



All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence, RI 02903

<http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org>

E-Messenger, October 12, 2023

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

Dear All Saints' Family,

This Sunday we will be singing several spirituals during our Service of Holy

Eucharist. Spirituals, Dr. Arthur C. Jones explains, are folk songs composed in slavery. They are "expressions of sorrow and the experience of hope" amidst injustice and suffering. He writes about the "almost unlimited potential of the spirituals as sources of wisdom and guidance in addressing *current* societal and psychological issues...Spirituals teach us the unlimited possibilities for human transformation."

Today we look around our world and see violence, hate, war, floods, earthquakes, injustice, and oppression. There is great sadness; many people are expressing discouragement.

This week I have been listening to the spiritual *There is a Balm in Gilead* (and trying to play it on the organ):

Sometimes I feel discouraged...

but then the Holy

Spirit,

Revives my soul

again.

It is one of the spirituals included in this Sunday's liturgy. There are so many sung versions of it available on Youtube. One of my favorites is Paul Robeson's version. You may want to listen and sing along to this or other spirituals ahead of Sunday's Service.

There is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gilead,

To make the wounded whole,

There is a balm in Gilead,

*To heal the sin-sick soul,
Sometimes I feel discouraged,
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit,
Revives my soul again.
There is a balm in Gilead,
To make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead,
To heal the sin-sick soul.*

-Traditional African American Spiritual

All are invited to attend Dr. Jones's workshop, *The Wisdom of the African American Spirituals Traditions* at the Providence Public Library this Saturday 10am-12:00. Of course, please join us for our 9:30 am Sunday Service (Dr. Jones is singing with our choir). We hope everyone will come back to the church at 5:00 pm on Sunday afternoon for the James F. Burgess, Jr. Memorial Concert *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, performed by the RIC Concert Chorus and Chamber Singers. Family and friends welcomed too.

Outreach has started to plan the annual Thanksgiving Basket project. This year Outreach would like to renew focus on offering baskets to friends and neighbors of parishioners. Do you have a neighbor(s) who might need a little encouragement this Thanksgiving in the form of a food for a hearty Thanksgiving meal? Please let Linda Johnson or any member of Outreach know by October 29th. This deadline is important for planning what food to buy and how much food is needed.

Yours in the Spirit,

Julie

**All are warmly welcome to join our Sunday Service of Holy
Eucharist October 15, 9:30am**

Zoom Link

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2
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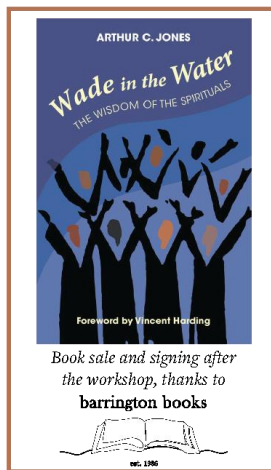
Service Program:

You will find Sunday's program **here**.

The Wisdom of the African American Spirituals Tradition: From Slave Fields to Concert Halls

October 14-15th, 2023

Workshop: The Wisdom of the African American Spirituals Tradition



Arthur C. Jones, PhD
Founder, *The Spirituals Project*, Lamont School of Music
College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences
University of Denver

Saturday, October 14th, 10 am – 12 pm
Providence Public Library
Donald J. Farish Auditorium, 3rd floor

Registration not required, but appreciated
<https://provlib.libcal.com/event/10576209>

Concert: *Lift Every Voice and Sing* with the Rhode Island College Concert Chorus

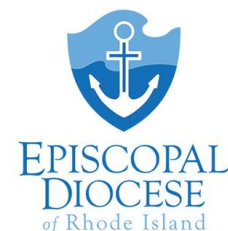


Teresa S. Coffman, DMA,
Director of Choral Activities

Sunday, October 15th, 5 pm
All Saints' Memorial Church
674 Westminster Street
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Both events are free and all are welcome.

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Fall Altar Arrangements

Do you have flowers or greens 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.



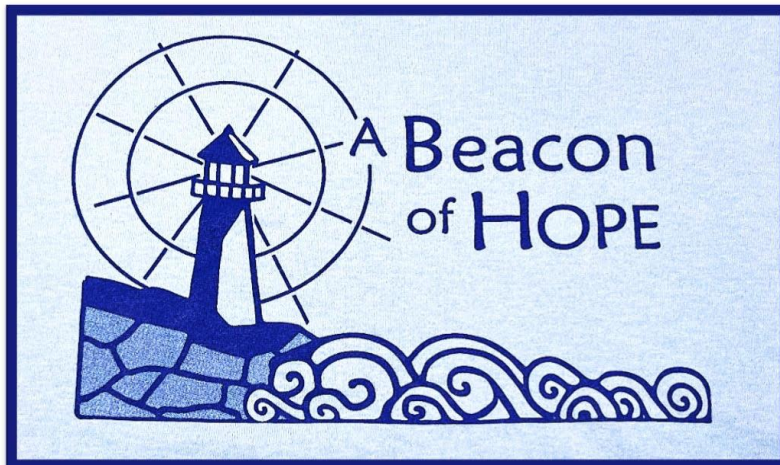
The harvest is ready in our garden.



Progress on the brick path!



Dan helping our squirrel visitor outside.





Outreach meeting on October 8

Outreach News

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 12th after the Service.

October 29: Deadline for submitting names for Thanksgiving baskets

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!

- October: Hot Cereal
- November: Macaroni and cheese

Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Faith

Inquirers

Discussion, October 18 at

12:00pm

All are welcome to join our Wednesday Noonday Prayer at 12:00 pm in Rose Hall. You may participate via Zoom if you wish. Here is the zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955504419?pwd=Si9tTzVFbTR4KoZjTy9jNVdkRFhuQT09>

Faith Inquirers/Scripture Discussion follows Noonday Prayer at 12:15.

Upcoming Events

October 14: Wisdom of the Spirituals, 10am-12:00pm
Providence Public Library

October 15: Lift Every Voice and Sing, RIC Concert Chorus
James F. Burgess, Jr. Memorial Concert
All Saints' Memorial Church, 5:00pm

October 18 Wednesday Noonday Prayer, Faith Inquirers

October 18: Choir Practice

October 29: Vestry Meeting, In-person

PRAYERS

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, Theo, Musa, Barry, Agnes, and Sara. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Margaret Barney, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Rachael, Zo, Dan, Lillian, Eva McBorrough, Audrey Hennessey, Lisa, Aeisha Scott, Carla, Jennifer, and Sawyer L.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Ferdinand T. Jones.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays especially Eric

Hirsch, Felicia McBorrough, Jillian Vieira, Lyndsey Wells, and Kojo King.

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

October 15, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9 Susan Goodnough

Response: Psalm 23

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9 Wilmar Jennings

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Prayers: Gigi Fahnbulleh

Altar Guild: Kardi and Lydia

Chalice: Dan Mechnig

Acolyte: Eric Hirsch

Coffee Hour: Rosetta, Roselyn, Barbara

October 22, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7 Deirdre Greelish

Response: Psalm 96:1-9

Second Reading: 1Thessalonians 1:1-10 Marybeth Hanavan

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Prayers: Eric Hirsch

Altar Guild: Felicia and Patricia

Chalice: Erich Hirsch

Acolyte: Dan Mechnig

Coffee Hour: Rosetta, Roselyn, Barbara

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