

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 18, 2021 10:00am**

**Online Service**

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Artwork by Udi Merioz

**PRELUDE:**

BENEDICTUS ON SICILIAN MARINERS

*Gordon Young*

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

**OPENING HYMN**

HYMN 708

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

*Sicilian Mariners*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
Much we need thy tender care;  
In thy pleasant pastures feed us;  
For our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor,  
Early let us learn thy will;  
Do thou, Lord, our only Savior,  
With thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us: love us still.

*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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off

all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 89:20-37**

I have found David my servant; \*  
**with my holy oil have I anointed him.**

My hand will hold him fast \*  
**and my arm will make him strong.**

No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
**nor any wicked man bring him down.**

I will crush his foes before him \*  
**and strike down those who hate him.**

My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
**and he shall be victorious through my Name.**

I shall make his dominion extend \*  
**from the Great Sea to the River.**

He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  
**my God, and the rock of my salvation.'**

I will make him my firstborn \*  
**and higher than the kings of the earth.**

I will keep my love for him for ever, \*  
**and my covenant will stand firm for him.**

I will establish his line for ever \*  
**and his throne as the days of heaven."**

"If his children forsake my law \*  
**and do not walk according to my judgments;**

If they break my statutes \*  
**and do not keep my commandments;**

I will punish their transgressions with a rod \*  
**and their iniquities with the lash;**

But I will not take my love from him, \*  
**nor let my faithfulness prove false.**

I will not break my covenant, \*  
**nor change what has gone out of my lips.**

Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: \*  
**'I will not lie to David.**

His line shall endure for ever \*  
**and his throne as the sun before me;**

It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, \*  
**the abiding witness in the sky.' "**

#### **THE EPISTLE:**

Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

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

## SEQUENCE HYMN

HYMN 693, v. 1-2, 4

JUST AS I AM

*Woodworth*

**Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am: thou wilt receive;  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

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

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

*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, Redding; St. Stephen's, Ridgefield; St. Paul's, Riverside; St. Andrew the Apostle, Rocky Hill. Wardens, treasurers, clerks, and all vestry members; elected delegates; annual parish meetings, committees, staff, and volunteers who oversee and maintain buildings and grounds. 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 Tarrío, 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 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).*

*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**

HE IS OUR PEACE

*Kandela Groves*

# 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

### EUCHARISTIC 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**

MEDITATION ON "MCKEE"

*Justin McCarthy*

### **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 529

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

*McKee*

**In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North,  
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North,  
All Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.**

## 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:**

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

*Dale Wood*

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: July 18– July 25**

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)
	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 with Holy Communion (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
	Susan Board	10 am
LECTOR:	Devin Carney	10 am
USHERS:	Elizabeth Davey, Teri Sokolowski	8 am
	Penny Coleman, Clyde Auger	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Kyle Trask-Kuchta	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Betty Salldin, Karen Newton	
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Barbara Harms	

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Lycurgus Michael Davey,  
Artemis Pappas Davey & Orestes Michael Davey.*

## **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 Sudan, 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 the sanctuary. Yes, you saw that name correctly; but no, this is not Pastor Charlie's band. Brian Buchanan and Rose Baldino are the 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.com](http://www.houseofhamill.com)

**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 the patio at church, or inside depending on the 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 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.**

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](mailto:gracechurchdigital@gmail.com) or leave a message for her at the church phone: **860-388-0895**.

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

We continue to collect food donations for our local pantry. 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**

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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