

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

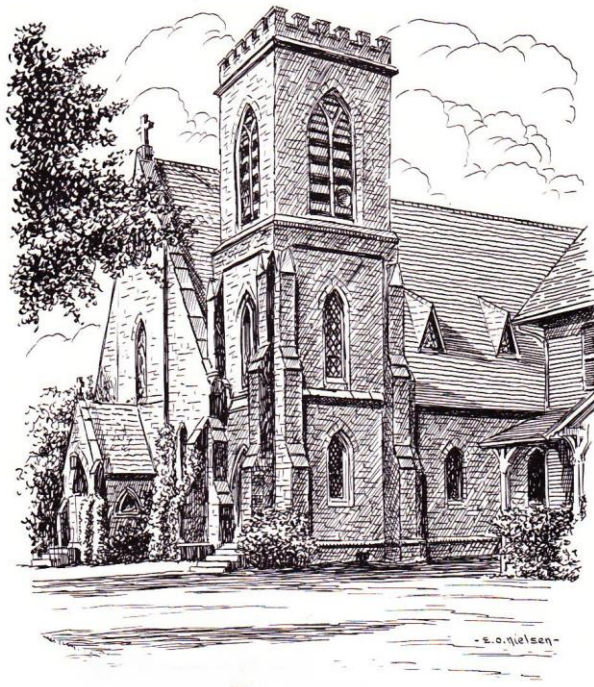
August 23rd, 2026 10:00am

Grace Episcopal Church

Old Saybrook, CT

Online Service

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## PRELUDE

We Bow Down  
*by: Twila Paris; arr. Bethany Hamill*  
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## THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

## OPENING HYMN

LORD OF ALL GOOD  
*by: Albert F. Bayly; Genevan / Old 124th*

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;  
use them your holy purpose to fulfill;  
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,  
that our whole life is offered to your will.

*Refrain:* Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you.

We give our minds to understand your ways;  
hands, voices, eyes to serve your great design;  
hearts with the flame of your own love ablaze:  
thus for your glory all our powers combine. (*Refrain*)

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:  
to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give. (*Refrain*)

*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, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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**

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the Lord.  
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.  
Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.  
For the Lord will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.  
Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.  
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be for ever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 138**

*The congregation remains seated*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
**before the gods I will sing your praise.**

I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
**because of your love and faithfulness;**

For you have glorified your Name \*  
**and your word above all things.**

When I called, you answered me; \*  
**you increased my strength within me.**

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
**when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
**that great is the glory of the Lord.**

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
**he perceives the haughty from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
**you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;**  
**your right hand shall save me.**

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
**O Lord, your love endures for ever;**  
**do not abandon the works of your hands.**

### **THE EPISTLE:**

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to

faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

SHOUT TO THE LORD

*by: Darlene Zschech*

**My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.**

**My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

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Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.**

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Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in (You)...  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

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## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

*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.**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*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, especially Lucia Ceraldi & Viola Gibilaro, for whom the altar flowers are given ..... 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

YOU ARE MY HIDING PLACE

*by: Michael Ledner*

*Dick Mason, soloist*

You are my hiding place, You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance;  
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.

I will trust in You, let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

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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**

WE LIFT OUR VOICES (WE ARE AN OFFERING)

*by: Dwight Liles*

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.**

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.

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SPEAK O LORD

*by: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
to receive the food of Your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,  
holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail;  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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LORD BE GLORIFIED

*by: Bob Kilpatrick*

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In our worship, be glorified, be glorified;  
In our worship, be glorified today.  
In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
In Your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In Your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
In Your world, Lord, be glorified today.

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## **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 #523, vs.1,2,4 GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood!  
Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God.  
'Tis his love his people raises over self to reign as kings:  
and as priests, his solemn praises each for a thank-offering brings.

## 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

I Will Praise Him With My Whole Heart

*by: Debbye Graafsma; arr. Bethany Hamill*

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## **OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY**

|                         |                                     |           |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| PREACHER/CELEBRANT:     | The Very Rev. Charlie Hamill        | 8 & 10 am |
| MUSIC DIRECTOR:         | Bethany Hamill                      | 10 am     |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: | John Klages                         | 8 am      |
|                         | Julie Peace                         | 10 am     |
| LECTOR:                 | Michelle Kapp                       | 10 am     |
| USHERS:                 | Michelle Briggs, Jacquelyn Mitchell | 8 am      |
|                         | Charley Bates, Mary Matthews        | 10 am     |
| NURSERY:                | Karen Mulvihill, Kyle Trask-Kuchta  | 10 am     |
| CAMERA TECH TEAM:       | Lanny Kapp                          | 10 am     |
| COFFEE HOUR TEAM:       | Hospitality                         | 10 am     |
| ALTAR GUILD:            | Penny Coleman, Betty Salldin        |           |

## **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  
Clerk: Julie Peace  
Vestry Members: Sue Board, Ryan Earley, Tom Fuller,  
Michelle Kapp, Peter Knox, Mary Matthews

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**THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: August 24h – August 31st**

|           |           |                                                           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 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  | 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 Rectory School, Pomfret; Salisbury School, Salisbury; South Kent School, South Kent; and for students, teachers & chaplains at Episcopal schools, preparing to begin the school year.

## **GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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](http://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](mailto:gracechurchdigital@gmail.com) or [gracechurcholdsaybrook@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 October 17**

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](mailto: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 [bettrysalldin@gmail.com](mailto:bettrysalldin@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 Church Choir starts back up this fall**

Do you enjoy singing and are you able to carry a tune? If so, we would love to have you sing in our choir! Grace Church Choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm, and we meet on Sunday mornings prior to the 10am service each Sunday (Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons). Whether you are new at singing in a choir or are a seasoned singer, you are welcome to sing in our choir. Our first choir rehearsal this Fall will be on Wednesday September 23rd. If interested in singing in the choir, please contact the Music Director, Bethany Hamill, at [GraceChurchMusicDirector@gmail.com](mailto:GraceChurchMusicDirector@gmail.com) , or feel free to have a quick chat with Bethany after the 10am service.

### **GriefShare at Grace Church**

A new GriefShare session will be starting soon for those who wish for some support to help grieve the death of a loved one. Sessions will be held weekly as follows:

In the Hudson Room at Grace Church  
**Tuesdays, September 15-November 24**  
**3:30PM-5:00PM**

Contact Jeannette Barone for more info  
[gracegriefshare@gmail.com](mailto:gracegriefshare@gmail.com)

### **Autumn Soiree**

Grace Church will be hosting a unique Fall evening: a delicious pairing of warming soups, with an exclusive exhibition of artwork & music. A night of fundraising, fellowship, food & fun!

**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

In the Parish Hall at Grace Church  
Contact Gretchen North for more info  
[saybrookartworks@gmail.com](mailto:saybrookartworks@gmail.com)

In addition: we are seeking artists (of any medium) and soup makers to share their talents from the studio or the kitchen to help make the evening a success. If you are an artist in the parish, please consider donating a piece or two of your work for sale to benefit Grace Church. If you are a chef with soup making skills who can offer delicious soup to sell at the event, please reach out to Gretchen North to sign up for a space for either art or soup. The sooner we know who is interested, the more effectively we can plan the evening to make it the liveliest event of the year.

## **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](http://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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