

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 25, 2021 10:00am**

**Online Service**

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**PRELUDE:**

MORE LOVE TO THEE, O CHRIST

*Lani Smith*

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

**OPENING HYMN**

HYMN 398, v. 1 & 3

I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD

*Forest Green*

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known;  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,  
And everywhere that I could be, thou, God, art present there.

*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 S280**

*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, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and

drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Psalm 14**

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*

**All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.**

The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
**to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.**

Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad; \*  
**there is none who does good; no, not one.**

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
**who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?**

See how they tremble with fear, \*  
**because God is in the company of the righteous.**

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \*  
**but the Lord is their refuge.**

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
**When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

## THE EPISTLE:

Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

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

## SEQUENCE HYMN

AH, LORD GOD

*Kay Chance*

**Ah, Lord God, Thou hast made the heavens  
And the earth by Thy great power;  
Ah, Lord God, Thou hast made the heavens  
And the earth by Thine outstretched arm.**

**Nothing is too difficult for Thee,  
Nothing is too difficult for Thee;  
Great and mighty God,  
Great in counsel and mighty in deed,  
Nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing,  
Nothing is too difficult for Thee.**

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## THE GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

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

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

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where

are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Charles B.W. 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:* For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, our Bishops; Charlie and Judy, our priests; and for: Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Common Good Gardens, Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services, the AA groups that meet at Grace Church, the Early Head Start Program, Boy Scout Troop 51, Alex Treser and Cru Ministry, Patrick Dominguez and his church planting effort and Kateri Medical Services in Nigeria. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for: Christ Church, Roxbury; St. John's, Salisbury; Trinity, Seymour; Christ Church, Sharon. Parish office volunteers, curates, seminary interns, parish assistants and associates and missional curacies. We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons.

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

*Leader:* We pray for those in the service of our country: Travis Board, J.C. Glick, Dornn Harris, Christopher Parham, Joshua Rinier, Nathaniel Burnham, Daniel Martin, Christian White, Todd Buroff, Tami Morgan, Adam Randal, Daniel Kronz, Tom Cote, Branden Peace. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

*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:* We pray today for: Kate, Kent, Myra, Mark, Jennifer, Lisa, Janice, Nancy, Cassidy, Andrea, Lucinda, Hilda, Bryan, Barbara and Jon Zakhar, Laura & Tommy Urban, Dee Labelle, Thomas Burnham, Earlene Bell, Fran Tarrio, Aurelia Knox, Sarah Craig, Joyce, Marjorie, Len Pass, Eugene Williams, James, Marguerite, Kay Hall, Mike Trask, Meredith, Frank Roman, Penny, Justin Iondo, Margie, Jordan Forest, Tom, Laura, Tony, Michelle, Erin, Bill Ross, Brian, Sandee, Sue, Veronica, Beth, Billy, Rosalie Isele, Emily, Ray, Cam, Nina, Reina, Jessica, Ed Courtney, Cathy Auger, Valerie and Richard Beers, Coral, Mary, Molly, Doug Hamill, Honey, JJ Evola and family, Missy, Will, Bill, Priscilla, Derrick, Buddy, Lois Connell, Megan, Michael, Paul Wilson, Helen and Marla, Richard Watson, Ken, Sunny, Rosie, Jack Schneider, Ed and Cheryl Dudek. Please add your own petitions either out loud or in silence. (Silent Pause) Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

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

*Leader:* We remember those who have died especially Donald & Virginia MacMurray 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).*

*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.**

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

### **OFFERTORY**

HERE COMES JESUS

# **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

## **THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION** *The People stand and sing*

Doxology

*Old Hundredth*

**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 S-129**

*Robert Powell*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*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 SONG**

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

*Sung by Bill Benway*

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To send this perfect peace to my soul, to my soul,  
To send this perfect peace to my soul.**

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down;  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul.  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing.  
I will sing!

## 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 414, v. 1-2, 5-6

GOD, MY KING, THY MIGHT CONFESSING

*Stuttgart*

God, my King, thy might confessing,  
Ever will I bless thy Name;  
Day by day thy throne addressing,  
Still will I thy praise proclaim.

Honor great our God befitteth;  
Who his majesty can reach?  
Age to age his works transmitteth,  
Age to age his power shall teach.

Full of kindness and compassion,  
Slow to anger, vast in love,  
God is good to all creation;  
All his works his goodness prove.

All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee:  
Thee shall all thy saints adore:  
King supreme shall they confess thee,  
And proclaim thy sovereign power.

### **THE DISMISSAL**

*After The Recessional the Priest or Deacon says*

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*Celebrant and People*

**Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**POSTLUDE:**

RONDEAU

*Ronald Lasky*

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: July 25– Aug 1**

|           |               |   |
|-----------|---------------|---|
| Today     | 8:00 am       | Holy Eucharist, Rite I (sanctuary)                        |
|           | 10:00 am      | Holy Eucharist, Rite II (sanctuary)                       |
|           | 4:00 pm       | AA Meeting (Merrill Hall)                                 |
| Monday    | OFFICE CLOSED |   |
| Tuesday   | 9:00 am       | Common Good Gardens                                       |
|           | 7:00 pm       | AA Meeting: Open Discussion (Merrill Hall)                |
| Wednesday | 12:00-1pm     | Shoreline Soup Kitchens Community Lunch: TO-GO Food Only! |
|           | 6:30 pm       | Boy Scout Troop 51 Meeting (Outside)                      |
| Thursday  | 9:00 am       | Common Good Gardens                                       |
|           | 3:00 pm       | Men's Bible Study (Zoom)                                  |
| Friday    | 10:00 am      | Women of Grace (Grace Church patio or inside)             |
|           | 12:00 pm      | Men's Bible Study (Parthenon Diner, Old Saybrook)         |
| Saturday  | 9:00 am       | Common Good Gardens                                       |
|           | 5:00 pm       | Evening Prayer (outside in church backyard)               |
| Sunday    | 8:00 am       | Holy Eucharist, Rite I (sanctuary)                        |
|           | 10:00 am      | Holy Eucharist, Rite II (sanctuary)                       |
|           | 4:00 pm       | Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)               |

## **OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY**

|                         |   |       |
|-------------------------|---|-------|
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: | Tom Larco                               | 8 am  |
|                         | Dale Schneider                          | 10 am |
| LECTOR:                 | David Kirpas                            | 10 am |
| USHERS:                 | Al Buroff, Keith Coughlin               | 8 am  |
|                         | Steve North, Gretchen DiGiannantonio    | 10 am |
| CAMERA TECH TEAM:       | Kyle Trask-Kuchta                       | 10 am |
| ALTAR GUILD:            | Gretchen DiGiannantonio, Joan Trzcinski |       |
| FLOWER DELIVERY:        | Katy Anthony                            |       |

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Donald & Virginia MacMurray.*

## **GRACE CHURCH STAFF**

Rector, The Rev. Charlie Hamill  
Minister of Music, Christina Burnham  
Parish Administrator, Liz Keirstead  
Digital Communications Director, Kate McKinney  
Sexton, Sherry Schiavone

## **GRACE CHURCH VESTRY**

Senior Warden, Matt Stosse  
Junior Warden, Kate Mason  
Treasurer, John Kennedy  
Clerk, Julie Peace  
Vestry Members: Alan Buroff, Bob Mulvihill, Dale Schneider,  
Ken Soudan, Cherie Suhie, Joan Trzcinski

## **GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**House of Hamill Concert at Grace Church Friday August 27th**

**Potluck Dinner at 6pm**

**with music to follow at 7pm**

**Bring a food dish, a chair and some bugspray!**

**\$15 Suggested Donation** (benefits Grace Church Ministries)

The music will be outside (weather permitting, if it rains it'll be in sanctuary). Yes you saw that name correctly...but no, this is not Pastor Charlie's band. Brian Buchanan and Rose Baldino are House of Hamill. They are both accomplished traditional fiddle players and classical violinists. Together, they write unusual new fiddle tunes and exciting, unpredictable original songs while also breathing new life into traditional and contemporary songs. Both are unique lead vocalists, and the blend of their two voices in harmony is hypnotic and irresistible. They label themselves "Like Riverdance meets Radiohead. Plus Coffee." Pastor Charlie DOES have their CD's and really enjoys their music, and can't wait to see them AGAIN! For more info on the band go to [www.houseofhamill.co](http://www.houseofhamill.co)

**New Wall Hanging by Amber Bierkan:**

**"Moses-Celebration of Women"**

Hopefully you have seen one of Amber's other creations hanging on the wall in the sanctuary, perhaps the Nativity scene or St. Patrick?! Amber has graced us with another of her creations, this time in celebration of the women who surrounded Moses, as the centerpiece. Miriam (Moses' sister) who watched and protected him while in the river. Bithian (Pharaohs' daughter) who took Moses into her home and protected him. The handmaiden who represents those who care for the needs of others. And Jochebed (Moses' mother) who made the sacrifice of giving up her child. Thank you Amber for your engaging and beautiful work!



## **Women of Grace**

The Women of Grace have moved their gathering time back to **10am on Fridays** and will meet in-person on patio at church, or inside depending on weather. They recently completed “I-Heard God Laugh” by Matthew Kelly. Going forward, the Women of Grace are not committing to a specific study at this time. The plan is to share a devotional from their home reading of the preceding week and discuss, some people may prefer to bring a poem. They are also continuing to support each other as they return to pre-covid living. For more information and questions, contact Kathy Bartus at **bartuskab53@aol.com** or Christina Burnham at **whh1773@rocketmail.com**. Or you can contact the church office for more info at **860-388-0895**.

## **Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Line**

We have a wonderful heritage of prayer. In the 70s, a Prayer Line was established at Grace. After a few years hiatus, the Prayer Line is up and running again. Here's how it works...If you need prayer for something, call one of the Prayer Line Chairpersons (Joyce Brinley and Barbara Bowie). Either use your directory or call the church office for their contact info. Please briefly tell them your request. The Prayer Line will take it from there. The Chairperson will pass the prayer on to a Prayer Team member, who will pass it to the next Prayer Team member, and so on. Once a member hangs up the phone, the intercession begins! The Prayer Line is available to receive requests **9:00 am to 8:30 pm**. Typically the Prayer Line requests for the day go out to members about 7:00 pm. However, requests of an emergency nature will be passed on immediately. We are so grateful to have this ministry active again. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to have your brothers and sisters in Christ lift up your requests to God.

## **Study and material resource needs!?**

If you need any resources either for prayer, study or even material resources, please contact Pastor Charlie at the office, **860-388-0895**, or go to our website **GraceOldSaybrook.org** and click on the “COVID19” button for more updated info and resources.

### **Sunday and Holiday Sermon CD's and Grace Church Newsletters...**

If you are interested in sharing or hearing the sermons again, you can order a CD with any Sunday's Sermon from our Digital Media Communications Director, Kate McKinney. In addition to our CD ministry, would you like to receive an email (digital) version of our monthly newsletter with updated events and pastoral notes and letters? For more info on the getting on the newsletter email list or to order CD's with the Sunday Sermons, email Kate at [gracechurchdigital@gmail.com](mailto:gracechurchdigital@gmail.com) or leave a message for her at the church phone, **860-388-0895**.

### **Food Pantry Donation Basket at Grace Church**

The basket remains outside the main side entrance to Grace Church 24/7. If you are curious as to what kind of foods they are in need of most you can go to the Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantries (SSKP) website. However, current food needs include: soup (canned or dry packets), canned vegetables, juice or juice boxes, canned tomatoes or pasta sauce (jars or cans), cereal, and snack foods (pudding cups, applesauce, granola bars, crackers, etc.). 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**

Would you like to share the memory of a loved one, or celebrate an anniversary or birthday? The Altar Guild is always accepting donations for Sunday altar flowers made out to "Grace Church Altar Guild". The names of those remembered or celebrated will then be placed in the Sunday prayers. For more information please contact Barbara Bowie by email at [coljim95@gmail.com](mailto:coljim95@gmail.com) or Betty Salldin at [bettrysalldin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bettrysalldin@sbcglobal.net)

## **“To Know Jesus...and To Make Him Known”**

### **Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church in Old Saybrook**

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

**Currently our services are Sundays at 8am and 10am with Holy Communion (the 10am is also live-streamed onto Facebook and YouTube), and Saturday Evening Prayer at 5pm outside in the church backyard, weather permitting (with Holy Communion ONLY on the 1st Saturday of each month). 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 or get involved!

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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