

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

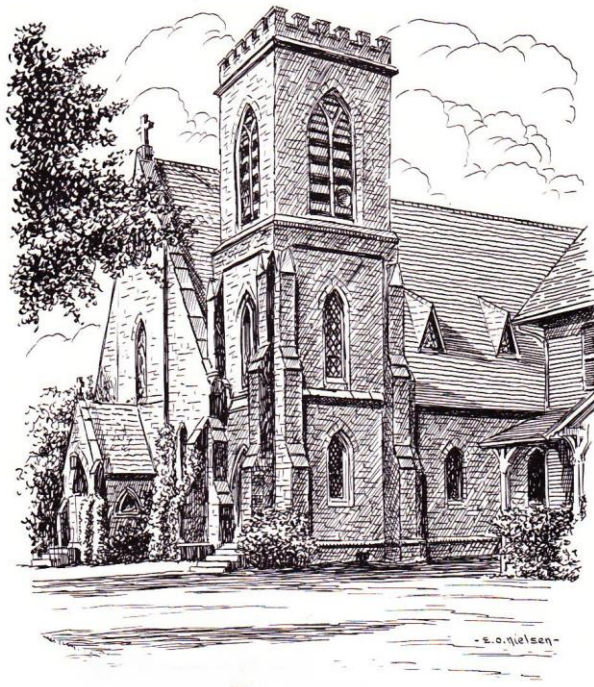
August 9th, 2026 10:00am

Grace Episcopal Church

Old Saybrook, CT

Online Service

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PRELUDE I Sought The Lord, And Afterward I Knew (*Hymn #689*)
by: Anonymous; J. Harold Moyer, arr. Bethany Hamill

THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN

HYMN #637 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION, YE SAINTS OF THE LORD

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no never forsake.”

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA

Hymn #S-280

by: Robert Powell

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God.
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD *of* GOD

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13

The congregation remains seated

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *

**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *

that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; *

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, *

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *

and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, *

and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

THE EPISTLE:

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

BY FAITH

by: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

**By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.**

**By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.**

Chorus: **We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.**

Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

**By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave.**

**By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth. *(Chorus)***

**By faith this mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.**
(Chorus 2x)

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Then, all still standing, the Minister reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Charlie Hamill

THE NICENE CREED *The congregation stands*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS *of the PEOPLE*

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

Leader: Father we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons.

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; for an end to racism; and for peace in Ukraine and Russia and all other areas where war and hostilities are occurring.

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. Please add your own petitions either out loud or in silence. (Pause). We pray for those in need.

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: We remember those who have died add your own petitions either out loud or in silence. (Pause) Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader: Let us pray, either out loud or in silence, for our own needs and those of others.

(The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

SHEPHERD

by: Amanda Cook

In the process, in the waiting, You're making melodies over me,
and Your presence is the promise for I am a pilgrim on a journey.

You will lift my head above the mighty waves;
You are able to keep me from stumbling.
And in my weakness, You are the strength that comes from within.
Good Shepherd of my soul, take my hand, and lead me on.

You make my footsteps and my path secure, so walking on water is just the beginning.
Cause my faith to arise, stand at attention, for You are calling me to greater things.

Oh, how I love You, how I love You; You have not forsaken me.
Oh, how I love You, how I love You; With You is where I want to be.

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THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION *The People stand and sing*

Doxology, Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The people remain standing.

The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

HOLY HOLY HOLY IS THE LORD OF HOSTS

by: Nolene Prince

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of His glory, the whole earth is full of His glory,
the whole earth is full of His glory, Holy is the Lord.**

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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy

Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING *of the* BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION SONGS

BE STILL

by: David J. Evans

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

He burns with holy fire, with splendor He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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FAITHFUL ONE

by: Brian Doerksen

Verse: Faithful One, so unchanging; Ageless One, You're my Rock of peace;
Lord of all, I depend on You;
I call out to You again and again; I call out to You again and again.

Chorus: You are my Rock in times of trouble; You lift me up when I fall down;
All through the storm, Your love is the anchor; My hope is in You alone.

(Verse)
(Chorus 2x)

My hope is in You; My hope is in You; Our hope is in You alone.

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NOTHING CAN TROUBLE (NADA TE TURBE)

by: Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

PRAYER of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(For those unable to receive communion today)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

HYMN #608

ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, thy children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

THE DISMISSAL

After the Recessional the Priest or Deacon says

Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Celebrant and People

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
by: Thomas A. Dorsey; arr. Bethany Hamill

OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY

PREACHER/CELEBRANT:	The Very Rev. Charlie Hamill	8 & 10 am
MUSIC DIRECTOR:	Bethany Hamill	10 am
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Bill Sheahan	8 am
	Carly Trask-Kuchta	10 am
LECTOR:	Tom Fuller	10 am
USHERS:	Peter Knox, Elizabeth Davey	8 am
	Tom & Angela Larco	10 am
NURSERY:	Angel McDonough, Karen Mulvihill	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Ken Soudan	10 am
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Hospitality	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Melissa Culbert, Barbara Slobin	

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

Rector: The Very Rev. Charlie Hamill
Priest Associate: The Rev. Dr. Charles “Chuck” Hoffman
Priest Associate: The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellendale Hoffman
Priest Associate: The Rev. Dr. William “Bill” Veinot
Music Director: Bethany Hamill
Parish Administrator: Kate McKinney
Sexton: Sherry Schiavone

GRACE CHURCH VESTRY

Senior Warden: Jason Howey
Junior Warden: Matt Stosse
Treasurer: David Condren
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THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: August 9th – August 16th

Today	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary) w/music
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
	12 noon	Men's Bible Study (Parthenon Diner in Old Saybrook)
Tuesday	9:00 am	Common Good Gardens -- Volunteers in Garden behind church
	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Wednesday	12:00-1pm	Shoreline Soup Kitchens Community Lunch (Merrill Hall)
Thursday	9:00 am	Common Good Gardens -- Volunteers in Garden behind church
Friday		
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Discipleship Gathering (Merrill Hall)
	9:00 am	Common Good Gardens -- Volunteers in Garden behind church
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary) w/music
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)

Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Either during the service or during prayer time at home, please keep the prayers of Grace Church and the people going! Please keep us up to date on names to add and remove.

WE PRAY FOR: Myra, Lisa, Bryan, Barbara & Jon Zakhar, Deidra & George Labelle, Earlene Bell, Aurelia Knox, Sarah, Len Pass, James, Penny, Emily, Mary, Doug Hamill, JJ Evola & family, Jane Hamill, Kathi Jones, Cheryl Dudek, Debra Sticht, Elsie, Alicia Winalski and family, Marilyn, Dean, Barbara Bowie, Dick & Suzanne Watson, Judy & Clive Cowper, Alan, The Benways, Jim Donahue, Carol Wilson, Kate, Coral, Kirsten, Joyce Brinley, Curtis, Annaliese Harms, the Igelbrinks, Carol, Rory, Gianna Porcelli, Jan, Karen, Susan Ogden, Kathleen Lemelin, Mike DeLisa, Patti & Missy Matto, Jennifer Baker Cazden, Elizabeth Davey, Faith Drechsler & Jack.

FOR THOSE IN SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY: Travis Board, Todd Buroff, Adam Randle, Susan Eaccarino, Madeline Sheahan, Matthew Auger & Eve Inglis.

FOR OUR MINISTERS AND MISSIONS: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; Charlie, Ellen and Bill, our priests; and for: Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Common Good Gardens, Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services, Early Head Start, the AA groups that meet at Grace Church, Patrick Dominguez and his church planting effort and Kateri Medical Services in Nigeria. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Peter's, South Windsor; Epiphany, Southbury; St. Paul's, Southington; and for liturgical assistants serving in parishes: members of altar guild, lectors, lay readers, Eucharistic ministers, Eucharistic visitors, lay evangelists & vergers.

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

3rd Thursdays Summer Potluck Dinner at Grace Church

Thursday August 20 from 6-8pm.

Join us in Merrill Hall and the church backyard for a potluck dinner and fellowship. Please bring an entrée, side or dessert and Grace Church will provide the beverages. Feel free to invite a friend and bring family and the kids!

Healing Miracles of Jesus

A Prayer & Healing Ministry Bible Study

Grace Church, Old Saybrook

Monday evenings, September 14th – December 14th, 7–9 PM

Grace Church, Old Saybrook, CT & the International Order of St. Luke the Physician, an ecumenical prayer & healing ministry, invite you to attend a 3-month long weekly Bible study of Jesus' healing miracles in the Gospels. The class includes practical training, healing prayer ministry for those who would like to learn how to deepen their own prayer ministry or start a healing ministry in their church.

Time: Monday evenings, September 14th – December 14th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

Location: Hybrid options include both Zoom online & also an in-person group at Grace Church: 336 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT.

Leaders: On Zoom: The Rev. Donald Parker, Retired Priest, St. Peter's & St. Andrew's, Providence RI

In-Person: The Rev. Dr. Ellendale Hoffman, Priest Associate, Grace Church, Old Saybrook CT

Registration: www.osltoday.org Registration \$50, which can be applied to a membership in the International Order of St. Luke the Physician following completion of the class. Scholarships available.

Have you seen the Grace Church Newsletter that is emailed out each month?

If not, would you like to?!

Once a month, Grace Church sends an emailed Newsletter to the parish/friends of Grace Church with updates about activities, services, ministries, meetings and more. If you'd like to receive the Newsletter, please feel free to email Kate McKinney at gracechurchdigital@gmail.com or gracechurcholdsaybrook@gmail.com, or you can talk to Pastor Charlie on Sundays to request your email address be added to the Newsletter list.

Men's Bible Study is NOW meeting in-person at the Parthenon Diner in Old Saybrook on Mondays at 12noon.

For more information you can email Charley Bates: charley.bates@yahoo.com or go to our website: <https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/mens-bible-study>. Currently the men are studying the book of Acts.

Grace Church Men's Discipleship:

Meeting in Merrill Hall at Grace Church 8am-10am

NEXT Gathering: Saturday August 15

Once a month from 8am-10am, Pastor Charlie gathers w/the men of Grace Church for fellowship & deeper discipleship in Jesus Christ. The 1st hour we gather for light breakfast & fellowship to get to know each other. In the 2nd hour we delve into whatever book/video series we're working on. February 21, we began an 8-week video program on discipleship called *Practicing the Way*. Through the program, we hope to strengthen our walk with Jesus, grow in the grace & knowledge of God, and support one another as brothers in Christ. For more info contact Pastor Charlie at gracechurchrector@gmail.com.

Grace Church Summer Coffee Hours 2026

Welcome Summer and a big Thank You to all 9 teams who have provided such lovely coffee hours this year. For their commitment to this ministry, they are getting the summer off! In their place there will be a simple "Lemonade and Treats" from July 5th into September. We're inviting everyone to gather (outside or in the hall) and enjoy the fellowship that is such an important part of this church family. While the church is prepared to offer beverages and a treat (muffins, cookies, etc.) we would be happy to have any parishioners who would like to provide the treat to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or "just because."

Sign up on the bulletin board sheet outside Merrill Hall. If you have any questions or suggestions, please speak to, text, or call **JoAnn at 860-961-9832**.

Feeding the hungry one donation at a time...

SSKP Food Pantry Donation Basket at Grace Church

Grace Church is always accepting non-perishable food donations throughout the year. A basket is present outside the main side entrance to Grace Church 24/7 to place donations in, or you can bring donations into the church entryway by the patio and place them in the colored bins. If you are curious as to what kind of foods, they are in need of most you can go to their website <https://www.shorelinesoupkitchens.org>. In addition, you can always make a cash donation to SSKP. Thank you for your ongoing donations to feed those in need along the shoreline!

Altar Flower Memorials

The Altar Guild is always accepting donations for Sunday altar flowers made out to "Grace Church Altar Guild" in memory or in celebration of loved ones. For more information, please contact Betty Salldin at [**bettysalldin@gmail.com**](mailto:bettysalldin@gmail.com).

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Line

Here's how it works...If you need prayer for something, call one of the Prayer Line Chairpersons (Joyce Brinley & Penny Coleman). Use your directory or call the church office for contact info. Please briefly tell them your request. The Prayer Line will take it from there. Once a member hangs up the phone, the intercession begins! The Prayer Line is available to receive requests from **9:00am to 8:30pm**. Typically the Prayer Line requests for the day go out to members about 7:00pm. However, requests of an emergency nature will be passed on immediately. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to have your brothers and sisters in Christ lift up your requests to God.

Grace Episcopal Church in Old Saybrook

We are a community of faith, rooted in Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, following God's call to feed the hungry in both body and spirit.

Our intention is to know Jesus and to make Him known.

You are welcome regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey.

Currently our in-person worship services are Sundays at 8am and 10am with Holy Communion (the 10am is also live-streamed onto Facebook and YouTube). Go to our website graceoldsaybrook.org for more info and for bulletins to download for the 10am live-stream service.

Whether you are just exploring a new spiritual direction, curious about the Episcopal Church, or are ready to find a new church home, feel free to fill out a welcome card and place it in the collection plate, sign our guest book, or contact the church by phone or email for more info.

Grace Church is a close-knit community called by God to share the healing love of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are also engaged in the greater local and regional community in various outreach ministries as well. If interested, ask us how you can get involved in what Christ is doing at Grace, in Old Saybrook and Connecticut!! Or better yet, tell us where you find God at work in your life, and tell us how we can help!

If you have any questions feel free to call, email or Facebook us.

We hope your visit to Grace was Spirit-filled, welcoming and meaningful.

In Christ,

The Rev. Charlie Hamill, Rector, and the People of Grace Church

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