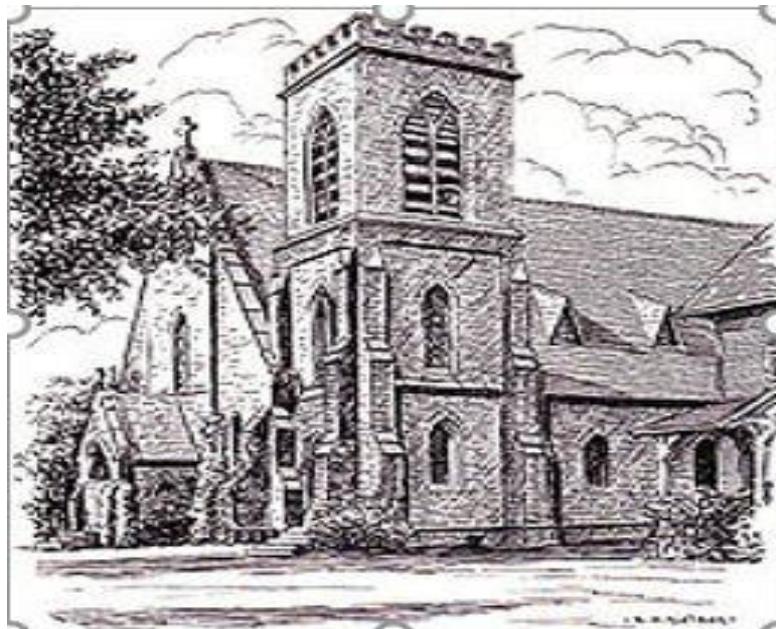


Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021 10:00am

Online Service

Facebook/YouTube



PRELUDE:

Priere, Suite Gothique

Leon Boellmann

THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN

HYMN 178, v. 1-2, 4 ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS TO THE RISEN LORD *Alleluia #1*

*(Chorus) Alleluia, alleluia,
Give thanks to the Risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Give praise to His Name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth
He is the King of creation. *(Chorus)*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen. *(Chorus)*

God has proclaimed the just reward,
Life for all, alleluia. *(Chorus)*

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 S-278

Mathias

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 King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE WORD *of GOD*

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who has accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE EPISTLE:

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

BIND US TOGETHER

R. Gillman

*(Chorus) Bind us together Lord,
Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken.
Bind us together Lord,
Bind us together Lord,
Bind us together with love.
There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one body.
That is why we can sing (Chorus)*

Made for the glory of God.
Purchased by His precious Son.
Born with the right to be clean,
For Jesus the vict'ry has won. *(Chorus)*

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THE GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

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 prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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 and DBSA groups that meet at Grace Church, the Early Head Start Program, Boy Scout Troop 51, Alex Trese 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: St. James', New Haven; St. John's, New Haven; St. Luke' New Haven, Companions in Mission for Publishing & Communication, and Education for Ministry leaders and students. 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 and John Christensen and crew. 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 and Ken. 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 Charles Robert Monte & Patricia Ann Monte 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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION *The People stand and sing*

Christ Has Triumphed

Lasst uns erfreuen

Now let the vault of heaven resound
In praise of Love that doth abound,
Christ hath triumphed, alleluia!
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear,
Repeat their song of glory here,
“Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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:

**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 Risen Today arr. by William Cutter Sung by Dick Mason

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of ev'ry nation, has redeemed us with His blood.

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 544, v. 1, 4-5 JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE E 'ER THE SUN *Duke Street*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

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:

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: May 16– May 23

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 6:00 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)
	7:00 pm	AA Meeting: Working the Steps (Merrill Hall)
Friday	10:00 am	Women of Grace (Grace Church patio or inside)
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 Julie Peace	8 am 10 am
LECTOR:	David Kirpas	10 am
USHERS:	Alan Buroff, Kathy Bartus Gretchen DiGianntonio, Steve North	8 am 10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Kyle Trask-Kuchta	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Bunnie Lubs, Elaine Seaforth	
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Barbara Harms	

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Charles Robert Monte &
Patricia Ann Monte .*

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

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Carly Trask-Kuchta, Robert Mulvihill, Cherie Suhie

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women of Grace

The Women of Grace have moved their gathering time back to 10am on Fridays and will meet in-person on the patio at church, or inside, depending on weather. They will read and discuss “I-Heard God Laugh” by Matthew Kelly. For more information and questions, contact Kathy Bartus by email 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 is back!

We have a wonderful heritage of prayer. In the 70s, a Prayer Line was established at Grace. Now, 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, leave a message for her at the church phone, **860-388-0895**, or catch her after the 10am service on most Sundays.

Food Pantry Donation Basket at Grace Church

We will continue to accept non-perishable food donations throughout the fall and winter. The basket will remain 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 Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce (no glass jars, please) Jelly or Jam, Juice and Oatmeal. 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

Just a reminder that though we haven't had in-person, in-sanctuary worship together in a long time, the Altar Guild is still accepting donations for Sunday altar flowers made out to "Grace Church Altar Guild" in memory of loved ones. For more information please contact Barbara Bowie by email at coljim95@gmail.com or Betty Salldin at bettysalldin@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 during Covid19, our in-person/social-distanced worship 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 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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