

# **Second Sunday after Pentecost**

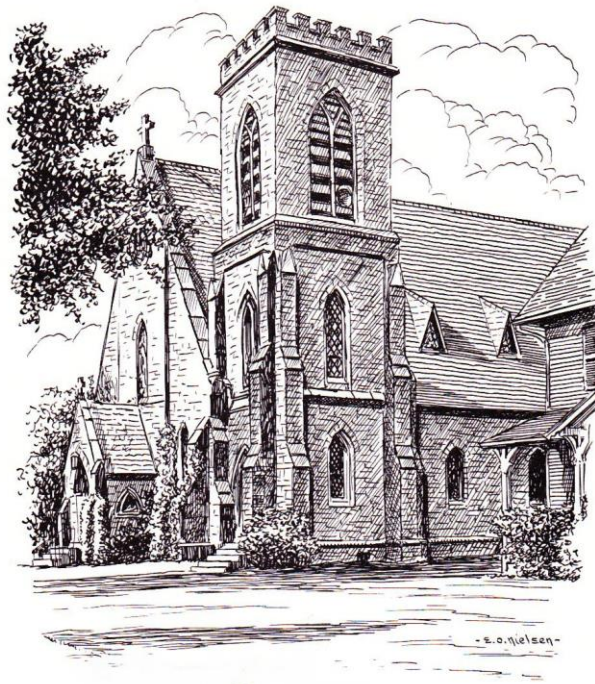
**June 7, 2026 10:00am**

**Grace Episcopal Church**

**Old Saybrook, CT**

**Online Service**

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**PRELUDE**

There Is A Balm In Gilead  
*Afro-American Spiritual; arr. Bethany Hamill*

**THE ENTRANCE RITE** (pg. 355, BCP)

**OPENING HYMN**

HYMN #401

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

**The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;  
the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:  
we bow and bless the sacred Name forever blest.**

**He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend;  
we shall, on eagle-wings upborne, to heaven ascend:  
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.**

**There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness,  
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
on Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,  
and, glorious with his saints in light, forever reigns.**

**The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry, "Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:  
eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee."**

**The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry;  
hail, Abraham's Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise;  
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.**

*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 God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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**

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Thus says the Lord: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 50:7-15**

*The congregation remains seated*

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*

**for I am God, your God.**

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
**your offerings are always before me.**

I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  
**nor he-goats out of your pens;**

For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  
**the herds in their thousands upon the hills.**

I know every bird in the sky, \*  
**and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.**

If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
**for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
**or drink the blood of goats?**

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
**and make good your vows to the Most High.**

Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
**I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."**

**THE EPISTLE:**

Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*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 9:9-13, 18-26

*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.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

*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 Kay & Joe Bartus, for whom the altar flowers were given, as well as Kay Stiefvater and Judy... 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**

#### HERE I BOW

*by: Brian Johnson, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson, Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman*

Where would I run but to the throne of mercy?  
Where would I kneel but at the cross of grace?  
How great the love, how strong the hand that holds us.  
Beautiful, so beautiful.

So here I bow to lift You high; Jesus, be glorified.  
In all things for all my life, I am Yours, forever Yours.

There is a King who bore the scars of healing.  
There is a Son who came in grace and truth.  
How great the love that carries us to kindness.  
Wonderful, You're wonderful.

God, here and now be lifted high, right here and now, be glorified.  
God of Heaven and Earth, God who brought me back to life, I am Yours,  
forever Yours.

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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**

#### **THE TABLE**

*by: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Wayne Jolley*

**I will feast at the table of the Lord. I will feast at the table of the Lord.**

**I won't hunger anymore at His table.**

I will feast at the table of the Lord. I will feast at the table of the Lord.  
I won't hunger anymore at His table.

Come all you weary, come and find His yoke is easy, His burden light.  
He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord.

There is peace at the table of the Lord. There is peace at the table of the Lord.  
I won't worry anymore at His table.  
There is healing at the table of the Lord. There is healing at the table of the Lord.  
Oh, and I won't suffer anymore at His table.

Come all you weary, come and find His yoke is easy, His burden light.  
He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord.

I know He has a place for me. Oh, what joy will fill my heart  
with the saints around the mercy seat of God.

Come all you weary, come and find His yoke is easy, His burden light.  
He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord, at the table of the Lord.

I'm invited to the table of the Lord. I'm invited to the table of the Lord.  
He says come just as you are to His table.

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THE HEART OF WORSHIP

*by: Matt Redman*

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come;  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your heart.

*Pre-Chorus:* I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself  
is not what You have required.  
You search much deeper within through the way things appear;  
You're looking into my heart.

*Chorus:* I'm coming back to the heart of worship,  
and it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,  
When it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.

King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve.  
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, every single breath.

*(Pre-Chorus, Chorus 2x)*

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BE STILL AND KNOW  
*by: Lee Herrington, Tomm Fettke*

**Be still and know that I am God. (3x)**

**I am the Lord that healeth thee. (3x)**

**My boundless mercy shall endure. (3x)**

**I love you with a steadfast love. (3x)**

**I am the way, the truth, the life. (3x)**

**The Lord Almighty is our God. (3x)**

**In Thee O Lord do I put my trust. (3x)**

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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**

**YOU LAID ASIDE YOUR RIGHTFUL REPUTATION**

*by: Rosalind Brown; Morning Star: James Proctor Harding*

**You laid aside your rightful reputation  
and gave no heed to what the world might say;  
served as a slave and laid aside your garments  
to wash the feet of those who walked your way.**

You touched the leper, ate with those rejected,  
received the worship of a woman's tears:  
You shed the pride that keeps us from the freedom  
to love our neighbor, laying down our fears.

Help us to follow, Jesus, where you lead us  
to love, to serve, our own lives laying down;  
to walk your way of humble, costly service,  
a cross its end, a ring of thorns its crown.

Draw us to you and with your love transform us:  
the love we've seen, the love we've touched and known;  
enlarge our hearts and with compassion fill us  
to love, to serve, to follow you alone.

#### **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**

Jesus Is Our King

*by: Sherrell Prebble, Howard Page-Clark; 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:	Bill Sheahan	8 am
	Jason Howey	10 am
LECTOR:	Tom Fuller	10 am
USHERS:	Elizabeth Davey, Peter Knox	8 am
	Cal & Joyce Baker	10 am
NURSERY:	NO NURSERY	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Ken Soudan	10 am
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Tom & Angela Larco	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Penny Coleman, Barbara Slobin, Betty Saldin	

### **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  
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**THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: June 7th – June 14th**

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
Friday	10:00 am	Women of Grace (Hudson Room)
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 and Jon Zakhar, Deidra & George Labelle, Earlene Bell, Aurelia Knox, Sarah, Len Pass, James, Penny, Margie, Bill Ross, Emily, Mary, Doug Hamill, JJ Evola and family, Jane Hamill, Kathi Jones, Cheryl Dudek, Debra Sticht, Elsie, Alicia Winalski and family, Marilyn, Dean, Barbara Bowie, Dick Watson, Carter, Judy Cowper, Alan, The Benways, Jim Donahue, Carol Wilson, Kate, Coral, Kirsten, Joyce Brinley, Daniella, Curtis, Annaliese Harms, Marlena, Linda, Don, Ginny, the Igelbrinks, Carol, Rory, Yvonne, the Sheridan/Drake family and Jim Nordren.

**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. John's New Haven; Christ Church, Norwich; and St. Andrew's, Northford.

## **GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Grace Church Men's Discipleship:**

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

**NEXT Gathering: Saturday June 20**

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).

### **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 begin a new video study entitled "The Parables of Jesus" Friday, May 8th. In this 6-week video Bible Study, the lecture each week is done by a different Biblical expert. Each week is a stand-alone session so you can attend one or all of them. All Grace Church women are welcome. We meet at 10:00 a.m. on Friday mornings in the Hudson Room at Grace. No personal invitations are necessary. We are hoping to have some new members join us for lively conversation, prayer and most importantly sharing the importance of having Jesus as our guide in the modern world. <https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/womens-bible-study>.

### **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 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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