



**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
30 Church Street, Hebron, CT**

Juneteenth Interfaith Service

**Welcoming the Descendants of
The Peters Families**

Sunday, June 21, 2026 ~ 9:00 a.m.

*We acknowledge the Pequot Mohegan and the Wangunk people,
the traditional custodians of the land on which Hebron is located.*

We pay respect to their elders, past and present.

*We honor their people and traditions as a continued call to
live out the ministry of reconciliation to which we are all called.*

Order of Service

OPENING SONG: BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the
2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a
3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall

1. com - ing of the Lord; He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the
2. hund - red cir - cling camps, They have build - ed Him an al - tar in the
3. nev - er sound re - treat, He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be -

1. grapes of wrath are stored; He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His
2. eve - ning dews and damps; I can read His right - eous sent - ence by the
3. fore His judge - ment seat; O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him! Be

1. ter - ri - ble swift sword, His truth is march - ing on.
2. dim and flar - ing lamps, His day is march - ing on.
3. ju - bi - lant, my feet! Our God is march - ing on.

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

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lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

The "Battle Hymn of the Republic" is an American patriotic song written by the abolitionist writer Julia Ward Howe during the American Civil War. Howe adapted her song from the soldiers' song "John Brown's Body" in November 1861. Her version links the Union cause with God's vengeance at the Day of Judgment.

WELCOME

REV. RONALD KOLANOWSKI

GATHERING PRAYER

In you, our God, all things have their beginning, continuation, and end. Grace us with your saving presence, aid us with your constant help and let us glorify you, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

GENESIS 1:27-31**READ BY: STEVE PARADE**

כַּז וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאָדָם בְּצַלְמוֹ בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא אֹתוֹ זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה בָּרָא אֹתָם:
 כַּח וַיְבָרֶךְ אֹתָם אֱלֹהִים וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם אֱלֹהִים פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמְלֵאוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ וּבְבִשְׂתָהּ
 וּרְדוּ בְדִגְתַּי הַיָּם וּבְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וּבְכָל־חַיָּה הַרְמֵשֶׁת עַל־הָאָרֶץ:
 כֹּט וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים הִנֵּה נָתַתִּי לָכֶם אֶת־כָּל־עֵשֶׂב זֶרַע זָרַע אֲשֶׁר עַל־פְּנֵי כָל־הָאָרֶץ
 וְאֶת־כָּל־הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר־בוֹ פְּרִיעַץ זֶרַע זָרַע לָכֶם יִהְיֶה לְאֹכְלָהּ:
 ל וּלְכָל־חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ וּלְכָל־עוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וּלְכָל רֹמֵשׂ עַל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־בוֹ נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה
 אֶת־כָּל־יֵרֶק עֹשֶׂב לְאֹכְלָהּ וַיְהִי־כֵן:
 לֹא וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה וְהִנֵּה־טוֹב מְאֹד וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם הַשְּׁשִׁי:

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”
²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.
³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

AL-QUR’AN SURAH 49 AYAL 13**READ BY: IMAM SALADIN ABDUL HASAN**

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا ۗ إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ
 أَتْقَاكُمْ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ

O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted.

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

MUSICAL SELECTION **JOSHUA, ALONNA, BOT (JAB’D PRAISE AND WORSHIP)**

HOMILY/SERMON **REV. RON KOLANOWSKI & ZAKIYYAH HASAN**

MUSICAL SELECTION **EDITH PETERS**

LITANY CELEBRATING DIVERSITY OF GOD’S WORLD

Leader: In the beginning was God/Allah, who brought all things into being. Creation is God’s gift, filled with light and life.

People: **We praise God for the goodness of the world—its beauty, its wonder, its endless variety.**

Leader: God’s love extends to the whole world, embracing every people and every nation.

People: **We rejoice that all humanity is held in God’s wide and welcoming love.**

Leader: God causes the sun to rise on all, and sends rain to nourish every corner of the earth.

People: **We give thanks for God’s generosity, shared freely with all creation.**

Leader: God sends us to every nation, calling us to honor the richness of every culture and every voice.

People: **We celebrate the diversity of God’s family and the unity we find in creation and one another.**

SHALOM, SALAAM, PEACE OF GOD

Leader: The Shalom, Salaam, Peace of God be with you all.


People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS


OFFERTORY HYMN #671

"AMAZING GRACE"

In 1748 English clergyman John Newton faced a terrifying storm at sea. The wind Tore the ship apart, the water filled the decks, and death seemed certain. Newton cried out to God in desperation, not as a man who knew God well, but as someone who suddenly realized how empty and helpless he truly was. The Lord spared his life that night. In a sermon on New Years Day in 1772, he wrote Amazing Grace. The opening words, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me," were an honest confession of the depths from which God had lifted him. Over time, he renounced his involvement in slavery, sought forgiveness and committed himself to a different life becoming a leading voice for the abolition of slavery.



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

Closing Prayer:

Almighty and divine author of life, you created unity in the midst of diversity; We acknowledge that human diversity is an expression of your manifold love for your creation; We confess that in our brokenness as human beings we turn diversity into a source of alienation, injustice, oppression, and wounding. Empower us to recognize and celebrate differences as your great gift to the human family. Enable us to be the architects of understanding, of respect and love and to strive to restore and reconcile this world as you intended it to be; In the name of all that is holy we pray. Amen.

BLESSINGS

REV. RON KOLANOWSKI

Hebrew Priestly Blessing

:שְׁלוֹם לְךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְיִשְׁמְרֵךְ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְיִחַנְנֵךְ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְיִשְׂאֵף יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְיִרְכְּבֵךְ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְיִשְׂמְרֵךְ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְיִחַנְנֵךְ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְיִשְׂאֵף יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְיִרְכְּבֵךְ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6: 24-26

Blessing beginning with the Basmala

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ حَيَاةً طَيِّبَةً، وَرِزْقًا وَاسِعًا، وَعِلْمًا نَافِعًا، وَقَلْبًا خَاشِعًا، وَعَمَلًا مُتَقَبَّلًا، وَصِحَّةً دَائِمَةً، وَسَعَادَةً لَا تَنْقَطِعُ، وَرَاحَةً بَالٍ، وَبَرَكَاتٍ فِي كُلِّ أَيَّامِي.

O Allah, I ask You for a good and wholesome life, abundant provision, beneficial knowledge, a humble heart, deeds that are accepted, lasting health, happiness that does not fade, peace of mind, and blessings in all my days.

Blessing by Christian Theologian Frederick Buechner

The world now is too dangerous
and too beautiful for anything but love.
May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone.
Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.
May your hands be so blessed that everything you touch is a sacrament.
Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love.
May your feet be so blessed you run
to those who need you.
And may your heart be so opened,
so set on fire, that your love,
your love, changes everything.

RECESSIONAL SONG: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING (WORDS ON NEXT PAGE)

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE PARISH HALL FOR REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP.




Thank you to the Coalition on Diversity & Equity (CoDE) and especially to the descendants of the enslaved members of the Peters family, who have walked this journey with us at St. Peter's these last 5 years. May this partnership continue for many years to come.


RECESSIONAL SONG: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING




1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
 2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent




1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
 3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the



1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning
 2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y
 3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the




1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
 3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.




1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;



1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -



1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 3. get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -



1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 2. stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 3. ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Annual Chicken
Barbecue!

Saturday, July 18, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

30 Church Street (Rte 85), Hebron CT

**BBQ Chicken, Corn on the Cob,
Pasta Salad, Coleslaw & a choice of our
Scrumptious Desserts**

\$18 per person

This is a take-out only dinner.
For more information, please call the church office at 860-228-3244.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to:
The Marlborough Food Bank