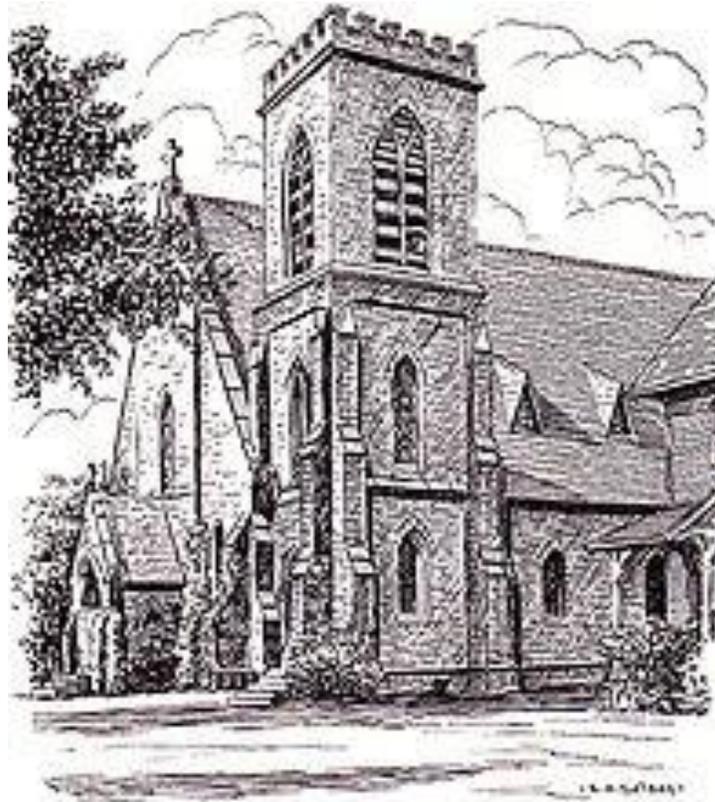


**Confirmation Sunday!!**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 22, 2022 10:00am**  
**Online Service**  
**Facebook/YouTube**



**PRELUDE:**

PRELUDE ON TWO FOLK HYMNS

*Lee Hastings Bristol Jr.*

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

**OPENING HYMN**

Hymn #405

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

*Royal Oak*

*(Refrain) All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings *(Refrain)*

The purple headed mountain, the river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. *(Refrain)*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one. *(Refrain)*

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *(Refrain)*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

*People*

**The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People*

**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant*

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People*

**One God and Father of all.**

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.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***People*** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed

there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 67**

May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
**show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**

Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
**your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
**let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
**for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
**let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
**may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

May God give us his blessing, \*  
**and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.**

### **THE EPISTLE:**

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the

honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

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

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn #513

LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG

*Bridegroom*

**Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
Like the challenge of her flight,  
Like the vigor of the wind's rush,  
Like the new flame's eager might:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**To the members of Christ's Body,  
To the branches of the Vine,  
To the Church in faith assembled,  
To her midst as gift and sign:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**With the healing of division,  
With the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
With the power to love and witness,  
With the peace beyond compare:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

## THE GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

*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 said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens

## **PREPARATION HYMN**

Hymn #349

HOLY SPIRIT, LORD OF LOVE

Aberstwyth

**Holy Spirit, Lord of love,  
Who descended from above,  
Gifts of blessing to bestow  
On your waiting Church below,  
Once again in love draw near  
To your servants gathered here;  
From their bright baptismal day  
You have led them on their way.**

**When the sacred vow is made,  
When the hands are on them laid,  
Come in this most solemn hour  
With your strengthening gift of power.  
Give them light, your truth to see;  
Give them life, your own to be;  
Daily power to conquer sin;  
Patient faith, the crown to win.**

## PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*The Bishop says*

The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

*Presenters*

**I present Benjamin Francis Stosse, Audrey Frances Board  
and Holly Margaret Board for Confirmation.**

**I present Kayla Renee Ford for Confirmation.**

*The Bishop asks the candidates*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidate*

**I do.**

*Bishop*

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidate*

**I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People*

**We will.**

*The Bishop then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant*

Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***People* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

## **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver them O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*A period of silence follows.*

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servants with your Holy Spirit; empower him/her for your service; and sustain him/her all the days of his/her life. **Amen.**

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**

# **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

HE IS MINE

**He is mine, He is mine, He is mine, Jesus is mine.**

**He is mine, He is mine, He is mine, Jesus is mine.**

**Forever and ever, forever and ever, forever and ever, Jesus is mine.**

**Forever and ever, forever and ever, forever and ever, Jesus is mine.**

**Ni wangu, ni wangu, ni wangu, Yesu wangu.**

**Ni wangu, ni wangu, ni wangu, Yesu wangu.**

**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?**

**Shall tribulation, or peril or sword?**

**Through Him who loved us we shall surely conquer all,**

**Yes, Jesus is the one.**

**He is mine, He is mine, He is mine, Jesus is mine.**

**He is mine, He is mine, He is mine, Jesus is mine.**

**Forever and ever, forever and ever, forever and ever, Jesus is mine.**

**Forever and ever, forever and ever, forever and ever, Jesus is mine.**

**Ni wangu, ni wangu, ni wangu, Yesu wangu.**

**Ni wangu, ni wangu, ni wangu, Yesu wangu.**

I am still persuaded, and I know it is true:  
Neither life, nor death, nor things yet to be,  
O none shall separate us from the love of God.  
Yes, Jesus is the one.

Ni wangu, ni wangu, ni wangu, Yesu wangu.  
Ni wangu, ni wangu, ni wangu, Yesu wangu.  
Milele milele, milele milele, milele milele, Yesu wangu.  
Forever and ever, forever and ever, forever and ever, Jesus is mine.

He is mine, He is mine, He is mine. Jesus is mine!

**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

### 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.

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:

**Sanctus S-128**

*Matthias*

**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, 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 SONGS**

JESUS, I LOVE YOU

*Kathleen Thomerson*

***(Chorus) Jesus, I love you (3x)  
Take my life.***

**Life is your gift, I give my heart,  
Kneel and adore You and I know that *(Chorus)***

Now I have seen the love of God.  
He has poured out the Spirit of truth. *(Chorus)*

*(Chorus) Jesus, I love you (3x)*  
*Take my life.*

Love reaches out both near and far  
And so we follow where You lead us. *(Chorus)*

Jesus, I follow, Jesus I follow,  
Jesus I follow, all my life. *(Chorus)*

*CCLI Song 242472, Lic. # 338180*

Hymn #490

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

Houston

I want to walk as a child of the Light,  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

*(Refrain) In Him there is no darkness at all,*  
*The night and the day are both alike.*  
*The Lamb is the light of the city of God.*  
*Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. *(Refrain)*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *(Refrain)*

## 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 #345

SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE

*Ellers*

Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon thy Name.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With thee began, with thee shall end the day;  
From harm and danger keep thy children free,  
For dark and light are both alike to thee.

Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life;  
Peace to thy Church from error and from strife;  
Peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;  
Peace in each heart, thy Spirit from above:

Thy peace in life, the balm of every pain;  
Thy peace in death, the hope to rise again;  
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

## 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:**

FUGUE IN E MINOR

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

## **OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY**

CELEBRANT:	The Right Rev. Laura Ahrens	8 & 10 am
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Tom Larco	8 am
	Dale Schneider	10 am
LECTOR:	Jason Howey	10 am
ACOLYTE:	Coral Anthony	10 am
BISHOP CHAPLAIN:	Carly Trask-Kuchta	10 am
USHERS:	Teri Sokolowski, Peter Knox	8 am
	Elaine Seaforth, Bill Passera	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Steve North	
ALTAR GUILD:	Betty Salldin, Elaine Seaforth	
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Kathy Bartus	

*The flowers were given in Glory to God  
And in loving memory of Jonathan Buroff*

## **GRACE CHURCH STAFF**

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

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Junior Warden, Ken Soudan  
Treasurer, David Condren  
Clerk, Julie Peace  
Vestry Members: Bob Mulvihill, Joan Trzcinski  
Dale Schneider, Cherie Suhie,  
Lisa DiStasio, Gretchen DiGiannantonio

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: May 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Today	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Wednesday	10:00 am	Early Head Start (Nursery)
	12:00-1pm	Shoreline Soup Kitchens Community Lunch: <i>TO-GO Food Only!</i>
	6:00 pm	Boy Scout Meeting (Undercroft)
Thursday		
Friday	10:00 am	Women of Grace (Folsom House)
	12:00 pm	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
Saturday		
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)

**Church Offices Hours:**

Monday, Closed

Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

## **GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Women of Grace Invitation to Book Study**

Women of Grace (W.O.G) will soon begin a new study. We will be reading the Philip Yancy book " What's So Amazing About Grace." We plan to start this approximately the first week of June. We will continue to meet in the Folsom House meeting room (masks optional) until it is warm enough to meet on the veranda of the church. Any woman wishing to join us is welcome. No personal invitation is necessary. Come join us, for heart-to-heart discussions of living a Christian life in a secular world. 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 receives 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. 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.

### **Altar Flower Memorials**

The Altar Guild is accepting donations for Sunday altar flowers made out to **“Grace Church Altar Guild”** in memory of loved ones. For more information: contact Barbara Bowie at **coljim95@gmail.com** or Betty Salldin at **bettysalldin@sbcglobal.net**.

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

We continue to accept non-perishable food donations. The basket will remain outside the main side entrance to Grace Church 24/7. If you are curious as to what kind of food they are in need of most you can go to the Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantries (SSKP) website. However, typical food needs include soup cans, peanut butter, canned vegetables, rice and cereal. 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!

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

If you're 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), leave a message for her at the church phone: **860-388-0895**, or catch her after the 10am service on certain Sundays.

### **Upcoming Special Services and Events:**

Pentecost services at 8 & 10am, Sunday June 5th  
Feel free to wear red!!

## **“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 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 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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