



Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

Hebron, Connecticut

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

September 13, 2026 ~ Rite 1 ~ 8:00 a.m.

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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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GLORY BE TO GOD

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COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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 FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot

wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM: PSALM 114

In exitu Israel

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?**
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,**
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

THE SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

SERMON

THE REV. RONALD KOLANOWSKI

PRAYER IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9-11

God of the ages, before your eyes all empires rise and fall yet you are changeless. Be near us in this age of terror and in moments of remembrance for all those who suffered and died on 9-11-2001 25 years ago. We give thanks for the witness of those responders who went regardless of their own safety who gave their all for their brothers and sisters.

Uphold those who work and watch and wait and weep and love. By your Spirit give rise in us to extend sympathy for all the peoples of your earth facing terror and war. Strengthen us to comfort those who mourn and work in large ways and small for those things that make for peace. Bless the people and leaders of this nation and all nations. May we return to the environment of kinship and unity that we witnessed across the world following this tragedy. Help us to live more fully your commandment to love all our neighbors as ourselves. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And with thy spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**THE HOLY COMMUNION****GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I****BCP PAGE, 333****BREAKING OF THE BREAD****BCP PAGE, 337****POST-COMMUNION PRAYER****BCP PAGE, 339**

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 September 13, 2026

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for L'Eglise de L'Epiphanie, Stamford; St. Andrew's, Stamford; St. Francis', Stamford; Province 1: the Dioceses of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont & Western Massachusetts. For Provincial Synod & all Provincial Networks; The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia.

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: Stephen Mondrach (9/14), Francine Bloch (9/15), Christine Mangiafico (9/15), Nancy Bader (9/15), John Viklinetz (9/16), Eirik Opgaard (9/19), 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, Vicki Burch, Jeni Gorcenski, Paul LaTour, Ron & Dean Johnson, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for the deceased. We pray especially for Len Babin and Cathie Litwin's Aunt, June Carlson.

The Yellow Rose at the altar 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. Contact the church office for his address.)

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 and Families, Ann Valerio, Cindy Brinkman, Marge Roccoberton, Maria Amara, Gerry, Paula, Mary, Louis Domingue, June Carlson, Barbara Reifschneider, Rev. Don Hamer, The Char Families, Marianne Moore

On Going Activities

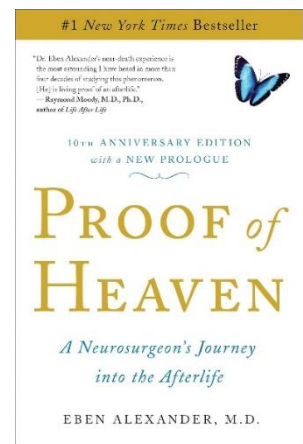
Balance Class: \$5 per session	Mondays	10:15 a.m.
Book Club: "Proof of Heaven" by Eben Alexander M.D.	Mondays	11:30 a.m.
Connect:	Mondays	2:00 p.m.
Weekly Weeders:	Mondays	4:00 p.m.
Cub Scouts:	1 st Mondays	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Hebron Greater Together Community Fund:	3 rd Tuesdays	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Buildings & Grounds:	1 st Tuesdays	7:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts:	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.
Meditation Class:	4 th Wednesday	4:30 p.m.
Finance Committee:	2 nd Thursday	11:00 a.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

Book Club

Led by Deacon Donna Gray, the Book Club will be reading and discussing: "Proof of Heaven" *A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife* by Eben Alexander M.D. The club will meet on Mondays from Sept 14 - Nov 23 from 11:30am - 1:00pm, with the exception of Oct 12, Indigenous People's Day.

Eben Alexander III (born December 11, 1953) is an American neurosurgeon. Proof of Heaven describes his 2008 near-death experience and asserts that science can and will determine that the brain does not create consciousness and that consciousness survives bodily death.

A paperback copy of the book can be purchased on Amazon for approximately \$11.



Note to the Community Dinner workers:

If you have contributed to the dinner by working, baking, etc., you are able to reserve your dinner(s) ahead of time. For this dinner, **you must sign up for your meal(s) by TODAY.** (You can pay at the dinner on Saturday.) Reserving your dinners ahead of time will ensure that we have more accurate counts and will be able to accommodate the needs of the workers and the public. Please speak to Chuck and Marcia no later than today to reserve your meals. If you miss the deadline, you may still purchase meals but it will be after we serve the public on Saturday. If you have any questions, please speak to Chuck and Marcia.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO A

AUTUMN COMMUNITY DINNER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th
Beginning at 4:00 P.M.



TURKEY BREAST DINNER
with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Dinner Roll,
Plus Scrumptious Desserts

PROCEEDS BENEFIT TARA FARM RESCUE IN COVENTRY

PRICE: \$18.00 PER DINNER
TAKE-OUT ONLY DINNER

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH: 860-228-3244

Preparing for our

200th Anniversary Celebration

October 10-18, 2026

200th Anniversary Celebration — Baking

Copies of a booklet of vintage recipes are available at the back of the church. We hope that some of us will use these vintage recipes to prepare baked goods that will be offered as part of the festive coffee hour on October 18 when the bishop visits. As a way to prepare, we invite you to take a booklet home and practice the recipes ahead of the celebration. We also invite you bring your “test batches” to coffee hours during the next few weeks leading up to the celebration. We think it could be fun to try these recipes out — in the baking and in the eating.

Name the Bell

For our 200th anniversary celebration, we will take part in 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. Please complete the form located on the back table in the church and place it in the collection plate or in the “Name Jar” by **September 20**. On **September 27th**, during each coffee hour the parishioners will be able to cast their votes.

Anniversary Memorial Gifts

As is our custom at Christmas and Easter we are inviting people to submit memorial names to be included in the program for the Anniversary Celebration. The form is located on the back table in the church and in your pew. Please return it to the church office no later than Friday, October 2. Funds collected will help defray the many expenses of the celebration week. We have received two donations totaling \$400 and another \$500 donation to come from another friend of the parish. Please be generous.



SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

CELEBRATING

200 YEARS

of faith & fellowship

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SAT OCT 10	5:30 pm – 8:00 pm Potluck Founders Dinner <i>Rev. Samuel Peters will provide some history of the church, when it was built in the center of town, when our faith community was in the middle of community life. Open mic for additional stories & memories.</i>
SUN OCT 11	10:00 am - 4:00 pm 1800's Living History Encampment <i>Revolutionary War camp reenactment. Priest will commission these British soldiers as done in 1750, as they'd prepare to serve King and country. (No Sounding Firearms)</i>
TUE OCT 13	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Presentation of St. Peter's History <i>Presented by John Baron of the Hebron Historical Society or St. Peter's role in the community when located in the center of the village. Approx 45 with open Q&A.</i>
WED OCT 14	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Walking Tour of Cemetery <i>Chuck Eaton will lead a walking tour of our historic cemetery and the graves with historical significance such as Governor Peters and first rector Samuel Peters. (Rain Date - Thursday, Oct 15)</i>
FRI OCT 16	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Happy Hour & Trivia Night <i>Test your St. Peter's knowledge with fun and fellowship, and light refreshments. Supervised Activities for children provided. All are welcome. BYOB.</i>
SAT OCT 17	7:30 pm VOCE Concert: The Old Church <i>A premier choral ensemble of CT, and a concert series named in honor of our anniversary. Tickets can be purchased at VOCEinc.org. A reception hosted by Sanctuary Performing Arts will follow.</i>
SUN OCT 18	10:00 am 200th Anniversary Worship <i>Bishop Jeff Mello will lead us in worship & rededicate the church in a special liturgy. This celebration will include special music, guest musicians, a festive coffee hour, and more. (No 8am service, 10am only.)</i>