



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP
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April 9, 2017

11:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *A Gaelic Blessing*

John Rutter

*Processional Hymn: #178 “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

*Call to Worship (responsively):

Seek God with gladness and rejoicing.
Wake up to God's presence and help.
From our weariness, we rise to new life.
God awakens our ears and opens our eyes.
Listen for the Word that sustains and delivers us.
Recognize the presence who raises and inspires us.
God calls us to come home.
God meets us in all of our need.
God ministers to us in our confusion.
The fainthearted find courage and renewed faith.
Let us join our hearts and our minds in the worship of God.

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

Scripture: Psalm 22: 1-11 (OT, pg. 483)

Mark 10: 32-45 (NT, pg. 44)

*Hymn: #181 “The World Belongs to God”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Spirit of the Living God*

The image shows a three-system musical score for the hymn "Spirit of the Living God". Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me; Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me." The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *A Palm Sunday Antiphon*

David Morgan

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn: #180 "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"

Sermon: YOUR GOD IS TOO BIG, PART III: THE GOD OF SMALL THINGS

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (back page)

Benediction Outside

*Congregation Standing

Today following the morning service (weather permitting), the benediction will take place outside on the front lawn in one large circle, symbolizing church unity. During the recessional hymn the center section will come forward to receive a palm, followed by the side sections, and finally, the balcony. Once you are outside, please join the circle and continue singing until the entire congregation is outside. We shall then receive the benediction.

We thank you for worshipping with us. Following the life and teachings of Jesus, we are a church that strives to be a place of grace, welcoming all regardless of theological expression, age, race, gender, sexual identity, national origin or financial means. In our Church Constitution we recognize that “each member shall have the undisturbed right to follow the word of God according to the dictates of his or her own conscience, under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.” The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, established in 1665, cherishes this proud Pilgrim tradition. We are honored by your presence among us, and we invite you to help us become what we endeavor to be.

The flowers this morning are given by David and Ginny Speirs in memory of the loved ones of the Speirs family.

The host for fellowship hour is Rose Jones.

The deacon on duty is Elizabeth Nocera.

Childcare is available every Sunday morning in the nursery downstairs.

If you need help finding it, please ask the ushers to assist you.

If you are visiting us for worship this morning, we welcome you, and invite you to join us after church in Fellowship Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

Quiet Activity Bags for young children are in the vestibule. They are colorful bags with quiet projects for our youngest members. Please feel free to offer these bags to your children.

We invite you to pick up a “Welcome” packet, which can be found in the vestibule.

We hope this information will be helpful in acquainting you with our church and its activities and programs.

The Rev. David W. Good serves as our Minister Emeritus.

The Rev. Rebecca T. Crosby is our Minister for Haitian Outreach.

The Rev. Christine Caton serves this church as minister of the South Lyme Union Chapel.

The Requiem of John Rutter
our own 40 voice choir, 18 piece orchestra, directed by Simon Holt
6:30 pm in the Meetinghouse, Maundy Thursday, April 13th

**This is a great opportunity for all young people
to sit “up close” to a fantastic orchestra!**

Large print versions of this bulletin are available from the ushers.

Save the Date: LBS luncheon on April 11th! Join us to hear a Tattoo historian, an author, (and several others). On *Tuesday, April 11th*, at 12:00pm listen to a yacht jockey, a commercial fisherman, dock worker, historian, college professor, and tattoo researcher—all in one package! Wick Griswold speaks about his recent book on GRISWOLD POINT (2014), and the site of our traditional Easter Sunrise services (coming again on April 16). The cost of the Luncheon is \$5 plus canned goods for the Shoreline Food Pantry, or a package of disposable diapers for the Diaper Bank. The Sewing Group will also have recent work on display and for sale. Please call the Church Office at 860-434-8686 by Friday, April 7, to reserve a place at the Luncheon. Bring a general history question about the people gathering at the mouth of Connecticut River that stumps our guest to enjoy a free lunch!

Care-giver's Support Group, Friday, April 14, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor Come join our Care-giver's Support Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting is *Friday, April 14*. If you are interested in this group but this day or time does not work for you, or if you would like to meet one-on-one, please feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest., 860-434-4629.

Refugee Resettlement Project Update Are you moving? Downsizing? Spring cleaning? The refugee resettlement committee is looking for furnishings for the house on Rogers Lake Trail for our new refugee family. If you can provide any of the following items, please let us know: 1 living room chair, 4 end tables, 1 kitchen table and chairs, 2 twin beds, 3 bureaus, 4 bedside tables, floor lamps and table lamps. We also need carpets to fit the following dimensions: 18x10 (living room), 10x14 (family room), 2 bedrooms (8x10), 1 bedroom (10x10). Call Susan Mountz, 860-339-5589, or email waynesue@comcast.net.

AN EVENING IN AFRICA AND BEYOND WITH JULIUS KYAKUWA, SATURDAY APRIL 22, AT 5:00 PM Born in Uganda, East Africa, Julius Kyakuwa is a PhD graduate student of Music Education at Louisiana State University (LSU). As a music educator, African folklorist, story teller, and orator, Julius is a master African drummer, percussionist, and a versatile performer on several African indigenous instruments. His specialty in the performance, practice, and theory of African musicology and musical arts, has taken him to conferences, festivals, symposiums, and workshops to Botswana, Brazil, Finland, Italy, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, South Africa, and now the United States.

Book Group - "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance. In this compelling book, a Yale law school graduate looks at the struggles of the white working class through the story of his own childhood in the "**Rust Belt of America.**" This book has received a great deal of attention as a way of understanding the disempowerment and frustrations of America's impoverished working families. Join us for a discussion *following the 11:00 worship on April 23*. We'll meet in the library. Martha Beaudoin and Carleen will lead the discussion.

Save the date, April 23rd ~ Its Indian taco night! On Sunday, April 23rd at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, the Green Grass Partnership Committee will be hosting an **Indian taco dinner & open discussion with photographer Tim Yakaitis** who spent four months at Standing Rock. Tim, who specializes in aerial drone photography, will be sharing reflections and photographs of the events that took place. **\$10 at the door gets you a delicious taco with all the trimmings!** Made with a fry bread base and stacked with plenty of meat and veggies, it is one of our favorite meals when we visit our friends on the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota (vegetarian options will be available). Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Green Grass Partnership, celebrating 32 years! Please RSVP to stephanieckenny@gmail.com or by calling the church office 860-434-8686.

Join the People's Climate March in Washington, D.C. and around the nation, April 29.

As the U.S. government is debating pulling out of the international Paris Agreement on Climate Change, environmental groups across the nation are calling for a massive march to support the achievement of the Agreement. This as the Paris Agreement Working Group in Bonn, Germany organizes to meet the week following the People's Climate March. To get on a bus to the Climate March search 350CT.org climate march or call Cynthia Willauer, in Ministry for the Care of Creation, 860-434-8315.

God's Neighborhood Sunday School The Fruit of the Spirit for April is Faithfulness. All children are welcome to join us for Sunday School!

April 15 at 3 p.m. The SPF and JPF join together as we get ready for Easter Sunrise Service at Griswold Point. Meet at the church at 3 pm and we will be back at the church by 4:30 for a quick snack. RSVP to LisaDoggart@gmail.com if you can join us.

Calling all young musicians! Please let Lisa Doggart know if you are in Elementary School, Middle School or High School and you play an instrument for a special Children's Day song.

April 30— Table Building Project for Homeless Hospitality Center—all middle (JPF) and High School (SPF) youth are invited to help. Leaving the church at 11 to work on the project (carpooling available) and finishing by 2. Please email LisaDoggart@gmail.com to RSVP.

Youth in Grades 4 through 12 are headed up to the **Heifer Farm** in Rutland, Massachusetts on **May 13**. RSVP's to LisaDoggart@gmail.com are needed early for this (April 16) and the cost is \$15 per person. We will be leaving Old Lyme at 8:00 a.m. and attending the Seeds program. In this program we will visit the Global Village and then eat a cultural meal there. We will also visit the barns and meet the animals and find out about their importance and then visit the organic gardens.

Stay in Touch We have email addresses for many in our congregation, but we are moving toward building a bigger email database so that we can send out church announcements in the future. If you would like to receive personal reminders about special events and church services, please share your email address with us, so we can keep in touch. Send your email address to FCCOL at FCCofOldLyme@gmail.com and we'll add you to our email list. (The church does not share the email addresses of its congregation members with anyone.)

EASTER SEASON SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday 4/13/17

6:30 pm Concert, Soup Supper & Informal Communion

“Requiem” by John Rutter with FCCOL Sr. Choir with orchestra

Good Friday 4/14/17 Meetinghouse open for prayer and meditation.

Walk for The Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries at 9:45 am. We will meet at St. Ann’s Episcopal Church and walk past Christ the King Church to FCCOL and back again -- about 3 miles. Please join us and walk for world hunger. All ages are welcome.

Easter Sunrise Service 4/16/17

6:00 am at Griswold Point (if you need directions, call the church)

Easter Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am Worship Services

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast/coffee hour between the 9&11 services.

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday. No coffee hour following the 11:00 am service.

One Great Hour of Sharing

This year we will once again dedicate our Easter offering to the work of One Great Hour of Sharing, a fund collected through the United Church of Christ and dispersed through the National Council of Churches. This fund can be accessed for any emergencies world-wide, such as relief in times of natural disaster or critical health or social crises. Last year we received word from the UCC that, in terms of the OGHS collection, we were among the 100 most generous churches in the nation! That is a testimony to the generosity of our congregation, and a real honor. We have set our goal for the 2017 collection at \$10,000 once again. Please help as much as you are able.

Sunday Memorial Flowers The first week in April is available for Memorial flowers. Please call Susan Griggs at 860-434-7660, for more information.

Calendar of Events & Meetings for This Week

God’s Neighborhood Sunday School *TODAY.*

Sewing Group *Monday, April 10th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

LBS Luncheon *Tuesday, April 11th at 12:00 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

Board of Trustees *Tuesday, April 11th at 7:30 pm* in the Library.

Writing Group *Wednesday, April 12th at 4:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Running Group *Wednesday, April 12th at 5:00 pm,* meets in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Children’s Choir *Wednesday, April 12th at 5:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, April 12th at 7:30 pm* in the Meetinghouse.

Maundy Thursday Concert, Soup Supper *Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 pm.*

Good Friday Walk for Shoreline Soup Kitchen/Pantries *Friday, April 14th at 9:45 am..*

Easter Sunday Services *April 16th at 6:00, 9:00 and 11:00 am.*

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

*Geisguch der herzogl. Württembergischen
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784*

Jennötte Threlfall, 1873

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3. 'Ho - san - na in the high - est!' That an - cient song we sing,

Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang;
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud;
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close - fold - ed to his breast,
The Lord of men and an - gels Rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise him With heart and life and voice,

The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on his bid - ding wait.
And in his bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice. A - men.