



# 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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: August 23, 2020

PRELUDE

Minuet and Trio from *Sonata in C Major, No. 39*

F. J. Haydn

HYMN 577

God is love, and where true love is

*Ubi Caritas (Murray)*

*Refrain*

God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.  
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,  
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.  
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.  
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.  
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.  
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

*Repeat Refrain*

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.  
Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.  
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

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## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

## 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:** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: *Come let us adore him.*

**Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

**ANTIPHON:** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: *Come let us adore him.*

**Psalm 138** *Confitebor tibi*

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

*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 51:1-6**

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.  
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.  
Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.  
For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.  
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be for ever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 12: A Song of Creation

Hymn 398 *I sing the almighty power of God*  
*Forest Green*

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 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**The Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God*

CANTICLE: The Song of Mary, *the Magnificat*

Hymn 437 *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!*  
*vs. 1, 2, 4 Birmingham*

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 16:13-20**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

### **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 B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain

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 the family of Keith Dowty: Debbie & Kim; Rich and for the Frost family; the Roy family and all of the Christ Church, Westerly Community; the family of Peter Wright; 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 Keith Dowty, who died August 16, 2020 and Peter Wright who died on August 18, 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**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and 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.*

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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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*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*  
*Romans 15:13*

## FAMILY MEETING

### POSTLUDE

Gigue from *French Suite No. 5*

J. S. Bach

Thank you, also, to our readers: Ellen Vadney (Old Testament); Ellen Vadney & Maris Humphreys (Psalm); Nick Brown (Epistle); Jere Wells (Gospel) and Lil Hargrove (Intercessions).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you for participating in our service time poll! In response to your preferences, we will hold in-person Morning Prayer on the church lawn at 9:00 am THIS COMING Sunday, August 23, weather permitting.** Thank you for speaking up and letting us know what works for you. 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.

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 — 9:00 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 CONTINUE OUR ONLINE WORSHIP. Each Sunday, we will post the week's Morning Prayer service at 10:00 am 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

**We know that some of us have conflicts on some Sundays, are not ready to come to in person worship yet, or may need or want to worship online from time to time.** We will do our best to stream our in-person service on Facebook Live each week at 9:00 am, if you would like to join us that way, and will also continue online Morning Prayer at 10:00 am — both on the Emmanuel web site and the Emmanuel Facebook page. The in-person service will be live, and there is always the potential for technical glitches, but the recorded service will be available both on the Emmanuel web site and the Emmanuel Facebook page if there is any issue with the streamed service.

**We have disappointing news** for those who were not able to read the Emmanuel Constant Contact from Wednesday of this week. **Due to COVID-driven declining enrollment, the vestry voted at its regular meeting on Tuesday to suspend Emmanuel Day School's operations.** We share this news with very heavy hearts, as providing a high quality, nurturing educational environment for our EDS children has been Emmanuel's treasured privilege for decades.

COVID time has affected all of our lives and institutions, and families all over the country are making the difficult decision to homeschool their children or keep them in small neighborhood "pods." These understandable decisions have affected the enrollment at EDS, which is now at less than half capacity. The vestry recognized that we cannot sustain the EDS program at those levels, and voted to suspend EDS operations.

We bring this sad news on behalf of the vestry, sharing your disappointment and regret. We are grateful beyond words for the devotion and professionalism of the EDS staff — Carissa, Kate, Terri, and Sarah. Please reach out to Della+ or to Deb Venancio or Maggie Martin, your wardens, with any questions. We pray for all of our Emmanuel community's health and safety, especially for our EDS teachers and families, and for an effective vaccine that can control this virus that has affected all of our lives.

**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.

**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 House of Bishops met this last week with Dr. Anthony Fauci, and Bishop Knisely discussed some of the information that emerged from the meeting in the clergy town hall on Thursday, August 20. One point the bishop made is that science is now demonstrating that the virus is aerosolized by speech and breath, and can remain in the air for hours, rather than being carried by larger droplets that fall to the ground in minutes. We have also learned that 2/3 of the people who have COVID — that's 66% — are asymptomatic. Further, testing is notoriously slow, so that many who have COVID have recovered or are hospitalized by the time the test results are available. What this means is that masks make a huge difference, and social distancing is really important. Also, we are safer outdoors than indoors. Governor Raimondo has shared the statistic that we are 19x more likely to share the virus inside than outside. ***As a result of the positive effect of wearing a mask, the Bishop has updated 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.

Dr. Fauci reiterated in the meeting 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.

As of August 20, Rhode Island has 62 new cases of COVID-19, with 84 people in the hospital, 8 in the ICU, and 4 needing a ventilator. Another Rhode Islander has died from the virus, bringing the total to 1,028.

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.

**From the Diocese: What we choose to remember, and choose to forget.** Like the rest of the nation, Rhode Island is currently reckoning with the pervasive commemoration of agents of colonization, genocide, and enslavement throughout our public landscape. How do communities publicly acknowledge histories of violence and oppression without celebrating them? And, where do we all go from here? Join the **Center for Reconciliation** and a distinguished panel of government officials, scholars, community leaders, and artists to explore the history and meaning of public commemoration in Rhode Island, and to imagine new futures for our shared past. Speakers include artist **Becci Davis**; City of Providence Department of Arts, Culture & Tourism Director **Stephanie Fortunato**; and RISD Office of Social Equity and Inclusion Research Fellow **Dr. Christopher Roberts**. The event will be moderated by CFR Exhibition Manager & Curator **Julia Renaud**.

**Monday, August 24, 4:30-6:00 pm EST Online Event via Zoom.**

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**<https://zoom.us/j/96798568360?pwd=TzJlVGxkdCtNWktXN3JjSDArZEhMQT09>**

**To register and donate (optional) via Eventbrite: [cfrmonuments.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)**

On August 29th and 30th, **the Newport String Project and the Newport Art Museum** collaborate to present "One to One: two days of micro-concerts featuring one musician and listener". The micro-concerts will take place at outdoor locations around the Newport Art Museum's campus. Reserve a fifteen minute personalized performance with an NSP musician online (<https://calendly.com/newportstringproject/nsp-one-to-one?month=2020-08>) or stop by in person. Musicians and listeners will wear masks and be physically distanced. These micro-concerts are offered free as part of NSP's mission to make chamber music accessible for all. There is no expectation of donation, although contributions in support of NSP's mission can be made online or in person. [newportstringproject.org/onetoone](http://newportstringproject.org/onetoone).  
Ealain McMullin, 401 440 7036; *Newport String Project Director and Co-Founder*

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

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