



St. Peter's Episcopal Church Hebron, CT

Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

The Second Sunday of Pentecost ~ June 7, 2026 ~ Holy Eucharist Rite 2

OPENING HYMN: #411 "O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL"

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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Priest: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

GLORY TO GOD

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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

**O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration
we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful
guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. *Amen.***

THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM: PSALM 33:1-12

Exultate, justi

1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; *

it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the Lord with the harp; *

play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; *

sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the Lord is right, *

and all his works are sure.

- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.**
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.**
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.**
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.**
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.**
- 10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.**
- 11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.**
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**

THE SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith

when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE MUSIC

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory be to you, Lord Christ

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And

Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

The Rev. Ronald J. Kolanowski

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Holy God, source of life and fire of love, in this season of Pentecost when we reflect again on what it means to be a community of faith and preach the gospel through our lives, we ask you to hear our prayer as we open our hearts to you.

We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own. May they be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives. We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week: Isabella Tejada (6/7), Stephen Platz (6/9), Pat Larson (6/13), Marge Roccoberon (6/13), and those celebrating anniversaries.

~ ~ Silence ~ ~

Leader: Spirit of Love

People: Hear our prayer

We pray with thanks for all those in our community who support the well being of others. We pray for all our parish family, especially those in any need or difficulty, Francine Bloch and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

~ ~ Silence ~ ~

Leader: Spirit of Love

People: Hear our prayer

We pray for the church; 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 all who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth and for all who seek the Truth. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, St. John's, North Haven; Christ Church, Norwalk; St. Andrew's, Northford TransEpiscopal, LGBTQ+ Episcopalians & those who serve the LGBTQ+ community; and The Scottish Episcopal Church.

~ ~ Silence ~ ~

Leader: Spirit of Love

People: Hear our prayer

We pray for all the leaders of the world that they may make wise choices for everyone and that they may lead us to honor one another and serve the common good.

~ ~ Silence ~ ~

Leader: Spirit of Love

People: Hear our prayer

We pray for your wonderful creation, the Earth, and its streams, trees, mountains and plants and for the animals of the Earth.

~ ~ Silence ~ ~

Leader: Spirit of Love

People: Hear our prayer

We pray for those who have died. We pray especially for Gary Larson, brother of Dan Larson. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them.

~ ~ Silence ~ ~

Leader: Spirit of Love

People: Hear our prayer

We pray for those who do not understand or have not found Your love, that they may seek a deeper knowledge of You. May Your love find those who need You most.

~ ~ Silence ~ ~

Leader: Spirit of Love

People: Hear our prayer

For what else shall we pray this day?

CLOSING COLLECT

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Priest: 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 OF THE LORD

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

HYMN: #658 "AS LONGS THE DEER FOR COOLING STREAMS"

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: 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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy...
Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS: S-130 "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD"

PROULX

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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Celebrant: Holy and gracious father, in your infinite love, you have created us for yourself...Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All: AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(in unison)*

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

CLOSING HYMN: #493 "O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING"

DISMISSAL

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS FOR JUNE 7, 2026

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for we pray for St. John's, North Haven; Christ Church, Norwalk; St. Andrew's, Northford TransEpiscopal, LGBTQ+ Episcopalians & those who serve the LGBTQ+ community; and The Scottish Episcopal Church.

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.

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CONTINUING PRAYER LIST

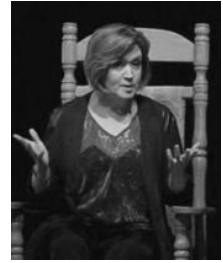
Ann, Dolores, Michael H, Carolyn Aubin, Eileen, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Mario, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, David Rigby, Len & Kim Begin, Sheila, Peter & Barbara Farren, Andrew, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Loretta, Robin, Brenda, Jim, Richard Taylor, Judy Knox, Star, 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: (\$5 per session)	Mondays	10:15 a.m.
Connect:	Mondays	2:00 p.m.
Weekly Weeders:	Mondays	4:00 p.m.
Cub Scouts:	1 st Mondays	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Hebron Greater Together Community Fund:	3 rd Tuesdays	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Buildings & Grounds:	1 st Tuesdays	7:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts:	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.
Meditation Class:	4 th Wednesday	4:30 p.m.
200 th Anniversary Celebration:	3 rd Thursdays	5:00 p.m.
Vestry:	3 rd Thursdays	6:00 p.m.



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. 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.

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

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.