

May 24, 2026
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
Hebron, Connecticut
The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

The Day of Pentecost ~ Whitsunday
Rite 1 ~ 8:00 a.m.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen
The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia



Glory be to God

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Collect of the Day: Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native

language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

 `In the last days it will be, God declares,
 that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
 and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
 and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky
 mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Psalm: Psalm 104:25-35, 37

**25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

**26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.**

**27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.**

**28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.**

**29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**

**30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.**

**31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.**

**32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**

**33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.**

**34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

**35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.**

**37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!**

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. ***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord ***People: Praise be to thee, Lord Christ***

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And with thy spirit

The Holy Communion

Great thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer I

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Blessing

The Dismissal

Prayers & Thanksgivings for the Day of Pentecost, May 24, 2026

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London; St. John's, New Milford; Those in discernment and preparing for ordination; and The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

We pray for our clergy: Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Fr. Ron; for Doug our seminarian, for our deacons Donna and Marge; and for all bishops, priests and deacons.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week:

Lino Rodegher (5/25), Betty Close (5/26), Peter Nosal (5/26), John Loge (5/29), and those celebrating anniversaries: Latour's anniversary (5/25).

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family, especially those in any need or difficulty, Francine Bloch, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for the deceased. We pray especially for Claire Bracaglia and Roberto Rodegher.

Continuing Prayer List

Ann, Dolores, Michael H, Carolyn Aubin, Eileen, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Mario, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, David Rigby, Roberto Rodegher, Len & Kim Begin, Sheila, Peter & Barbara Farren, Andrew, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Loretta, Robin, Brenda, Jim, Richard Taylor, Judy Knox, Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Marlin Corbean; Brian; Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Lou & Heidi Schluntz, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Ann Valerio, Cindy Brinkman, Marge Roccoberton, Maria Amara, Steve Konopka.

On Going Activities

- Balance Class: Mondays 10:15 a.m. \$5 per session.
- Connect: Mondays 2:00 p.m.
- Weekly Weeders: Mondays 4:00 p.m.
- Cub Scouts: 1st Mondays 5:30-7 p.m.
- Hebron Greater Together Community Fund: 3rd Tuesdays 6-8 p.m.
- Buildings & Grounds: 1st Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
- Meditation Class: 4th Wednesday, 4:30p.m.
- Vestry: 3rd Thursdays, 6 p.m.
- 200th Anniversary Celebration: 3rd Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.



Meditation Class will be held at St. Peter's every month on the 4th Wednesday. Carissa Johnson will lead a 30-minute loving kindness (metta) meditation and discussion about meditation practice in the main church building. You are welcome to sit in the Pews or to bring your own cushion to use. Meditation starts at 4:30 PM, please come a few minutes early to take your seat. The event is free, but donations to the St. Peter's Community Fund or St. Peter's Garden Committee are welcome. The First Meditation will be held **May 27th**.



Town Center Landmarks on Parade & A Witness Stone Installation at St. Peter's:

Saturday, May 30, 1-4 and 4-6 pm

Landmarks on Parade (From 1-4pm) The Town Center Project invites you to visit the historic structures in the Hebron Center as part of the nation's 250th anniversary. St. Peter's will be one of the sites and Fr. Ron will dress again as Samuel Peters, and be providing tours and sharing history of the church.

Witness Stone Installation & Research Display (From 4-6pm) The Hebron Historical Society and RHAM Middle School students have been researching history of African American farming in the center of the village. On Saturday, May 30th at 4:00 they will be installing a *Witness Stone* on the property, followed by a display of the student work and research findings in the parish hall.

The stone will be placed on a pillar between the church building and the former home of Governor John Peters, located to the north of the church. The Witness Stone commemorates the wonderful work by Governor Peters in reassembling farm land across the street that includes our nature preserve and the 87 additional acres owned by the town. This land has historical significance going back to Native Americans some 10,000 years and has an important story of African American farming and emancipation.

St. Peter's Tag Sale: June 5 and 6

As you are Spring Cleaning, please put aside items for our tag sale.

Items will be accepted from May 24 - June 2, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Please use the provided list as a guide of desired items. All items must be clean, *gently* used, no rust, no stains.

ITEMS WE CAN ACCEPT

Towels	Clean rugs	Sports equipment
Curtains	Frames	Knick-knacks
Toys & Games	Tools	Lamps
Children's books	Crafts	Baby equipment
Pots and Pans	Pictures	Fabric & Yarn
Dishes	Jewelry	Small electric tools & appliances
Kitchen utensils	Handbags	<u>SMALL</u> Furniture:
Glassware	Bicycles	<i>(e.g. end-tables, chairs)</i>

ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT

Clothing	Paint	Tapes & Recorders
Mattresses	Linens	Cribs & Car seats
CDs & Movies	Printers	Exercise Equipment
Books & Magazines		Computers & accessories

A **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held on Wed, June 17 from 1-6. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org.



Sanctuary Performing Arts



Proudly Presents: *A Lesbian Belle Tells*

In celebration of PRIDE Month

Friday, June 12, 2026 at 6:30pm at St. Peter's Church

Elizabeth McCain developed a humorous one-woman play based on her real-life events. *A Lesbian Belle Tells* affirms and validates the LGBTQ+ community and beyond, with universal themes of self-discovery, acceptance, family struggles, forgiveness, loss, and love. McCain spins stories with a beating heart and dispenses a powerful dose of medicine for the soul to heal just about anything. The performance will be part of PRIDE celebration sponsored by Small Town Pride.



You can purchase tickets for the performance, \$20 for adults and \$5 for youth, by clicking this link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/pride-performance-a-lesbian-belle-tells> or scanning the QR Code.

In addition, Ms. McCain will lead a story-telling workshop as part of the Small-Town Pride celebration on Saturday, June 13 from 10-3pm at AHM Youth and Family Services, 25 Pendleton Drive, Hebron. Her workshop will take place from 1-3.



Sanctuary Performing Arts

and The Coalition on Diversity and Equity
Presents: *What to a Slave is the Fourth of July*

A Juneteenth Frederick Douglass Speech

Friday, June 19, 2026 at 6:30 pm at St. Peter's Church

On July 5, 1852, Frederick Douglass would give one of his most famous speeches to Rochester Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society, criticizing the chasm between America's founding principles and the institution of slavery. Douglass lamented that Independence Day wasn't a day of celebration for enslaved people and he urged his audience to read the U.S. Constitution not as a pro-slavery document, but as a "glorious liberty document." Fred Morsell, has embodied Frederick Douglass in performances across the country since 1985. Working with Ron Kolanowski, Morsell brought Douglass to life in every high school in D.C. thanks to a grant by the National Humanities Council and the Caring Institute in 1991. This great speech is part of Juneteenth Weekend in collaboration between the Coalition on Diversity & Equity (CoDE) and Sanctuary Performing Arts. Now 85 years old Morsell will be coming to Hebron all the way from his home in Montana.

Tickets can be purchased, \$20 for adults & \$5 for youth, by visiting this link:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/juneteenth-3> or scanning the QR code.