

All Saints'
Memorial Church
674 Westminster St., Providence RI

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*Come and worship
Rejoice in fellowship
Love and serve the Lord!*

For he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

Dear All Saints' Family,

It is hard to find more comforting words in scripture than the passage in Hebrews, "I will never leave you or forsake you." We will read this passage from Hebrews on Sunday. Sometimes when our spirits are flagging, when we have hit a bump in the road, when we aren't feeling well, when we are anxious about a situation, when we are angry about an unfairness, when a health issue emerges, when we are struggling with loss, when we are

flooded by the business of life, those beautiful words recede in the face of illness, worry, sadness, anger, or pain. This is where those other beautiful verses from Hebrews come into play: “*Let mutual love continue* (Hebrews 13:1). We need each other. As a people of God, God’s Beloved, the body of Christ, we minister to one another. We share in the highs and lows of our life together. We pray for one another in the Prayers of the People each week, through our Pastoral Care Ministry, and in private prayer.

We pray for healing or wholeness, not just for physical or bodily healing or healing of mind, but for healing of the spirit as well. And that healing arrives. God promises. We may or may not see immediate dramatic healing. We may not understand it. But the healing is there in the love and closeness of Christ's healing touch. St. John of the Cross writes: “In the inner stillness where meditation leads, the Spirit secretly anoints the soul and heals our deepest wounds.”

The Holy Spirit has led us to a new ministry of prayer at All Saints’. The new Healing Prayer ministry started with conversations about prayer over the last six months or so. These conversations led us to start talking about a healing prayer ministry. Yesterday we - me, Gigi Fahnbulleh, Agnes Fox, and Deirdre Greelish met to talk about details.

On the first Sunday of each month, beginning Sunday, September 4th, Gigi, Agnes, and Deirdre will go to the side altar during Communion.

Anyone who wishes is invited to approach one of the prayer ministers and request a prayer. You may be able to articulate your prayer request in a few words. However, your prayer request doesn't have to be spoken. Gigi, Agnes, and Deirdre observe that God knows what you need without you even speaking the words. After the prayer you may return to your seat.

All prayer requests will be considered confidential.

Starting in October on the first Wednesday of the month at noon, we will have a healing service with Eucharist and the laying on of hands.

We bless God for this healing prayer ministry. As Agnes said, "I have thought about this for a long, long time." We thank God for making it possible here at All Saints'.

Yours in the Spirit,

Rev. Julie, Gigi, Agnes, and Deirdre





In other news, the 175th Anniversary Quilt is finished! Many, many thanks, Charlotte Burgess. Tickets go on sale Sunday, Sept 4th at coffee hour. On-line tickets may be purchased now **on our website**. Tickets are \$10 apiece or 3 for \$25. The drawing will be at the 175th Anniversary Brunch on November 6th.



A reminder about the Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 11! We hope you will join us for some late-summer relaxation and festive fellowship. We will gather at Lincoln Woods, Shelter B following the Sunday Service at All Saints'. Rosetta Evans and Elizabeth Toby have asked that you sign-up at Coffee Hour so we have a sense of numbers. We

have maps of Lincoln Woods with the picnic area clearly marked.
The maps are in the church entrances where you find service programs.

And finally, on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30PM we will host the first session of our Faith and Health Conversations. The focus of this Conversation is abortion, including Episcopal Church statements on reproductive health care over the years. Rev. David Ames will join us for this Conversation. The series will continue into the fall with sessions on End of Life Care, Funeral Planning, and Centering Prayer/Meditation.

All are warmly welcome to our Service of Holy Eucharist on Sunday at 9:30am.

Zoom link: Sunday August 28, 9:30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKek0rMGVzMFFEcjFiUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Password: 674674

Service Program August 28:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin12_pentecost_sunday_august_28_2022.pdf



Music Notes

Choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, September 7th, 7:00-8:30pm in the choir room. New members are welcome and encouraged to join.

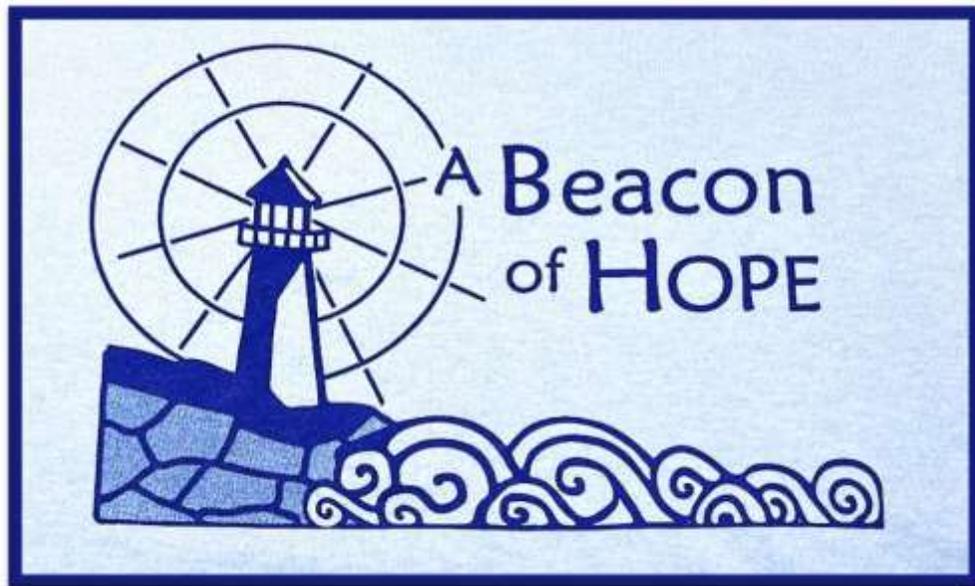
Dawn Hymn (by *Becky Silliman*)

I was first introduced to the music of Alan Hovhaness when I was in high school in Seattle, hearing one of his works (likely “Prayer of St. Gregory”) performed at St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral with Rolf Smedvig as trumpet soloist. Then a high school student in north Seattle, Smedvig became the youngest principal trumpet player in the history of the Boston Symphony. Fast forward to a few months ago when I read about a Hovhaness composition for organ, “Dawn Hymn” (composed in 1953).

Alan Hovhaness was born Alan Vaness Chakmakjian in Somerville, Massachusetts to an Armenian father and American mother of Scottish descent, changing his surname to Hovhaness in honor of his paternal grandfather. Aspiring to become a composer from a young age, his career was characterized by the exploration and integration of the music of his Armenian heritage as well as that ancient musical traditions of India,

Hawaii, Japan, and South Korea into his compositions. “Dawn Hymn” has mystical qualities and is a tone poem – listen as the sun rises and the earth begins to wake up.

Outreach News



Andrea Hutnak and Bill McBorrough at the John Hope Block Party on Sunday afternoon:



The next Outreach meeting is Sunday, September 25 following the Service. All are welcome to join the meeting.

Crossroads would appreciate donations of deodorant and cleaning supplies (for example bathroom and kitchen cleaners). If you are able to help, please leave your donation in the basket near the church entrance.

Outreach Food Collection: Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of any pre-packaged, non-expired food. Thank you for your generosity!

- August: Canned Baked Beans
 - September: Canned Stews and Soups
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News from the "Healing of Creation" Garden

Why do we (or don't we) "Deadhead" Flowers?

To "deadhead" means to remove a flower that has withered or died. This is done for several reasons:

- 1) to encourage further blooming;
- 2) to keep the plant from using its energy to make seeds;
- 3) to keep those seeds from dispersing and growing new plants; and
- 4) to keep a garden looking tidy.

So, for example, Rev. Julie deadheaded our irises this spring during one of our garden work party mornings.

However, there are also reasons not to deadhead and these are why we

won't be deadheading flowers in the pollinator garden. We want our plants to create seeds for birds to eat (like the goldfinches on wild bergamot below left; perhaps we will see them in our gardens next summer) and to spread them so that new plants will grow next spring (see seedpods developing on our lupine below right).

We also want the plants to serve as habitat for insects over the winter. We will remove dead plant stems and flower heads next spring when new growth from their roots is beginning, perhaps using them to begin a new composting project.



Altar Flowers



Do you have flowers in your garden that might grace the altar on a Sunday? Please contact Marybeth Hanavan (mbhanavan@gmail.com) if you would like to bring flowers on a given Sunday. Please let Marybeth know one week in advance. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

August 31: Noonday Prayer, 12:00pm in the church

Sept. 7: Choir Practice 7:00-8:30pm

Sept. 11: Parish Picnic, Lincoln Woods 12:00pm

Sept. 12: Vestry Meeting. 7:00pm – Zoom

Sept. 13: Faith & Health Conversation, Rose Hall, 6:30pm

Prayers

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, and Dan Nagle. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Mary Tryforos, Margaret Barney, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Rena, Lusaynie Sirleaf, Victor, Phil, and Steven Gauvin.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for campus ministry programs at Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Amos Jallah, Jr.

We pray for those who serve in the armed forces, especially Hannah Makuch.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 28, 2022

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

Response: Psalm 112

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 4, 2022

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Response: Psalm 1

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33



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