

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

June 1, 2023

Spotlight: Final Choral Sunday

This Sunday, June 4, will be the last with full choir until September. To celebrate Trinity Sunday, the combined choristers and adult parish choir will sing C.V. Stanford's Communion Service in B-flat, John Ireland's Te Deum in F, and an excerpt from Haydn's Creation (In the beginning). Though the choir will take a break from Sunday mornings for the next few months, over 30 singers will be traveling to England in August to sing services at Salisbury and Southwark



cathedrals. During Coffee Hour, we will have an "Envelope Board" to raise scholarship funds for the trip. Please stop by and pick an amount that suits you!

We are SO grateful to our choir members – over 50 individuals, ages 8 to 80+ - who give so much of their time, week in and week out, to make our worship more beautiful, inspiring, and meaningful. Please find a choir member or chorister after church and thank them for all their hard work!

Summer Volunteers Needed!

Many Summer Sunday School slots are still open! We would love to line up volunteers for at least the month of June. If you're able to volunteer your time for at least one weekend, it would be a tremendous help to our faith community! If you have any questions, please be in touch with Vivian Blais, Director of Children & Youth at <u>vblais@gracepvd.org</u>



Click here to sign up!

Grace Church's Refugee Ministry

The Refugee Ministry at Grace Church is growing....and you're invited to be a part! Building on our successful apartment-preparation ministry this past year, and in conversation with Dorcas International's refugee resettlement program, our ministry with refugees is expanding in two important ways. First, our apartment-preparation will become bi-monthly



and will grow to include the entire preparation-for-arrival for refugees, including taking responsibility for furnishings, food, and whatever else might prepare a warm welcome for new arrivals. Second, in teams of two, we are invited to become mentors for newly arrived families. Under the guidance of a Dorcas Case Manager, mentors are matched with a specific family to be a welcoming friend, someone who can help new arrivals navigate, discover resources, practice English, or whatever is needed. The time commitment is at least two hours a week for at least 3 months. To learn more or to join this exciting and growing ministry please join us on **SUNDAY**, JUNE 11 at 9:00AM in The Pavilion Courtyard!

Grace Church at PrideFest 2023

Building upon the unforgettable fun and fellowship shared in years past, Grace Church will once again have a booth AND participate in the night-time Parade during Rhode Island PrideFest on **Saturday, June 17, 2023.** We are seeking a number of volunteers to join us at the booth in shifts to help share information and excitement about our wonderful faith community with PrideFest attendees. **To sign up for a shift or the Parade, please see the printed sign-up sheet in The Pavilion during Coffee Hour.** Please email Ian Rossi at <u>iangrossi@gmail.com</u> with any questions or to sign up for Booth Coverage and/or Parade participation.





Summer at Grace

For more info, email Vivian at vblais@gracepvd.org

JUNE

4 - Last day of the Sunday School year
15 - Movie Night! The Prince of Egypt, 7p.
(Recommended ages 10+)
18 - Summer Sunday School begins
24 - Family Picnic at Pedestrian Bridge
Park, 11am

JULY

22 - Parents + Toddlers Play Date in the Pavilion, 9-11am

AUGUST

20 - Last day of Summer Sunday School 26 - Family Picnic at Pedestrian Bridge Park, 11am

Sunday Morning Worship The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

~ Sunday Morning YouTube Link ~ <u>Click here!</u>

This service will be live-streamed to the <u>Grace Church YouTube</u> <u>Channel</u>. Please use the link provided above to watch. The service will also be archived on the <u>Grace Church website</u> 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.



To view the Order of Service for Trinity Sunday please <u>CLICK HERE!</u>

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

The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday June 4, 2023



O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our

Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

For the texts of the readings for **Trinity Sunday**, **please click here.**

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