actively uproot the white supremacy and racism deep in the heart of our shared life.

Please join me in prayer for the shattered families in Buffalo. Please also join me in expressing profound gratitude for the intervention by Buffalo police that likely saved many other lives. Even amid tragedy, even when manifestations of evil threaten to overwhelm, let us hold fast to the good. It is the only way that leads to life.

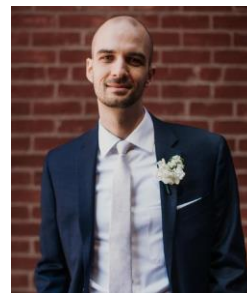
Final Choral Evensong of the Choir Season!

Join us for our final Choral Evensong of the Choir Season on **Sunday, May 22 at 4:00 PM!** The Choir & Choristers of Grace Church will sing music by Philip Moore, Thomas Attwood, Herbert Brewer, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Paul Spicer. A reception will follow in The Pavilion.



Sunday's Guest Preacher

Our guest preacher this week is not really a guest here at Grace, though he is spending a lot of time in New Haven, CT these days. Drake Douglas is a postulant for holy orders (meaning he's in training to be a priest) and is being sponsored by Grace Church for ordination. He has just finished his first year at Yale Divinity School, and we are thrilled to have him preaching for us here at Grace before he begins his pastoral placement at St. Peter's by-the-Sea in Narragansett, RI!



A Second Challenge Grant

We are so excited to announce a second \$25,000 challenge grant for The Organ Project at Grace! The anonymous challenge comes from a Grace parishioner, and we are hoping that we can get it matched by Pentecost Sunday, June 5! If you can contribute to this matching challenge gift in ANY AMOUNT, please contact the Rector, Jonathan Huyck, or the Director of Music, Vince Edwards. When this gift is matched we will have over 10% of the cost of the project! Matching gifts are a great way for parishioners or friends of Grace to inspire others to give to the Organ Project. Please be in touch if you would like to set up a matching gift challenge in any amount. Thanks for your support to help bring this project closer to fruition.



www.gracechurchprovidence.org/organproject

Outdoor Sunday School & First Communion

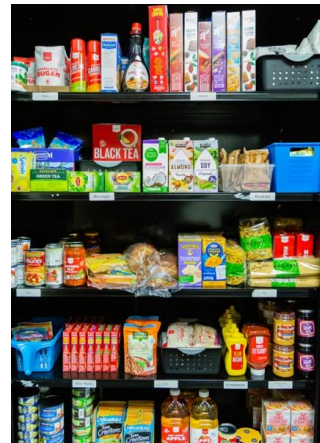
In May/June, Sunday School kids will be learning about the Eucharist. All kids age 4 through grade 5 are welcome for any or all of these sessions! Just meet in the Pavilion courtyard at 10am, a few minutes before the service starts. Class is outside, so please dress for the weather. (Younger children are welcome upstairs at the nursery.)



If you have a child in 2nd grade or above who would like to use these four upcoming Sunday School sessions as preparation for an informal "first communion" day in June, please plan to attend all of the sessions, if possible. The "first communion" experience is completely optional, according to each family's wishes, and children who have already taken communion are welcome at Sunday School just to learn more about the Eucharist, as well. (Anyone who has been baptized is welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church at any age.) Please contact [the Rector](#) with any questions at 331-3225.

Food Donations

Grace Church has partnered with a fellow Episcopal parish here in Providence, St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Church, to support their Food Pantry. We invite you to bring non-perishable items to Grace on Sundays when you come to church and place them in the woven baskets in the rear of the church. We'll deliver the donations to Sts. Peter & Andrew. All non-perishable donations are welcome but especially encouraged are tuna, peanut butter, cereal, diapers & wipes, toilet paper, and paper towels. Thank you for your generosity!



Caring for Ukraine

If you'd like to donate to the relief of Ukrainian refugees through the Episcopal Church, please [visit this page](#) of the Episcopal Relief & Development site.

[Listen to the Ukrainian National Anthem](#) as performed by Providence Singers here at Grace Church on March 5th.



Open House at ECC

All those with children entering grades 2 through 12 are invited to attend an Open House at the The Episcopal Conference Center on May 22, from 2:00-5:00pm. Meet the staff, tour the property, and learn about their rewarding camp programs.



A list of the upcoming summer programs at ECC [can be found here](#). ECC is located at 872 Reservoir Rd in Pascoag, RI.

Organ Project Promotional Video to Share

The Organ Project at Grace was officially endorsed by the Vestry in October 2021, and **we are actively seeking funding for this project**. A small group of parishioners has assembled as a committee to explore financing and funding options. We want to keep the project alive and in the hearts and minds of the Grace community and beyond. In addition to the two brochures ([Click here for the Overview Brochure](#) and [Here for the Proposed Specification Brochure](#)), we have created a short promotional video to share with friends, acquaintances, and anyone who might have interest in our project. As always, if you would like to know more about this exciting project, or just want to know more about the organ at Grace in general, please be in touch with Vince Edwards, our Director of Music. vedwards@gracepvd.org Enjoy the video!

[Click here](#) or on the image below to watch and share!



Thursdays at Noon Concerts

The next concert will be on May 26, played by **Agita Arista**, a Boston-based, Latvian flautist. She will be accompanied by David Heinze.

Bookmarks detailing the line-up of Thursday performers are available on the information tables in the rear of the church. We hope you join us and bring along friends!



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](#).

Sunday Morning Worship: The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022

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.

~ Sunday Morning Links ~

YouTube: [Click here!](#)

Facebook: [Click here!](#)



This 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 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 would like to download or print the service leaflet for **The Sixth Sunday of Easter, [please click here](#).**

Per the CDC guidelines and due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in our area, we are requiring people to wear masks when they come to church, whether or not they are vaccinated. We are blessed with a large Nave, that allows for more room to spread out, so

please do make full use of the available space. Masks are available from an Usher, should you need one and hand sanitizer has been placed in every pew and at stations throughout the Church for your convenience.

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

May 22, 2022
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter, [please click here.](#)

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