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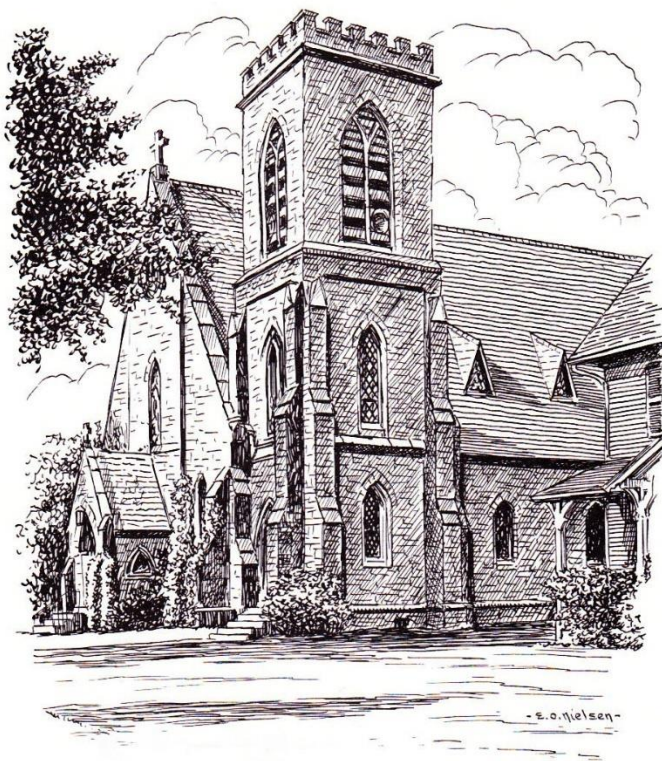
September 14, 2025 10:00am

Grace Episcopal Church

Old Saybrook, CT

Online Service

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PRELUDE

Come Let Us Worship And Bow Down /
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
by: Dave Doberty / Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio; arr. Bethany Hamill
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THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN:

HYMN #645 THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS (vs. 1–3, 6)

**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.**

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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 S-278

by: William 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, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through 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

Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51:1-11

The congregation remains seated

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

THE EPISTLE:

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of

full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

by: Tim Hughes

**Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.**

Chorus: **So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that You're my God.**

And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

**King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. (*Chorus*)**

**And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. (2x)
(*Chorus 2x*)**

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

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

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Charlie 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: We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons.

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

Leader: 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: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. Please add your own petitions either out loud or in silence. (Silent Pause). We pray for those in need.

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

Leader: We remember those who have died, especially Ralph Turner Millet Sr. & Francis Noble Millet Sr., 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).

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Majesty

by: Martin Smith, Stuart Garrard

Here I am, humbled by Your majesty, covered by Your grace so free.
Here I am, knowing I'm a sinful man covered by the blood of the Lamb.

Now I've found the greatest love of all is mine
since You laid down Your life, the greatest sacrifice.

Majesty, majesty; Your grace has found me just as I am:
Empty-handed, but alive in Your hands.

Here I am, humbled by the love that You give, forgiven so that I can forgive.
Here I stand, knowing that I'm Your desire, sanctified by glory and fire.

Majesty, majesty; Forever I am changed by Your love, in the presence of Your majesty.

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THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION *The People stand and sing*

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

by: Jimmy Owens

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above you heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The people remain standing.

The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD (SANCTUS)

arr. by: Jack Schrader

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are filled with your glory: Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;
hosanna in the highest. 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

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

by: Keith Green

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence, O Lord,
And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

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HIS MERCY IS MORE

by: Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. (*Chorus 2x*)

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LORD YOU ARE SO PRECIOUS TO ME *by: Graham Kendrick*

Lord, You are so precious to me, Lord, You are so precious to me;
And I love You, yes, I love You, because You first loved me.

Lord, You are so gracious to me, Lord, You are so gracious to me;
And I love You, yes, I love You, because You first loved me.

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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

IT WAS GOD WHO RAN TO GREET HIM

by: Rae E. Whitney, Ithamar Conkey (Rathbun)

It was God who ran to greet him as he stumbled home in shame,
then embraced him, clothed, and fed him, gave him back his family name.

It was God who swept the kitchen and retrieved that precious coin;
God in woman called her neighbors, "Come, and in my gladness join!"

It was God who, as a shepherd, left the ninety-nine asleep
and then searched in cold and darkness till he found that missing sheep.

It was God, who runs to meet us, conscious of our every need;
then, as we in turn help others, God rejoices in each deed!

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

Now Unto The King Eternal

by: Dennis Jernigan; arr. Bethany Hamill

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OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY

PREACHER/CELEBRANT:	The Rev. Charlie Hamill	8 & 10 am
MUSIC DIRECTOR:	Bethany Hamill	10 am
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Bill Sheahan	8 am
	Dale Schneider	10 am
LECTOR:	Clive Cowper	10 am
USHERS:	Nick & Lynn Iacovelli	8 am
	Tom & Angela Larco	10 am
NURSERY:	Lauren Groat, Angel McDonough	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Lanny Kapp	10 am
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Skip Fiorelli, Linda Santangelo	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Cathy Auger, Angela Larco	

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

Rector, The Rev. Charlie Hamill
Priest Associate, The Rev. Dr. Charles “Chuck” Hoffman
Priest Associate, The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellendale Hoffman
Priest Associate, The Rev. Dr. William “Bill” Veinot
Music Director, Bethany Hamill
Parish Administrator, Kate McKinney
Sexton, Sherry Schiavone

GRACE CHURCH VESTRY

Senior Warden, Jason Howey
Junior Warden, Skip Fiorelli
Treasurer, David Condren
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THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: September 14th—September 21st

Today	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary) w/music
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
	12:00 pm	Men's Bible Study (Parthenon Diner, Old Saybrook)
	7:00 pm	Con Brio Choral Society Rehearsal (Merrill Hall)
Tuesday	9:00 am	Common Good Gardens -- Volunteers in Garden behind church
	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
	7:00 pm	Grace Church Vestry Meeting (Hudson Room)
Wednesday	12:00-1pm	Shoreline Soup Kitchens Community Lunch (Merrill Hall)
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday	9:00 am	Common Good Gardens -- Volunteers in Garden behind church
Friday	12:00 pm	Women of Grace Book Study (Hudson Room)
Saturday	9:00 am	Common Good Gardens -- Volunteers in Garden behind church
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary) w/music
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)

Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Either during the service or during prayer time at home, please keep the prayers of Grace Church and the people going! Please keep us up to date on names to add and remove.

WE PRAY FOR: Kate, Myra, Lisa, Bryan, Barbara and Jon Zakhar, Deidra & George Labelle, Earlene Bell, Aurelia Knox, Sarah, Len Pass, James, Penny, Margie, Bill Ross, Emily, Mary, Doug Hamill, JJ Evola and family, Jane Hamill, Kathi Jones, Cheryl Dudek, Debra Sticht, Elsie, Alicia Winalski and family, Marilyn, Dean, Barbara Bowie, Dick Watson, Carter, Judy Cowper, Alan, The Benways, Jim Donahue, Carol Wilson, Kate, Coral, Kirsten, Joyce Brinley, Daniella, Curtis, Annaliese Harms, Marlena, Linda, Don, Ginny, the Igelbrinks, Carol, Rory, Yvonne, the Sheridan/Drake family, Jim Nordren, Chuck Hoffman, Lacey, Gianna Porcelli, Gabby, and Daniel Bates & family.

FOR THOSE IN SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY: Travis Board, Todd Buroff, Tami Morgan, Adam Randle, Susan Eaccarino and Madeline Sheahan.

FOR OUR MINISTERS AND MISSIONS: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; Charlie, Ellen and Bill, 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, Patrick Dominguez and his church planting effort and Kateri Medical Services in Nigeria. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for L'Eglise de L'Epiphanie, Stamford; St. Andrew's, Stamford; St. Francis, Stamford; and for the Province of New England: the Dioceses of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont & Western Massachusetts. For their bishops, clergy, congregations, parish & diocesan staff. For Provincial Synod & all Provincial Networks.

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you interested in singing in Grace Church's choir? We meet on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm**, & prior to the **10am service** each Sunday. Whether you are new at singing in a choir, or are a seasoned singer, there is a place for you here in Grace Church's choir, and we would love to have you join us! If interested, please contact the Music Director, Bethany Hamill at gracechurchmusicdirector@gmail.com, or feel free to have a quick chat with Bethany after the 10am service.

The Women of Grace (WOG) Bible Study are starting a 7-week study by Lisa Harper called "A Jesus Shaped Life" meeting **Friday mornings at 10am** in Grace Church's Hudson Room. For more information you can check our website: <https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/womens-bible-study>.

Men's Bible Study is meeting IN-PERSON on Mondays at 12 Noon!
at the Parthenon Diner in Old Saybrook

For more information on this Men's Bible Study please feel free to email Charley Bates at charley.bates@yahoo.com or you can go to our website:

<https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/mens-bible-study>. Currently the men are studying Exodus.

Feeding the hungry one donation at a time...

SSKP Food Pantry Donation Basket at Grace Church

Grace Church is always accepting non-perishable food donations throughout the year. A basket is present outside the main side entrance to Grace Church 24/7 to place donations in, or you can bring donations into the church entryway by the patio and place them in the colored bins. If you are curious as to what kind of foods they are in need of most you can go to their website at <https://www.shorelinesoupkitchens.org>. 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!

Grace Church Men's Discipleship:

Meeting in Merrill Hall at Grace Church 8am-10am

NEXT Gathering: Saturday, September 20

Once a month from 8am-10am Pastor Charlie gathers with the men of Grace Church looking for fellowship and deeper discipleship in Jesus Christ. The first hour we gather for light breakfast and fellowship to get to know each other. During the second hour we delve into some Scripture and readings from various Christian spiritual classics. Currently we are reading Thomas Merton's *No Man is an Island*. 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 at [**gracechurchrector@gmail.com**](mailto:gracechurchrector@gmail.com).

Altar Flower Memorials

The Altar Guild is always accepting donations for Sunday altar flowers made out to "Grace Church Altar Guild" in memory or in celebration of loved ones. For more information ease contact Betty Salldin at [**bettysalldin@gmail.com**](mailto:bettysalldin@gmail.com).

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 Penny Coleman). 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 **9:00am 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. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to have your brothers and sisters in Christ lift up your requests to God.

Grace Episcopal Church in Old Saybrook

We are a community of faith, rooted in Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, following God's call to feed the hungry in both body and spirit.

Our intention is to know Jesus and to make Him known.

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!

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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