



New Episode of *We the People* Podcast



Religious Liberty at the Supreme Court

Marci Hamilton of the University of Pennsylvania and Hannah Smith of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty discuss the issues and best arguments in *Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia v. Comer*.

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Five Myths About the Start of the Revolutionary War

On April 19, 1775, the American Revolutionary War started at the towns of Lexington and Concord. But how accurate are some of the key facts that have been handed down to us through the generations?



It Was 227 Years Ago: Benjamin Franklin Died in Philadelphia

On April 17, 1790, Benjamin Franklin passed away. The event drew many different responses from the citizens of Philadelphia (who mourned in droves) and the U.S. Senate (which refused to mourn Franklin).



New Challenge Rising to Voting Rights Act

About four years after the Supreme Court took away the government's strongest authority to protect minority voters' rights, a backup power under the federal Voting Rights Act - weaker and harder to use - is now being threatened, just as federal courts have begun applying it.

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The Big Debate: *Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia v. Comer**

Primary Sources

[Brief of Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, Petitioner](#)

[Brief of Sarah Parker Pauley*, Respondent](#)

[Brief of Becket Fund for Religious Liberty in Support of Petitioner](#)

[Brief of American Civil Liberties Union, et. al., in Support of Respondent](#)

[Transcript of Oral Arguments](#)

* In January 2017, Carol Comer succeeded Sarah Parker Pauley as director of the

Analysis from the Constitution Center

[Will Major Church-State Case Come to Nothing?](#), Lyle Denniston, *Constitution Daily*

[Supreme Court Preview: Religion and Access to Government Programs](#), Scott Bomboy, *Constitution Daily*

[Constitutional Check: Are the States' "Blaine Amendments" on Shaky Ground?](#), Lyle Denniston, *Constitution Daily*

Constitutional Clause of the Week

Dive into the [Interactive Constitution](#) to learn what top liberal and conservative scholars agree and disagree about when it comes to the history and meaning of the constitutional clause in the news this week.

First Amendment: The Free Exercise Clause

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

[Common Interpretation](#), Frederick Gedicks and Michael McConnell

[Religious Liberty Is Equal Liberty](#), Frederick Gedicks

[Free Exercise: A Vital Protection for Diversity and Freedom](#), Michael McConnell

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