

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

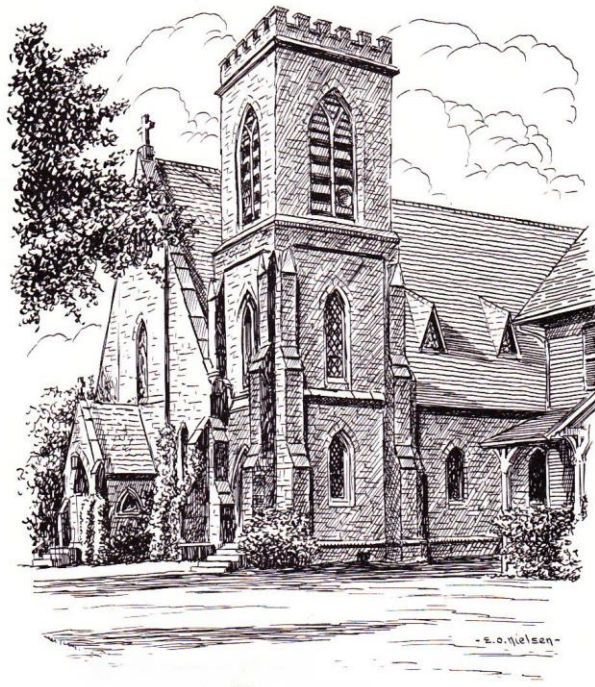
July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 10:00am

Grace Episcopal Church

Old Saybrook, CT

Online Service

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**PRELUDE**

Rain Song

*by: Betty Carr Pulkingham; arr. Bethany Hamill  
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**THE ENTRANCE RITE** (pg. 355, BCP)

**OPENING HYMN**

HYMN #440

BLESSED JESUS, AT THY WORD

**Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;  
By thy teachings pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.**

**All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
Till thy Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded;  
Thou alone to God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.**

**Gracious Lord, thyself impart! Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
Open thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry thy Church upraises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.**

*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.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD *of* GOD

### THE LESSONS

#### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

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

#### Psalm 65: 1-14

*The congregation remains seated*

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
**to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.**

To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
**because of their transgressions.**

Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
**but you will blot them out.**

Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*  
**they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, \*  
**O Hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the seas that are far away.**

You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
**they are girded about with might.**

You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
**the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamor of the peoples.**

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \*  
**you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
**the river of God is full of water.**

You prepare the grain, \*  
**for so you provide for the earth.**

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
**with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
**and your paths overflow with plenty.**

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
**and the hills be clothed with joy.**

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
**let them shout for joy and sing.**

#### **THE EPISTLE:**

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

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

## SEQUENCE HYMN

### A SOWER'S SEED FELL ON A PATH

*by: Herman G. Stuempfle; Morning Song: J. Wyeth, C. Winfred Douglas*

**A sower's seed fell on a path packed hard by foot and cart,  
and hungry sparrows ate their fill before a root could start.**

*Refrain:* **Lord, give us ears to hear your Word and hearts where seed can grow.**

**And some fell down where rocky ground no sustenance could give.  
Beneath the scorching noonday sun no tender plant could live. (Refrain)**

**And some seed fell among the weeds that wove a tangling snare  
to choke the green and budding plants that never fruit would bear. (Refrain)**

**But some seed fell on fertile soil and flourished more and more  
until the joyous harvest time, when hundredfold it bore. (Refrain)**

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

*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 went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what

was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

*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 Lycurgus Michael Davey, Artemis Pappas Davey & Orestes Michael Davey, for whom the altar flowers were 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

GREATER MEASURE

*by: Lily McKellar, Mark McKellar*

Oh child come sit, come breathe. My love is yours to keep.  
Why do you run, you know I'm enough. Come, take my peace.

My beloved, let go. Yes, I'll take it. You don't have to try to receive this.  
My beloved, let go. Yes, I'll take it. You don't have to try to receive this.

My little ones learned to speak. Oh, the praise, the beauty.  
You've learned to surrender all of your being and give all to me.

In greater measure my love will impart. Beloved, you've ravished my heart.  
In your abandon I find my delight. You've ravished my heart. You've ravished my heart.

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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

### SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

*by: Daniel Iverson*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.  
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.**

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### BUILD MY LIFE

*by: Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman, Pat Barrett*

***Verse 1:* Worthy of every song we could ever sing.  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You. We live for You.**

***Verse 2:* Jesus, the name above every other name.  
Jesus, the only one who could ever save.  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You. We live for You.**

***Chorus:* Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You.  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are and fill me,  
With Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.**

*– Verse 2 –*

*– Chorus –*

***Bridge:* I will build my life upon Your love; it is a firm foundation.  
I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken (2x)**

*– Chorus –*

*– Bridge –*

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RAIN SONG

*by: Betty Carr Pulkingham*

*Chorus:* Falling, falling, gently falling, rain from heav'n so gently falling  
on the earth, so parched and thirsty; God sends down His rain.

Even so, Lord, send Your Spirit, fall upon the poor and weary.  
Those who come to you sincerely You'll not turn away. *(Chorus)*

“In those later days,” the Lord says, “I'll pour out My Spirit on all flesh.  
I shall come with power among you, you shall know My name.” *(Chorus)*

Even so, Lord, come among us; lead and guide and purify us  
in the fire of Your refining, in the Spirit's flame. *(Chorus)*

Thank you, Jesus, Lord of heaven, for the gift You've freely given,  
gift of love and gift of living in the Spirit's power. *(Chorus)*

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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 #530

SPREAD, O SPREAD, THOU MIGHTY WORD

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word, spread the kingdom of the Lord,  
that to earth's remotest bound all may heed the joyful sound;

word of how the Father's will made the world, and keeps it, still;  
how his only Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;

word of how the Savior's love earth's sore burden doth remove;  
how forever, in its need, through his death the world is freed;

word of how the Spirit came bringing peace in Jesus' name;  
how his never-failing love guides us on to heaven above.

Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the nations long,  
spread abroad, until from night all the world awakes to light.

### 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

The Trees Of The Field

*by: Steffi Geiser Rubin, Stuart Dauermann; 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
	Dale Schneider	10 am
LECTOR:	Michelle Kapp	10 am
USHERS:	Nick & Lynn Iacovelli	8 am
	Charley Bates, Mary Matthews	10 am
NURSERY:	Meredith Hall, Christina Gleason	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Steve North	10 am
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Hospitality	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Angela Larco, Joan Trzcinski	

### **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: July 12th – July 19th**

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
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
	6:00 pm	Parish Potluck Dinner Picnic (Churchyard & Merrill Hall)
Friday		
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Discipleship Meeting (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 and Cazden

**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 Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Taiffville; St. Peter's-Trinity, Thomaston; and for youth & youth ministries, J2A & all preparing for confirmation.

## **GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays Summer Potluck Dinner at Grace Church**

**Thursdays July 16 & 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](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 meeting via ZOOM now.**

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 Exodus.

**The Women of Grace (WOG)** will be taking the summer off. They will be returning again in September. For more info you can go to our website: <https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/womens-bible-study>.

### **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 [bettyalldin@gmail.com](mailto:bettyalldin@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](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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