

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

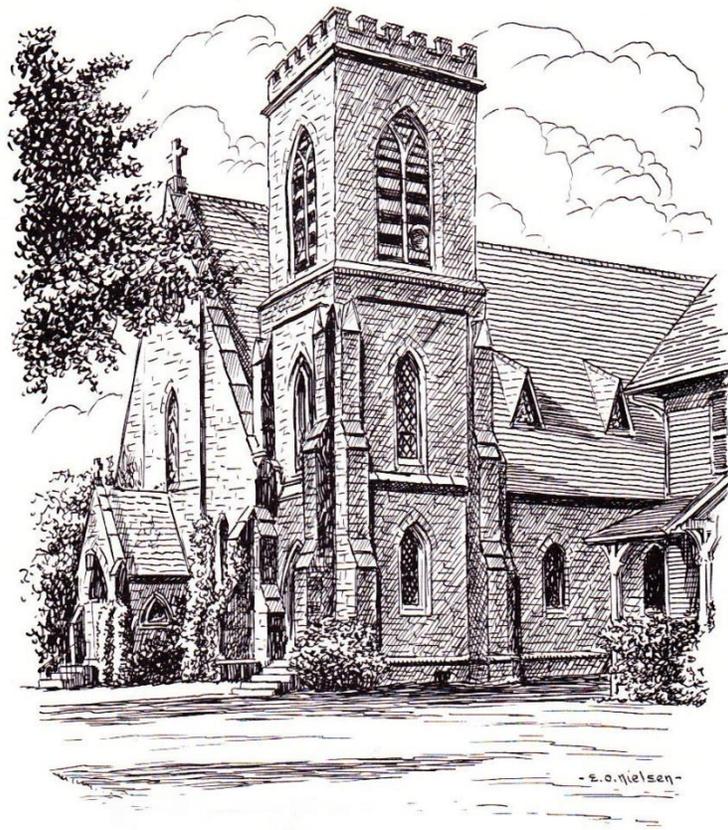
September 25, 2022 10:00am

Grace Episcopal Church

Old Saybrook, CT

Online Service

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PRELUDE:

BLESSED QUIETNESS

Robert J. Hughes

THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #7

CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES

Ratisbon

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph over shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear!

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return
Till thy mercy's beams I see,
As they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiance divine;
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

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.*

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 declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to

me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

The congregation remains seated

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."

He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.

He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *

I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *

I am with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, *

and show him my salvation.

THE EPISTLE:

1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn #304, v. 1-4

I COME WITH JOY TO MEET MY LORD

Land of Rest

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall,
His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
And strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known,
We see and praise him here.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

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

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

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him

to my father's house -- for I have five brothers -- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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; Jeffrey, our bishop elect; Charlie and Judy, our priests; and for: Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Common Good Gardens, Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services, Early Head Start, the AA groups that meet at Grace Church, Boy Scout Troop 51, Patrick Dominguez and his church planting effort and Kateri Medical Services in Nigeria. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Trumbull; Grace Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull. And for Youth and youth ministries; J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge youth to grow in their faith and discipleship. 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, Nathaniel Burnham, Todd Buroff, Tami Morgan, Adam Randle, Daniel Kronz and Branden Peace. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; for an end to racism; and for peace in Ukraine and Russia and all other areas where war and hostilities are occurring.

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: We pray today for: Kate, Myra, Jennifer, Lisa, Janice, Nancy, Andrea, Lucinda, Hilda, Bryan, Barbara and Jon Zakhar, Laura & Tommy Urban, Dee Labelle, Thomas Burnham, Earlene Bell, Aurelia Knox, Sarah Craig, Joyce, Marjorie, Len Pass, Eugene Williams, James, Marguerite, Kay Hall, Frank Roman, Penny, Justin Iondo, Margie, Jordan Forest, Laura, Erin, Bill Ross, Brian, Sandee, Emily, Cam, Ed Courtney, Valerie and Richard Beers, Coral, Kate, Mary, Doug Hamill, Honey, JJ Evola and family, Will, Derrick, Lois Connell, Helen, Marla, Ken, Sunny, Kay O'Day, Jane Hamill, Donna Crooks, Kathi Jones, Cheryl Dudek, Debra Sticht, Barbara, Elsie, Grace, Donna, Kevin, Howard, Alicia Winalski and family, Bethany & Ben, Dianne Warley, Janet Viets, Michael, Amber,

David, Jean, Mary Beth, Barbara Bowie, Tanya, Shelley, Phil and Patti. Please add your own petitions either out loud or in silence. *(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...add your own petitions either out loud or in silence.

(Pause) Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader: Let us pray, either out loud or in silence, for our own needs and those of others.

(The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

JESUS MY SAVIOR

Robert Stoodley

Jesus my Saviour, oh, how I love you
For you have filled me with your new life.
All your heavenly glory you counted as nothing,
And bore the pain of death to make us free.
Therefore, with all my heart I'll gladly sing your praise,
And do so all my days to bless your holy name.
For God has exalted you, seated at the Father's side
You shall be glorified, Jesus, our King!

THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION *The People stand and sing*

Hymn 178, v. 1

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

Alleluia No. 1

***Refrain: 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. (Refrain)***

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

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, 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

DWELL IN ME

Marty Parks

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 #551

RISE UP, YE SAINTS OF GOD!

Festal Song

**Rise up, ye saints of God!
Have done with lesser things,
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.**

**Rise up, ye saints of God!
His kingdom tarries long:
Lord, bring the day of truth and love
And end the night of wrong.**

**Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
And quickened by the Spirit's power,
Rise up, ye saints of God!**

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:

RECESSIONAL

Arcangelo Corelli

OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	John Klages	8 am
	Dale Schneider	10 am
LECTOR:	David Kirpas	10 am
USHERS:	Tom & Angela Larco	8 am
	Elaine Seaforth, Charley Bates	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Ken Soudan	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Bunnie Lubs	
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Betty Jo Stosse	

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

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

GRACE CHURCH VESTRY

Senior Warden, Matt Stosse
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: September 25th – October 2nd

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	9:00 am	Common Good Gardens-- volunteers work garden behind church
	6:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Wednesday	12:00-1pm	Shoreline Soup Kitchens Community Lunch: <i>TO-GO Food Only!</i>
Thursday	9:00 am	Common Good Gardens-- volunteers work garden behind church
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 51 Meeting (undercroft)
Friday	10:00 am	Women of Grace Discipleship Meeting (Folsom House)
	12:00 pm	Men's Bible Study (Parthenon Diner, Old Saybrook)
Saturday	9:00 am	Common Good Gardens-- volunteers work garden behind church
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary)
	2:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals (on patio in front of church)
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)

Church Offices Hours:

Monday, Closed

Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Animals!

Sunday, October 2nd at 2pm on Main St. in front of Grace Episcopal Church.

Bring your pets: dogs, cats, birds, lizards etc., for a service of prayer and celebration of animals, in honor of St Francis.

Friday Night Light at the Grace Church Fire Pits

Friday Nights in October 2022: Oct 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 7pm-8pm(ish)

Join us on Friday nights in the church backyard around the firepits for smores, hot cider, fellowship and maybe even some music and stories. Bring a chair and a friend! If you are interested in playing any music or helping to start the fires, please contact Pastor Charlie at church by email at: [**gracechurchrector@gmail.com**](mailto:gracechurchrector@gmail.com)

Grace Church Altar Guild Seeking New Members

What is the Altar Guild you might ask?

The Altar Guild has a special role as liturgical partner to our priest, The Rev. Charlie Hamill, in making the worship life of the parish run smoothly. Altar Guild members are called to serve God in preparing and tending the place where the people of Grace Church worship God. It is said that the work of the Altar Guild goes on behind the scenes, but at every worship service, every wedding, baptism, funeral or memorial service, you see the work of the Altar Guild.

Altar Guild members work in teams of two and are scheduled quarterly. Teams work Saturday mornings to arrange the altar flowers and prepare the church for Sunday services; and between the 8 and 10am services on Sunday and clearing/cleaning up following the 10am service. Altar Guild members also prepare the church and serve for weddings, memorials and funeral services. This part of the service entails extra time.

The Altar Guild is a ministry of love and caring – and we also have a lot of fun! For more information, contact **Betty Salldin, Altar Guild Director, at 860-399-2402 or 860-990-5961.**

Women of Grace (WOG) beginning new study!

Women of Grace has resumed meeting in the Folsom House. The Fall study will be a 10-week DVD investigation of Grace by Philip Yancey, called "*What's So Amazing About Grace.*"

All Grace Church women are welcome. We meet at 10:00 a.m. on Friday mornings. No personal invitations are necessary. For more information contact Kathy Bartus or Christy Burnham. Phone numbers and email addresses are in the church directory, OR speak to Kathy after the 8:00 a.m. service or Christy after the 10:00 a.m. service.

We are hoping to have some new members join us for lively conversation, prayer and most importantly sharing the importance of having Jesus as our guide in our modern world.

NEW! Grace Church Men's Discipleship Beginning October 15th Meeting in Merrill Hall at Grace Church 8am-10am on 3rd Saturdays

On the 3rd Saturdays of each month from 8am-10am, beginning in October, Pastor Charlie will gather with the men of Grace Church looking for fellowship and deeper discipleship in Jesus Christ.

The first hour, we will gather for light breakfast and fellowship to get to know each other. During the second hour we will delve into some Scripture and readings from various Christian spiritual classics. Through the readings and asking questions, we are hoping to strengthen our walk with Jesus, grow in the grace and knowledge of God, and learn to support one another as brothers in Christ. For more info contact Pastor Charlie by email at gracechurchrector@gmail.com.

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.

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Line

Here's how it works...If you need prayer for something, call one of the Prayer Line Chairpersons (Joyce Brinley 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.

Food Pantry Donation Basket at Grace Church + EGG CARTONS!!

We continue to accept non-perishable food donations throughout the year. The basket can be found 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, typical food needs include canned soup, peanut butter, canned vegetables, rice and cereal. In addition, you can always make a cash donation to SSKP. **They are always looking for used egg cartons!** 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, leave a message for her at the church phone: **860-388-0895**, or catch her after the 10am service on certain Sundays.

“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 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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