



# Grace Abounds!



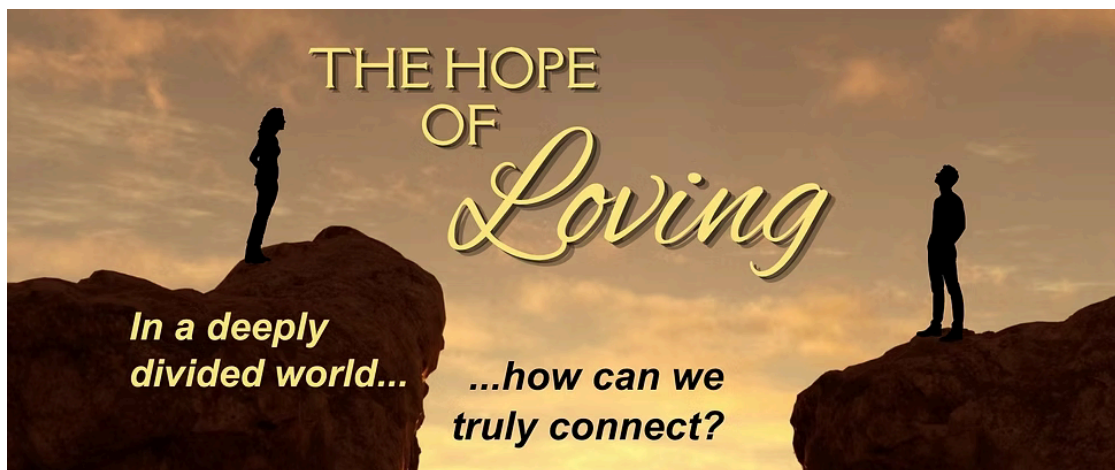
Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - May 22, 2026

## Providence Singers at Grace - May 31!

Join the Providence Singers at 3pm on Sunday, May 31, for **The Hope of Loving**, a program of uplifting music that explores the many ways we seek peace, love, and true connections.

The 80-voice choir will be accompanied by string quartet, piano, and percussion. The music includes a stunning arrangement of "Amazing Grace" and the gospel-inspired "All of Us," the final movement of *Considering Matthew Shepard*.

Tickets are available through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). (Parishioners are invited to use the code **Grace** to receive a \$5 discount per ticket!) Tickets also are available at the door. For more information, visit [Providencesingers.org](https://www.providencesingers.org) or email [info@providencesingers.org](mailto:info@providencesingers.org).



## Celebrating the Life of Ray Finelli

We will have a celebration of life on Sunday, June 7, for longtime Grace Church member Ray Finelli who died on March 7, 2025. The service will begin at 2:30pm in the church, with a reception to follow in the Pavilion; all are warmly welcome to attend.

[Click here](#) for more on Ray's life - he lived to be 103!



## Pride Volunteers Needed!

As summer approaches, so too does LGBTQ+ Pride Month!. We are excited for Grace Church to once again join our neighbors to celebrate RI PrideFest on **Saturday, June 20**. We are seeking volunteers to represent Grace at our booth, where you will have an opportunity to share information about our welcoming church community.



And this year, each volunteer will receive a **FREE** Grace-logo'd t-shirt in a rainbow color of your choice! (If not volunteering, you can purchase a shirt for \$20 starting May 27.)

Please see the printed sign-up sheet in The Pavilion to select a volunteer shift. And **email Sterl Carpenter** at [sterlwilliamcarpenter@gmail.com](mailto:sterlwilliamcarpenter@gmail.com) for any questions, or to sign-up for a shift remotely.

All are welcome to join us in saying “*The Episcopal Church Welcomes You*” at Pride!

## Clergy Transition Presentation - Coming Up June 21

On Sunday, June 21, Canon Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew - Canon to the Ordinary for the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island - will be with us! She will preach at that morning's service, then will join us at coffee hour to present an overview of the clergy transition process.



Canon Dena serves as Bishop Knisely's Chief of Staff and assists him with the management, oversight, and operations of the Diocese, and in the support of clergy and congregations.

She earned a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School, as well as a Master of Theology and a Doctor of Ministry from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Canon Dena served congregations in the Dioceses of Atlanta, Los Angeles, Michigan, Ohio, and Central New York prior to being called to Rhode Island in August 2019.

She is married to the Rev. Dr. David Cleaver-Bartholomew, and they have two adult daughters: Audrey is a lawyer in Boston, and Lydia works for an independent school in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

As part of the presentation on June 21, Canon Dena will discuss what happens next and what we can expect in the months to come. There also will be an opportunity to ask questions, so **save the date, and join us for this important discussion!**



## Oops! - A Mixup Last Sunday

During last Sunday afternoon's farewell reception, there was a table outside the Pavilion with books left behind by Fr. Jonathan when he packed up his office - all of those were available for anyone to take.

Toward the end of the reception, those of us cleaning up the kitchen put platters, serving dishes, and a glass Pyrex pan on that same table so their owners could claim them as they left for home. Unfortunately, we didn't think to put a sign explaining what they were, and some folks (not the owners) mistakenly took these items home. We're sorry for the error that led to such a misunderstanding.

If you happened to pick up a dish on that table and you didn't bring it, please return it to the parish office or bring it with you next Sunday so it can be returned to its owner.

Thank you for your help!

## The Pipes Are Calling!

In [his latest blog post](#), Director of Music Vince Edwards highlights some of the prep work being done here at Grace as we ready the space to receive our newly restored organ in the next few months. While much of that work won't be seen by most folks, you'll have opportunities for behind-the-scenes tours with Vince in the coming weeks - stay tuned for more details!



An added bonus: this post includes a shot of the back organ that's perfect for Halloween!

As Vince chronicles Grace's massive organ restoration project in his blog, [The Pipes Are Calling](#), we hope you follow along to catch up on what has happened and find out what will be happening soon! Watch for more updates in the coming weeks as Vince continues documenting - in words and pictures - every aspect of the project and its progress.

Thank you for sharing this journey with us, and subscribe to this blog to follow the action in real time. Visit [thepipesarecalling.blog](http://thepipesarecalling.blog) - and be sure to share the link with friends!

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## Shawl Ministry at Grace

The Shawl Ministry team is hard at work making baby hats for newborns at Providence hospitals.

Interested in lending a hand? Join us each Wednesday at 10am when we gather in the Pavilion and use God's gifts in service to others. Or, if you can't join us at that time,

knit/crochet at home and drop off your creations to the parish office during the week (8am-4pm, M-F) or bring them with you on Sunday. Thank you for your help!

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## Staff Schedules

The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 25, for the Memorial Day holiday. In addition, several staff will be taking days off this weekend:

- **Rev. Jennifer Kezirian West** is out of town through this Sunday, May 24. If you have a pastoral need, please email her at [jwest@gracepvd.org](mailto:jwest@gracepvd.org) or call the parish office at 401-331-3225, press 6, and leave a message. She will contact you as soon as she can.
  - **Events Manager Jennifer Mojzak** will be out of town Saturday, May 23, through Monday, May 25. If you have an event-related question, please email her at [jmojzak@gracepvd.org](mailto:jmojzak@gracepvd.org) or leave a message on her voicemail at 401-757-0344; she will respond to messages after she returns.
  - **Director of Administration Michele Adamo** is out of town through Tuesday, May 26. If you have a question for her, please email [madamo@gracepvd.org](mailto:madamo@gracepvd.org) or call the parish office at 401-331-3225 and leave a message; she will respond after she returns.
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# Worship with Us!

## The Feast of Pentecost

### May 24, 2026

Most Sunday mornings, Grace Church live-streams our 10am service of Holy Eucharist on YouTube. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in our worship life at Grace.

**Live-streamed Worship:** Our Sunday services are live-streamed on the Grace Church YouTube Channel. If you can't join us Sunday morning, visit [our YouTube channel](#) and

watch/share at your convenience. (Note that if the recording isn't in [the "Live" listing](#), you may find it in [the "Videos" tab](#).)



***Click the video box to join this live-streamed service on YouTube.***

**Click Here to See the Bulletin for This Sunday's Service**

**Collect for This Sunday:** *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.*

**Readings:** For the texts of the readings for Sunday worship, [please click here](#).

**More About the Episcopal Church:** [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. [Click here](#) for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island.

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

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a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship,  
proclamation and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and  
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