



**The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme**  
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

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Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

**August 27, 2017**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude

\*Processional Hymn: #407 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

\*Call to Worship: (from Psalm 107):

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
For his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble.**

Some wandered in desert wastes;  
Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
And he delivered them from their distress.**

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love.

**For he satisfies the thirsty,  
And the hungry he fills with good things.**

\*Invocation

\*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

\*Unison Reading:

**"O Lord, refresh our sensibilities. Give us this day our daily taste.  
Restore to us soups that spoons will not sink in,  
and sauces which are never the same twice.**

**Raise up among us stews with more gravy than we have bread to blot it with,  
and casseroles that put starch and substance in our limp modernity.**

**Take away our fear of fat and make us glad of the oil which ran upon Aaron's beard.  
Give us pasta with a hundred fillings, and rice in a thousand variations.**

**Above all, give us grace to live as true men -  
to fast till we come to a refreshed sense of what we have  
and then to dine gratefully on all that comes to hand.**

**O Most Bountiful, deliver us from the fear of calories and the bondage of nutrition;  
and set us free once more in our own land, where we shall serve Thee as Thou hast blessed  
us - with the dew of heaven, the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine. Amen."**

*-Robert Farrar Capon, priest, theologian, and connoisseur of all things culinary*

\*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture: Psalm 23 (OT, pg. 484)

Luke 15: 11-24 (NT, pg. 74)

\*Hymn: #370 "The Church Is Like a Table"

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Eat This Bread*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Eat This Bread". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style.

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Selection

\*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

Communion Meditation: "THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME"

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

\*Hymn: #315 "We Are People on a Journey"

Sacrament of Communion (back page)

\*Hymn: #318 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Benediction

Postlude

\**Congregation Standing.*

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.

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*The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Helen and Joseph Barlow.*

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*The host for fellowship hour is Scott Mahon.*

*The deacon on duty is Karen Harris.*

*Childcare is available every Sunday morning in the nursery downstairs at the 10 AM service.*

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

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*If you are visiting us for worship this morning, we welcome you, and invite you to join us outside (weather permitting) for fellowship and refreshments.*

*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.*

*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.*

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*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.*

**Our fall schedule of two Sunday services,  
at 9:00 and 11:00 am,  
will commence on *September 10th.***

**This will also be the day of our all-church picnic at Camp Claire, 2:00 pm.**

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

**Book Group** Save the Date on *Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>*, after the 11:00 am service. Martha Beaudoin and Carleen will facilitate a discussion of The Third Reconstruction *How a Moral Movement is overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear* by the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II. This memoir of the Forward Together Moral Movement that began in NC delves into race-based inequity while providing a hopeful message during troubling times. Please join us – all welcome! Bring a snack or sandwich. Drinks will be provided.

**Summer Sunday Children's Activities** Every Sunday through **Labor Day** fun children's activities (snack, crafts and games) will be offered in the room adjacent to the nursery for children Kindergarten through grade 5 by a member of our Senior Pilgrim Fellowship during church. Younger children are welcome in the nursery during the whole summer. Please come have fun with us!

**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.)

**The Ladies Who Stitch** We reconvene our *10:00 - 2:00 Monday meetings on September 11th*. In the meantime, if you have questions, or are in need of purchasing some of our creations, please pick up an information/price list located in the connector and/or contact Eunice via email at **eunicetaylor@me.com**. All proceeds go to the Ladies Benevolent Society to be used for the church outreach programs.

**Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty Excursion** Join us on *Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>*! Our transportation will be train to Grand Central Station and bus to Battery Park. We will leave Old Saybrook at 7:15 am with a return to the train station at 7:56 pm. Space is limited. Call Martha Beaudoin at 860-302-6417 for more details.

**CALLING ALL FAMILIES -  
Join us for the Pequot Powwow!**

The Mashantucket Reservation will hold its annual Powwow, **Schemitzun, TODAY, 10:00 — 6:00 pm**. This is a FANTASTIC place to learn about our Pequot neighbors and their traditions. This event is open to the public and there is free parking and shuttle service at the Pequot Museum. Our very own **TRIBAL CRAFTS** will be set up in a booth all weekend, so swing by and say hello!

Ladies Benevolent Society  
FCCOL Cookbook

The latest good news is LBS is organizing,  
for the first time,  
a FCCOL cook book of recipes.  
Our plan is to be ready to distribute and sell  
by the end of September.

The end of our 30-day deadline for  
receiving recipes will be the 28<sup>th</sup> of August.

All categories, i.e. dessert, main dish,  
miscellaneous, are accepted.

Please contact Judy Downs at  
860-434-2484, [downsct@yahoo.com](mailto:downsct@yahoo.com) or

Judy Simmons at 860-767-2788 ,

[pnjsimmons@att.net](mailto:pnjsimmons@att.net)

for more information and your recipes.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Immigrant Assistance Committee Fundraiser  
An Evening in Celebration of Our Immigrant Roots  
Saturday, September 9, 2017  
5:00pm to 8:00pm in Fellowship Hall**

Wine Tasting, Hors D'oeuvres, Silent Auction, Raffle and Musical Entertainment. Suggested Donation, \$20.

The Immigrant Assistance Committee assists local families in deportation crisis.

By offering sanctuary, education and financial assistance for legal counsel, we aim to help to protect basic individual dignity, safeguard due process of law, and offer grace and courage for families in need.

Please come and be as generous as you are able to support this important ministry.

Contact Lina Tuck ([lina.tuck@gmail.com](mailto:lina.tuck@gmail.com)) for more information.

**Growing Through Grief Group** The next meeting will be *Friday, September 15, at 10:00 am* in the Hoag Parlor. If you would like to meet one-on-one or have any questions, please feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest 860-434-4629.

**Care-giver's Support Group** The next meeting will be *Friday, September 22, at 10:00 am* in the Hoag Parlor. If you would like to meet one-on-one or have any questions, please feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest 860-434-4629.

**Sunday Memorial Flowers** The first Sunday in September is available for our Sunday Memorial flowers. Please call Susan Griggs at 860-434-7660 for more information.

**Next Sunday, September 3rd, we welcome our jazz musicians including "our own" Ned Perkins and Dick Shook.**

**Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week**

**Pequot Powwow "Schemitzun" TODAY 10:00-6:00** at the Pequot Museum.

**Board of Youth Ed Luncheon TODAY at 11:30 am** at Lori Kolar's home.

**ARC Blood Drive Friday, September 1st at 1:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

## **COMMUNION SERVICE**

### **INVITATION**

### **GENERAL CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we have often wandered far from your intention for us. We have lived for our own momentary pleasure, forgetting our kinship with your hurting children and with all of creation. You call us to be a justice-seeking people, bringing light to the world. Instead, Your light is too often extinguished in our hearts because we fear what it might reveal. We become prisoners of our own shortsighted desires. Redeem us, O God, and redirect us in your new and living way. Shine a light in our hearts, and enable us to be a light for others in a fractured and broken world. Amen.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

### **GIVING OF THE BREAD**

### **GIVING OF THE CUP**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**We give thanks, O God, for the sustenance we have been offered in this bread and wine. We give thanks for the ongoing presence in the world of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith in you, O God, and help us to keep finding new ways to love one another. We pray these things in the name of our Redeemer. Amen.**

*It is the practice of this church to serve grape juice in our communion service.  
Bread is gluten-free.*