



All Saints' Memorial Church

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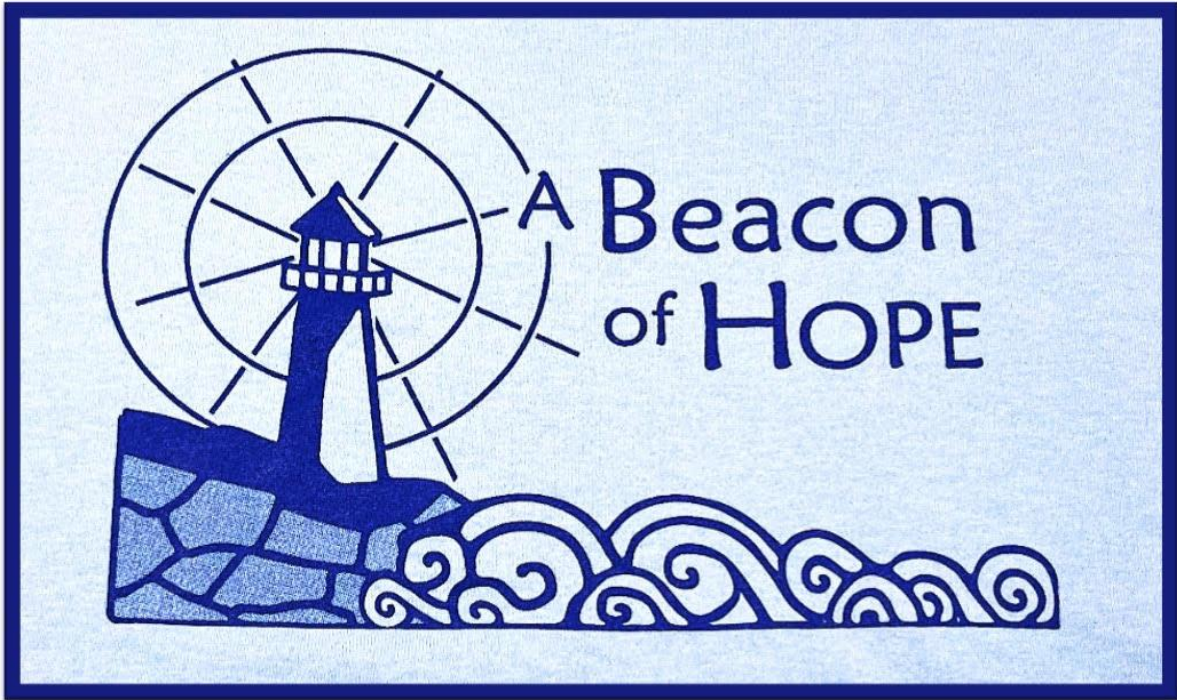
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*Come and worship*

*Rejoice in fellowship*

*Love and serve the Lord!*



*Faith in Action*





Dear All Saints' Family,

Outreach warmly thanks you for the diapers collected in the past month. Yesterday Linda and Pattie delivered a substantial contribution of diapers and wipes to West End Community Center. Your donations are tremendously appreciated. Diapers are indispensable and expensive.

This Sunday we begin a three-part series: *Being Christian*. Together we will take up the question: What does being Christian mean in today's world? This will be held in the *air-conditioned* office.

We will loosely follow the former Archbishop of Canterbury's book *Being Christian*, reflecting on Baptism, Eucharist, Prayer and the Bible. If you wish to be baptised, confirmed, or received into the Episcopal church this class is for you. If you have already been baptised, confirmed, or received in the Episcopal church this class will help you reflect on sacraments, prayer, and scripture at this point in your faith life. All are invited to join a session or all three.

Last Sunday's "Open Altar" gave us nice start reflecting on the Eucharist through a

walk around the church and the sacristy. We identified parts of the church and sacred items that we use at the Eucharistic Table. We decided we should do this again maybe in the fall when it is cooler in the church.





*Collect for this Sunday: O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be*

*devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Yours in the Spirit,  
Julie

*Blessings this 4th of July*

*O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.*

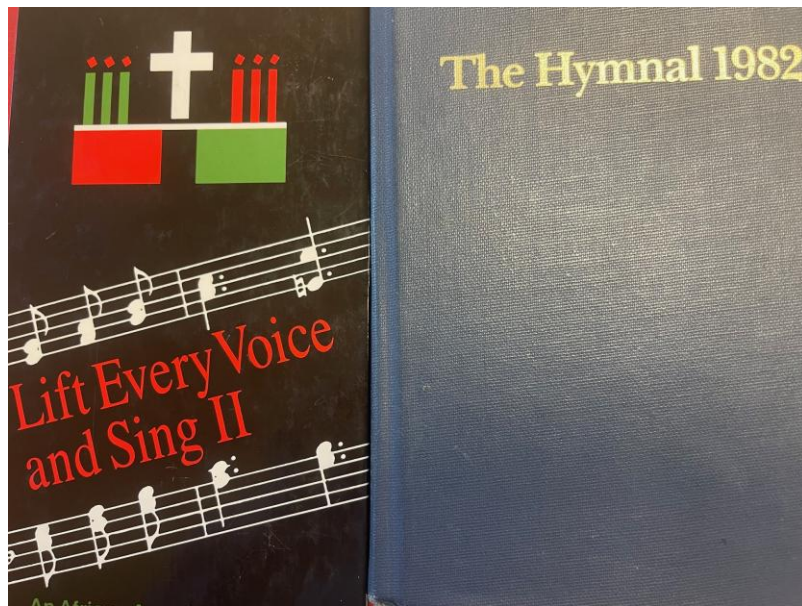
*Lord, keep this nation under your care.*

*To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.*

*Give grace to your servants, O Lord.*

All are welcome to join our Service of Holy Eucharist on Sunday at 9:30. If you would like to participate by zoom, the link is [here](#).

You will find the Sunday service program [on our website](#), posted on Thursday.



### *Musical Notes*

Our prelude on Sunday features keyboard variations on the familiar tune, "God Save the King." The precise origins of both text and tune of that song remain obscure, but it surfaced with great popularity in the British theaters in 1745 and beyond. Soon enough, this became the time, of course, when troubles arose between us in the American colonies and the young and new King George III and his government in England, leading ultimately to the outbreak of war, which we now observe at the 250th anniversary, and to our independence. Be aware, however, that despite our political differences, we retained strong cultural ties with Britain throughout and beyond this time, and in many ways were happy to continue to receive and reflect what was latest in London. This included music. Thus, when British troops were sent in 1768 to occupy Boston in the aftermath of protests against British taxation, while townspeople expressed their disdain for their presence in many ways, they nevertheless were delighted to hire the excellent British bands of music attached to the occupying troops (essentially wind octets) to entertain the town with concerts at Fanueil

Hall. Among the principal composers featured? Bach, of course! But not Johann Sebastian, whose music was little played and appreciated then compared to today. Rather, his youngest son, Johann Christian Bach, who became all the rage in London in the 1760's. Just like Handel fifty years earlier, Bach moved from Germany to England and immediately sought favor from the reigning monarch, in which he succeeded quickly after the premier of one of his operas. He then taught Queen Charlotte on the harpsichord and teamed up with another German (gambist Carl Friedrich Abel) to present a series of concerts (in the Soho district) that reigned for a decade with great success and popular favor. He also, like his older brother Carl Phillip Emanuel Bach, favored and promoted the piano, and thus became the first to perform on the instrument in London and publish music for it as well (in 1765). For all these reasons, it was his music, not his father's, (as well as the music of Handel) that the colonists in America greatly enjoyed hearing and performing as well throughout the Revolutionary and Federal periods.

But the translation of "God Save the King" to "America" ("My country, 'tis of thee-- Hymn #717)? In the first decades of the nineteenth century, musician Lowell Mason became well established in Boston as the first promoter of music education in the public schools, and the prolific publisher of songbooks and hymnals for that purpose and for church use. In 1831, while making new arrangements of a German hymn collection that happened to include the tune "God Save the King" set to German words, he approached Samuel Francis Smith, then a student at the Andover Theological Seminary, to write new English verses for his collection. Smith's poetry ("My country, 'tis of thee), set to the familiar English tune, was then first performed on the Fourth of July in 1831 at a children's Independence Day celebration at the Park Street Church in Boston. The rest is history. This quickly became a popular "national anthem," along with "Hail, Columbia" and "The Star-Spangled Banner," until the last was adopted by Congress as our official national anthem exactly a century later, in 1931.

To broaden connections further this morning, our first communion hymn was composed by Lowell Mason and the second arranged by him for one of his publications.

~ Rich

### *Outreach Ministry*

**Monthly Food Collection:** We collect food monthly and distribute the donated food to Better Lives RI and Crossroads Family Center. Please leave donated food items on the cart near Rose Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

#### **Worship Ministry July 6, 2025**

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 5:1-14

**Psalm 30**

**Second Reading** Galatians 6:7-16

**Gospel:** Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**Acolytes:** Eric Hirsch, Kodii Amaechina, Devine Kpeh

#### **Upcoming**

**July 6, 13, 20:** *Being Christian* - a three-part faith formation series following the Service.

## PRAYERS

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Victor, Gloria, Mary, Lady Johnnet, and Angela. We pray for William Donahower, Mark Stills, Marcy, Garth Hirsch, Naida Thomas, Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Elizabeth Pacek, Karen, John Dunning, Togba Treah, Sharita, Muriel, Emile, Patty, Kathy, Antonio, and Deborah Keyes.

We pray for friends and loved ones departed. May they rejoice in the fullness of God's presence and glory.

O God whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go. Preserve all those who travel this week especially Becky Silliman. Surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

We ask for God's blessing upon those who celebrate birthdays next week.

We pray for those who work for peace in the armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

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