



# EMMANUEL CHURCH, NEWPORT, RI†

*We are a dynamic faith community committed to sharing God's love.  
Our mission is to equip people to live as disciples of Jesus.*



## The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: August 16, 2020

PRELUDE

Waltz in A-Flat Major, Op. 64, No. 3

F. Chopin

HYMN #538

God of mercy, God of grace

*Lucerna Laudoniae*

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy  
2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -  
face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy  
dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry  
Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -  
to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -  
tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.  
bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

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## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

*The Priest alone says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in  
eternal life. *Amen.*

## INVITATORY

Lord, open our lips.

*And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!*

**ANTIPHON:** The mercy of the Lord is everlasting; *Come let us adore him.*

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**ANTIPHON:** The mercy of the Lord is everlasting; *Come let us adore him.*

**PSALM 67** *Deus misereatur*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 56:1,6-8**

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;  
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.  
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.  
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,  
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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**THE EPISTLE: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God*

1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!  
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!  
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!  
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.  
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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## **A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28**

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God*

## **SERMON**

**The Rev. Della Wager Wells**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS

Officiant     The Lord be with you.  
People        *And also with you.*  
Officiant     Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## SUFFRAGES A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Nicholas, our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and for our community of Emmanuel; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for our President, Donald, our Governor, Gina, our Mayor, Jamie and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for Rich and for the Frost family; the Roy family and all of the Christ Church, Westerly Community; Heidi; Mandy; Evelyn; Donald; Mike; Lorine and Harry; and for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Meg Frost Roy, who died August 12, 2020.  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

#### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

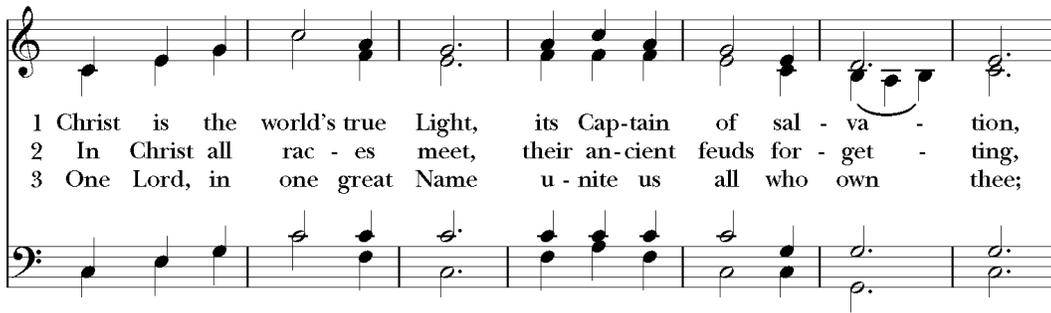
Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### **COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS**

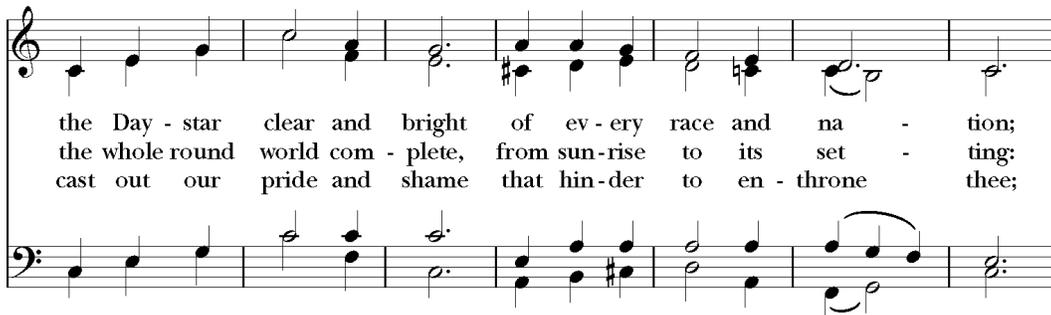
O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### **PRAYER FOR MISSION**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



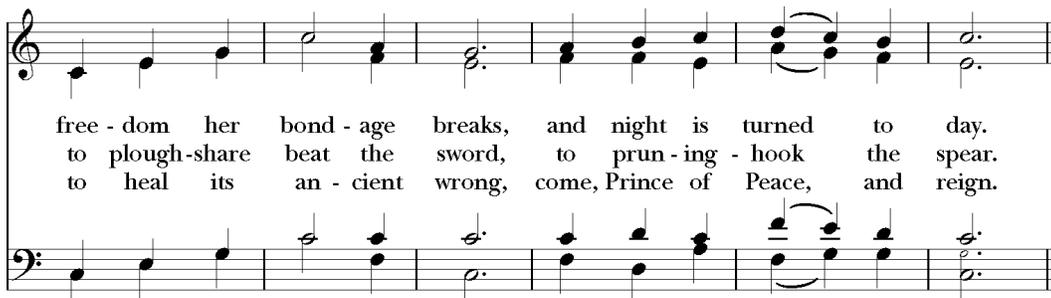
1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,  
 2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,  
 3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;



the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;  
 the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;  
 cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;



new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:  
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,  
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;



free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.  
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.  
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

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## GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

## DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

*The Officiant may then conclude*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
*Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

## FAMILY MEETING

### POSTLUDE

Bourree from *French Suite No. 5*

J. S. Bach

Thank you, also, to our readers: Nick Brown (Old Testament); Posy Jackson & Susan Barnes (Psalm); Lil Hargrove (Epistle); Vickie Hicks (Gospel) and Jere Wells (Intercessions).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In-person Morning Prayer on the church lawn Sundays at 8:00 am**, weather permitting. We know that 8:00 am is early for some people. The Reopening Planning Group (RPG) has chosen 8:00 am because it's both cooler and quieter at that hour — the sun is lower in the sky, and the traffic isn't heavy yet. And with our social distancing, there is not enough shade for everyone under the trees. *Please let the office know if you strongly prefer a different time.* We'll take a count of preferences and figure out what makes sense for the most people.

The RPG has worked hard to get ready for in-person services, including signage, check in procedures, and socially distanced spacing. One entrance to the parking lot will be blocked off by cone so that traffic is directed one way. Please *bring a folding chair, wear your mask, and stay 6 feet from other people* who did not arrive in your car. A greeter will meet you at your car and direct you to the marked socially distant spots on the sidewalk to enter the main church gate (not the office gate). The greeter will have extra masks if you forgot yours.

**The Church office is OPEN!** We are excited to be getting back together. The office will be open Tuesday through Friday, from 8:30-12:00. If you are coming to the office, you will have a temperature check and health screening (cough or respiratory symptoms, muscle aches, travel to other states, etc.) and will enter your name and other details on the contact tracing log on the large table in the reception area of the office. A contact-free digital thermometer, hand sanitizer, and sanitizing wipes are on the table. When entering the office, please **WEAR A MASK**, and sanitize your hands upon entry. Annie will guide you in the health screening.

At the gate, you will have a quick health screening and temperature check, receive a bulletin, and be guided to your socially distanced spot for worship. As glad as we are to see each other, we won't make physical contact — no handshaking or hugging. And (really sadly for me) we can't sing. But this will be fun. It's louder outdoors, and there may be emergency traffic or trucks on Spring Street, gulls or planes overhead, or even boat horns in the harbor — those of you who are veterans of outdoor services at Emmanuel know that. Dennis Bristow will be helping us with a sound system so that you will be able to hear. We'll keep a weather eye out, and let you know by Constant Contact, the web site, and Facebook post if we need to cancel outdoor services due to rain. In addition to your mask and a folding chair, *you may want to wear a hat, or bring an umbrella to protect you from the sun.* We have scheduled the service early — 8:00 am — to avoid the hottest part of the day when the sun is directly overhead. We will continue our 10:00 am Sunday Facebook Live Morning Prayer for those who prefer to worship indoors, or who are not able to or comfortable coming to the church. Remember that the virtual services are recorded. You can worship with those services at any time after they are initially posted at 10:00 on Sundays.

**Remember that we will wear masks and maintain social distance at all church meetings** that are held in person (not on Zoom), whether they are held indoors or outdoors, or at the church or another location.

**HERE IS A VIDEO** that will show you what to expect when you arrive at church: [https://youtu.be/E4IOFRpec\\_o](https://youtu.be/E4IOFRpec_o).

**Technology:** WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE OUR ONLINE WORSHIP. Each Sunday, we will post the week's Morning Prayer service at 10:00 am both on the Emmanuel web site ([https://emmanuelnewport.org/worship/virtual\\_emmanuel/](https://emmanuelnewport.org/worship/virtual_emmanuel/)) and on Facebook. If you are a regular user of Facebook, please "like" and "follow" Emmanuel Church, Newport's page. This will give you notifications of Events, Watch Parties, or Video Premier. If you are not a regular user of Facebook and you want to watch through Facebook, you can click on the Facebook link on Emmanuel's webpage: (<https://emmanuelnewport.org>). This link will take you to Emmanuel Church Newport's Facebook page, where you can click on "Posts" in the left-hand column. The Watch Party will be the top post. You can click on the video to make it larger. When you go to Emmanuel's pages, you will see a menu on the left, where you can click on Video, which will have a red 'live' tag for a Video Premier. You are encouraged to comment during the service and talk with each other, so please enter your comments, or click on the emoticons during the service.

Let's remember our friends who may not be able to join us in person or by computer or tablet. If you can, check in and see if they might like to "go to church" virtually with you, listening to the live cast by telephone as you participate on your computer or tablet at home. Susan Barnes has good advice on this approach. Contact her with any questions.

**Please let us know any announcements or prayer requests** you have for the congregation! Call Annie Sherman, Parish Administrator, at 401-847-0675, or email her at [admin@emmanuelnewport.org](mailto:admin@emmanuelnewport.org) by Monday each week.

**Did you know** that, especially in these COVID-19 times when many of us are worshipping remotely, you may still *pay your pledge* in all the same ways? There are easy ways to do this! **First**, you can mail in a check, **or** use your bank's online bill pay option (you send a check through your bank online), **or** go to our website - [www.emmanuelnewport.org](http://www.emmanuelnewport.org) - and click on "Donate" to make a secure on-line payment through VANCO using your checking or savings account to pay your pledge. At present we do not use credit cards. It is because of your generosity Emmanuel continues to be with you and with our neighbors through our remote Morning Prayer service on Sundays, as well as at a Bible Study, and Coffee Hour fellowship. Join us live every Sunday at 10am on our Facebook page <https://facebook.com/emmanuelnewport> and click on Video and at the 9am Bible Study and 11am Coffee Hour by clicking on the Zoom links on the next page.

**From this week's Diocesan Update:** The Presiding Bishop, his staff, bishops, and canons met yesterday with Dr. Anthony Fauci to discuss COVID-19 and to ask questions about best practices for churches in light of updated scientific information. Dr. Fauci said that given the most recent data, there is good reason to believe that we can reopen most of the country if the majority of people follow three basic guidelines: 1. universal wearing of masks, 2. physical distancing, and 3. avoiding crowds. Dr. Fauci noted that people should understand these measures as a gateway to allow us to do the things we hope to do, such as reopening the economy, reopening schools, vote, and holding in person worship. ***The Bishop is therefore updating the guidance in the diocesan Journeying by Stages document to require universal wearing of masks by those leading worship, including when preaching and celebrating.*** The exception is when the clergy or lay leader is recording or streaming a service where only their family and a limited circle of those with whom they regularly interact are present. Clergy are to be especially mindful of modeling the behavior we wish to encourage, both online and in person.

Dr. Fauci confirmed that "outdoors is always better than indoors, indoors with windows open is always better than closed, and that moisture and heat are better than cold and dry" to discourage spread of the virus. He stated that there has been no documentation of outdoor super spreader events. This information is especially important to note as fall and winter approach and churches consider whether to move services inside and use heat or if it would be better to offer online worship only. Dr. Fauci clarified that when experts say, 'crowds,' it means people congregating close together. Large groups outdoors and spaced out properly is safer than small groups gathering in close quarters. Singing is worse than speaking for spreading the virus. Singing sends out more particles according to test done by scientists, so try not to sing. Face shields allow aerosolized particles to emerge underneath, therefore a mask is preferable.

**The mask you choose is important!** New data regarding masks is reported in [The Washington Post](#), which cited a study on the effectiveness of 14 differing kinds of masks. The study found that "some easily accessible cotton cloth masks are about as effective as standard surgical masks, while popular alternatives such as neck gaiters made of thin, stretchy material may be worse than not wearing a mask at all." The neck gaiters are comfortable but "don't restrict air, is the reason why they're not doing much of a job helping people." Some masks are more of a detriment than a good, including bandanas and knitted masks. Finally, masks with a relief valve do not protect others from the air you exhale.

Rhode Island has 74 new [COVID-19 cases](#), 89 people are hospitalized, 9 are in the ICU, and 3 require a ventilator. Two more people have died from the virus for a total of 1,018 in the state. Rhode Islanders are no longer required to quarantine when traveling to Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey.

Governor Raimondo held a press gathering yesterday and emphasized important COVID-19 guidelines. She reminded everyone of “the golden rule in this pandemic – the number one thing we keep repeating. If you are sick at all – even if it’s just a headache – stay home.” The Governor also highlighted the importance of three facets of contact tracing: “First, keep your contact tracing journal. Take one minute every day to write down the names of everyone you saw that day. Second, if you’re the one organizing a gathering... write down the names and phone numbers of everyone you have over. If someone tests positive and says they were at your house, the contact tracers’ first call will be to you, and they’ll need to know the names and numbers of everyone who was there. Third, if you get called by the contact tracers, please answer the phone and provide your information...no personally identifiable information is stored in the system, and all the information you provide is protected by the strictest privacy standards under HIPAA.” Contact tracing practices apply to worship services, so please follow the guidelines.

St. Francis Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Houston posted an [outstanding video](#) on Facebook titled “What Does It Mean to be an Episcopalian?”

Christianity Today hosts a blog named The Exchange which will be hosting a two-part symposium on the book [White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism](#) by Robin DiAngelo. In preparation for the symposium, host Ed Stetzer has provided a summary of each chapter of the book. [The summary](#) may be a beneficial resource in its own right for those reading or discussing the book.

## ZOOM SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

### EMMANUEL CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

Time: August 9, 2020 9:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6673249264?pwd=b0ZsaE5NamRKU1NTNldBc2cvaG42UT09>

Meeting ID: 667 324 9264 Password: 399924

Raymond's ZOOM concerts  
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 3pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85408440033?pwd=KzZPQ1hTd05yOXZqN0huSWRHVU50dz09>

Meeting ID: 854 0844 0033 Password: 44006

## Covenant for Regathering

I promise, to the best of my ability with God's help, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Rhode Island for participation in church as we regather during the COVID-19 pandemic.

*In faithfulness to the Baptismal Covenant (BCP p. 304-305), I will strive to:*

### **Love my neighbor as myself, by...**

- Wearing a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship by an assigned speaking part, and following public health guidelines for hand sanitizing and disinfecting.
- Only attending worship if I am non-symptomatic for the COVID-19 virus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another person also attending.
- Abstaining from attending worship if I am concerned that doing so would be too great a risk due to my own health status.

### **Respect the dignity of every human being, by...**

- Making no physical contact while at church with people beyond the members of my own household.
- Maintaining a six foot or more distance from other members of the congregation.
- Respecting any requests for distance, masking, cleaning, and disinfecting to ensure the safety and comfort level of others.

### **Seek and serve Christ in all people by...**

- Supporting the decisions of my diocesan and congregational leaders.
- Staying connected with others in my community by telephone, video chat, mail, or other means.

This is our expectation for all those who wish to worship with us in person. By participating in our worship, you assume responsibility for following the above, and acknowledge the risks of participation in an in-person gathering.

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