



Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

Hebron, Connecticut

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

August 16, 2026 ~ Rite 1 ~ 9:00 a.m.

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

OPENING HYMN: #538

"GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF GRACE"

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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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 BE TO GOD

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Priest: Lord be with you,

People: and with thy spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of

Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM: PSALM 133

Ecce, quam bonum!

**1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!**

- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN: #458 **"MY SONG OF LOVE UNKNOWN"** **VERSE 1,2,7**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15: 21-28

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help

me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And with thy spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN: #542 “CHRIST IS THE WORLD’S TRUE LIGHT”

GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

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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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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CLOSING HYMN: #691 “MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE”

BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

*All are welcome at St. Peter's. We respect the dignity of every human being.
We encourage you to join together for coffee and cookies in Phelp's Hall.*



The Prayers and Thanksgivings for August 16, 2026

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Wooster School, Danbury; Kent School, Kent; St. Thomas's Day School, New Haven; Students, teachers & chaplains at Episcopal schools preparing to begin the school year; The Church in Wales.

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

We pray for those who celebrate this week: those celebrating birthdays: Joan Churney (8/18), Fran Carino (8/20), Alex Nelson (8/22), Bob LaMay (8/22), and those celebrating anniversaries.

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family, especially those in any need or difficulty, a friend of the LaTour's, Barbara Reifschneider; close friend of Gayle Kataja and mentor for Father Ron, Rev. Don Hamer, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for the deceased. We pray especially for Moose and Barbara Steele.

The Yellow Rose that adorns the alter is given in honor of Sam Forrest, during his deployment with the United States National Guard. (Reminder: If sending a card or care package to Sam Forrest, an international stamp is required.)

Continuing Prayer List

Ann, Dolores, Michael H, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, David Rigby, Len & Kim Begin, Peter & Barbara Farren, Andrew, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Robin, Richard Taylor, Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, 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, Gerry, Paula, Mary, Louis Domingue, June Carlson

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.
Women's Club:	Sundays	TBD

Hall Committee Meeting | TODAY, August 16 at 10:30 a.m.

As we approach the 200th anniversary celebration, we want to call together those interested in being part of the Hall Committee. This past year or so, we have beautifully renovated the multi-purpose room, as well as the front office, and entryway. However, some feel the hall itself, might be due for a facelift, in preparation for our 200th celebration in October. Therefore, we will hold a meeting, today shortly after worship, in the multi-purpose room, to gather thoughts and ideas from those interested in participating.



**American
Red Cross**

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, August 25, 2026
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

The American Red Cross has declared an emergency blood shortage. All donors are needed immediately to ensure patients receive lifesaving care without delay. The blood supply fell nearly 25% in June and blood and platelet donations are needed ASAP.



Summer blood donors needed! Your donation is essential to keep lifesaving treatments going for patients who can't wait. The Red Cross will say thanks with a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email when you come give Aug. 1-31. Make an impact: <https://rcblood.org/4giL3GZ>

To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS,
visit www.redcrossblood.org, or scan the QR code provided.

Meditation Class on August 26th



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.

Celebrating our 200th: *Name the Bell*

Save the dates: October 10-18

For our 200th anniversary celebration I became aware of a lovely tradition that dates back to the 10th century. There is a ceremony called “Naming the Bell. To our knowledge, the bell in our tower which was installed in 1831, was never named. We thought it might be fun to “rename the bell” in our tower at the October 18th celebration. We will be launching a contest of naming the bell, so in the meantime, give some thoughts to whom we should name the bell after. More details will be forthcoming on the process of collecting names and determining which names to vote on.



Celebration committee members are John Loge, Gayle Kataja, Sue Ostrout, Kath Talbot, Trisha Beatty, Kim Sullivan, Chuck and Marcia Eaton, and Fr. Ron. All are welcome to join us.

Being Received into the Episcopal Church



Some of our parishioners have expressed interest in being received into the Episcopal Church. However, among those interested I've learned that the dates of the classes in September will not work. The bishop comes every few years, and won't be back for another 2-3 years, long after I've retired. At this time, we are moving forward and extending an invitation to anyone who would like to be received into the Episcopal Church and we will do the catechism and other classes at a later date.

If you are interested, please email the office at office@stpetershebron.com, or speak to me directly. Blessings, Fr. Ron