



# All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence, RI 02903

<http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org>

*E-Messenger, September 21, 2023*

*Come and worship*

*Rejoice in fellowship*

*Love and serve the Lord!*



Dear All Saints' Family,

Our parish picnic is this Sunday in Lincoln Woods after our Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist, at Shelter B. Hope everyone can make it! We are keeping an eye on Sunday's weather. If it looks like an outdoor picnic will not be very comfortable, we will move the picnic to Rose Hall.

This Saturday, September 23 all are invited to join the Diocesan second Annual Conference for Creation Care at All Saints'. The Conference starts at 8:30am in Rose Hall.



Many of you have joined in to help with the All Saints' garden redesign project spending a number of Saturday mornings digging, planting, and weeding our Healing of Creation garden. You may wonder, how exactly is this new garden playing a part in Creation care? The garden is our small (but amazing) effort to:

- ~ improve air quality and biodiversity
- ~ provide food and habitat for birds and insects
- ~ provide a green space to reduce heat and offer a respite for people
- ~ decrease groundwater runoff with our rain gardens.

Take a look and appreciate the new, almost complete garden path...

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. *Amen.*

An invitation from Charlotte Burgess:

"On Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> we will remember James Burgess in a short service consecrating his gravestone at Swan Point Cemetery. I invite you to join us at 11:00 am. To find Jim's grave, take the main entrance off Blackstone Boulevard and stay on that street (Holly Avenue) until you get to The Old Road, where you take a left. His stone is on the right in the first grouping of stones you come to. If you get to Fountain Avenue, you've gone too far. "

Yours in Christ,

Julie

**In Praise of the Earth by John O'Donohue (from *To Bless the Space Between Us*)**

Let us bless  
The imagination of the Earth.  
That knew early the patience  
To harness the mind of time,  
Waited for the seas to warm,  
Ready to welcome the emergence  
Of things dreaming of voyaging  
Among the stillness of land.

And how light knew to nurse  
The growth until the face of the Earth  
Brightened beneath a vision of color.

When the ages of ice came  
And sealed the Earth inside  
An endless coma of cold,  
The heart of the Earth held hope,  
Storing fragments of memory,  
Ready for the return of the sun.

Let us thank the Earth

That offers ground for home  
And holds our feet firm  
To walk in space open  
To infinite galaxies.

Let us salute the silence  
And certainty of mountains.

Their sublime stillness,  
Their dream-filled hearts.

The wonder of a garden  
Trusting the first warmth of spring  
Until its black infinity of cells  
Becomes charged with dream;  
Then the silent, slow nurture  
Of the seed's self, coaxing it  
To trust the act of death.

The humility of the Earth  
That transfigures all  
That has fallen of outlived growth.

The kindness of the Earth

Opening to receive  
Our worn forms  
Into the final stillness.

Let us ask forgiveness of the Earth  
For all our sins against her:  
For our violence and poisonings  
of her beauty.

Let us remember within us  
The ancient clay,  
Holding the memory of seasons  
The passion of the wind,

The fluency of water,  
The warmth of fire,  
The quiver touch of the sun  
And shadowed sureness of the moon.

That we may awaken,  
To live to the full  
The dream of the Earth  
Who chose us to emerge

And incarnate its hidden night  
In mind, spirit, and light.

**All are warmly welcome to join our Sunday Service of Holy  
Eucharist September 24, 9:30am**

**Zoom Link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFeclFiUTo9>

**Service Program:**

You will find Sunday's program [here](#)

### *Music Notes*



Several of our musical selections this morning (Prelude, and the Gradual and both Communion hymns) feature poetic texts by George



Herbert. The font of all things known and unknown, Wikipedia, has this to say about him:

**George Herbert** (3 April 1593–1 March 1633) was an English poet, orator, and priest of the Church of England. His poetry is associated with the writings of the **metaphysical** poets, and he is recognized as "one of the foremost British devotional lyricists." He was born in Wales into an artistic and wealthy family and largely raised in England. He received a good education that led to his admission to Trinity College, Cambridge in 1609. He went there with the intention of becoming a priest, but he became the University's Public Orator and attracted the attention of King James I. He sat in the Parliament of England in 1624 and briefly in 1625.

After the death of King James, Herbert renewed his interest in ordination. He gave up his secular ambitions in his mid-thirties and took holy orders in the Church of England, spending the rest of his life as the rector of the rural parish of Fugglestone St. Peter, just outside Salisbury. He was noted for unflinching care for his parishioners, bringing the sacraments to them when they were ill and providing food and clothing for those in need. Henry Vaughan called him "a most glorious saint and seer". He was never a healthy man and died of consumption at age 39.

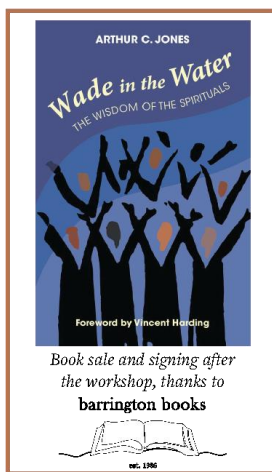
~ Rich Spicer



# 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

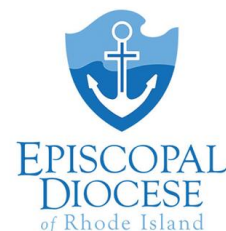


Teresa S. Coffman, DMA,  
Director of Choral Activities

**Sunday, October 15th, 5 pm**  
All Saints' Memorial Church  
674 Westminster Street  
[allsaintsmemorial.org](http://allsaintsmemorial.org)

*Both events are free and all are welcome.*

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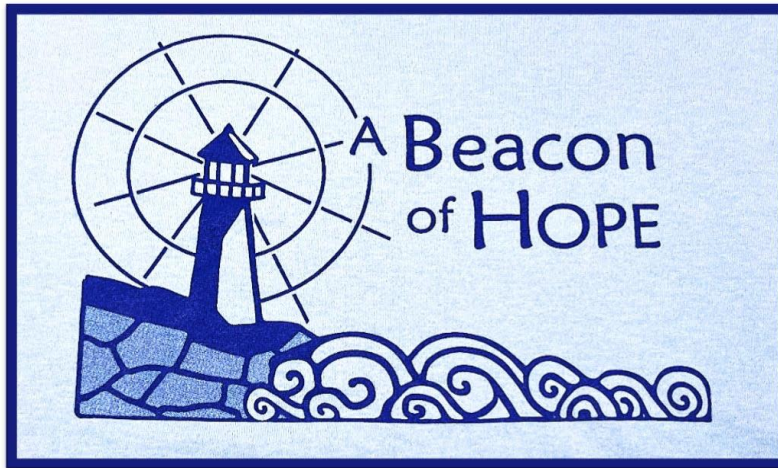


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### *Fall Altar Flowers*

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



## *Outreach News*

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, October 8 after the Service.

**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!

- September: Canned Stews and Soups
- October: Hot Cereal



*Wednesday Noonday Prayer and  
Bible Study/Faith Inquirers  
Discussion*

Join us for Noonday Prayer on Wednesdays in Rose Hall. You may join via Zoom if you wish. Here is the zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955504419?pwd=SigTzVFbTR4KoZjTy9jNVdkRFhuQT09>

We resume our weekly Wednesday Faith Inquirers Discussion on Wednesday, September 27 at 12:15 (Rose Hall). You may join us by zoom if you wish, using the zoom link above.

*Upcoming Events*



**Sept. 23:** Diocesan Conference Care for Creation, All Saints'

**Sept. 24:** Parish Picnic at Lincoln Woods

**Sept. 27:** Wednesday Noonday Prayer, 12:00 pm, Rose Hall

**Sept. 27:** Faith Inquirers/Bible discussion 12:15, Rose Hall

**Sept. 27:** Choir Practice

**October 1:** Vestry Meeting, In-person after the Service

**October 8:** Blessing of the Animals, Feast of St. Francis

**October 14&15:** Wisdom of the Spirituals

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## *PRAYERS*

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, Theo, Musa, and Barry. 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 McBorrow, and Audrey Hennessey.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our

armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

#### ***September 24, 2023***

First Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11 Becky Silliman

Response: Psalm 145:1-8

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30 Cora Nagle

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Prayers: Chimmy Amaechina

Altar Guild: Felicia and Patricia

Chalice: Bill McBorrough

Acolyte: Dan

No Coffee Hour

#### ***October 1, 2023***

First Reading: Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32 Dan Mechnig

Response: Psalm 25:1-8

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13 Anne Tait



Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Prayers: Chip Smith

Altar Guild: Pattie, Sandy, & Julie

Chalice: Marybeth Hanavan

Acolyte: Eric Hirsch

Coffee Hour: Rosetta, Roselyn, Barbara

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