



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister
Carleen R. Gerber, Senior Associate Minister
Joan W. Priest, Minister for Visitation
Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

July 16, 2017

10:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #18 "Praise to the Living God"

*Call to Worship: (from Isaiah 11)

The wolf shall live with the lamb
The leopard shall lie down with the kid
The calf and the lion and the fatling together
And a little child shall lead them.
Let us worship God!

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

Sacrament of Baptism

*Unison Reading:

**I don't know Who - or what - put the question, I don't know when it was put.
I don't even remember answering. But at some moment I did answer Yes to
Someone - or Something - and from that hour I was certain that existence is
meaningful and that, therefore, my life, in self-surrender, had a goal.
From that moment I have known what it means "not to look back,"
and "to take no thought for the morrow."
- Dag Hammarskjöld**

*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture: Psalm 139: 1-12 (OT, pg. 552)

Matthew 18: 1-6, 10-14 (NT, pg. 18) & 25: 34-45 (NT, pg. 27)

*Hymn: #78 "There Is Love All Around You"

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *As We Are Gathered*

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'As we are gath-ered, Je - sus is here; one with each'. The second system is labeled 'Fine' and contains the lyrics: 'oth - er, Je - sus is here. Joined by the Spir - it'. The third system is labeled 'to Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'built up in love, part of the bod - y, the church of God.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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

*Hymn: #68 "Though I May Speak"

Sermon: "ONE OF THE LITTLE ONES"

The Rev. Rebecca T. Crosby

*Hymn: #352 "Go Forth For God"

Benediction

Postlude

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

**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.

The flowers this morning are given by Bob Wood in loving memory of Nancy Wood.

This morning we are pleased to celebrate the baptism of Logan Charles Giguere, son of Cassandra Lindahl and Richard Giguere.

The hosts for fellowship hour are members of the FCCOL Committee for the Environment and Old Lyme Conservation Commission.

The deacon on duty is Scott Mahon.

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.

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.

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.

<p>Our fall schedule of two Sunday services, at 9:00 and 11:00 am, will commence on <i>September 10th</i>. This will also be the day of our all-church picnic at Camp Claire, 2:00 pm.</p>

Growing Through Grief Group Meets Friday, July 28 at 10:00 am in the Hoag Parlor.

There are many different kinds of loss and sharing one's feelings about grief and loss is essential to one's mental and spiritual health. In a group setting we discover, "that our journeys are very different and we fit in no mold. However, we have an incredibly strong connecting bond that links us to each other because of our shared experience." If you would like to meet one-on-one or have any questions, feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest, 860-434-4629.

Summer Sunday Children's Activities Every Sunday between **July 16 and 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!

The Refugee Resettlement Program committee is almost ready to inform IRIS that we are prepared to receive a new family into our community. Please contact either Kathy Kronholm or Scott Harris for more information. Kathy Kronholm: 860-918-4335, kathy5350@aol.com and Scott Harris: 860-510-8231, karenscott4125@att.net.

"SUMMER SING" will be held *August 13*. Director of Music, Simon Holt, encourages anyone interested in lifting her or his voice in song to participate. Please come to the Meetinghouse for a rehearsal with the Senior Choir at 9:15 a.m. on that Sunday to prepare for the 10 a.m. worship service. Thanks, we hope to see you there!

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.)

Dan Stevens Concert Saturday, July 22nd, at 7:00 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium ZACH LOCKWOOD AND THE WALLACE TRIO PERFORM! Performances by Zach Lockwood, Singer-Songwriter originally from Old Lyme now immersed in the Nashville scene. Zach, an extraordinary songwriter always delivers a powerful performance. Soulful lyrics, sensitive yet strong vocals and a stage presence that will both entertain and entice. The second performance, THE WALLACE TRIO, will captivate you with their amazing vocals, instrumentation and songwriting. Tickets are \$15.00 with Desserts and Coffee Barcan, purchased at the door. For more information, contact gstevens@musicnowfoundation.org.

Summer Handbell Workshop Traditional hand bells are wonderful instruments, excellent for beginners and professionals alike. This summer there will be an 11-week hand bell workshop held at Niantic Community Church in East Lyme, Thursday evenings, 7:00 to 8:30, beginning on *July 6 and running through September 14*. This workshop will include all elements of the craft; everything from the various ringing techniques to basic ensemble direction. Six experienced hand bell directors from the area will take turns presenting this workshop, and there will be no “play in church” requirement for participants. Ringers should have at least three months of experience. There will be a \$5 / person / night charge for the workshop. Ringers should also bring a pair of gloves and a hand bell music binder, if possible. For more information, contact Steve Mazeau; 860-399-2282 or steven.mazeau@gmail.com.

The Ladies Who Stitch We are taking a summer break, but look for us at the July White Elephant Sale. Our booth, just to the right of the stairs outside the Sheffield Auditorium, will be open on Friday only. Questions: Email Eunice Taylor at eunicetaylor@me.com. We reconvene on *September 11th*.

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

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<p style="text-align: center;">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</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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) for more information.</p>

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

Endowment Committee Meeting *Tuesday, July 18th at 7:30 pm* in the Library.
Dan Steven's Concert *Saturday, July 22nd at 7:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

TREE OF LIFE TRADE UNION JOURNEY
August 31 – September 9, 2017
Introduction

In 2013, the Connecticut AFL-CIO partnered with the Tree of Life Educational Fund to invite the Palestinian General Federation Trade Union (PGFTU) representative to address the 400 delegates of the Convention. Those who attended heard Mahmoud Abu Odeh describe the terrible conditions that Palestinian workers endure under the Israeli occupation. In 2015, the PGFTU invited Connecticut Labor leaders to visit Palestine and to meet with labor leaders and visit worksites to learn more about the condition of labor for Palestinians under occupation. That visit resulted in the submission and passage by the Connecticut AFL-CIO at its convention of the Resolution for a Just Peace.

The PGFTU has requested the solidarity of trade unionists throughout the world to assist in helping to bring a fair resolution to the ongoing Israel/Palestine tragedy. In that spirit, a second labor delegation will travel to Israel and Palestine to meet with both Israeli and Palestinian trade unionists in order to further the goals of international solidarity, peace and justice. The trip is planned over the labor day weekend leaving from JFK on August 31 and returning Saturday, September 9, 2017

John Fussell, a labor attorney and TOL Board member and The Rev. David W. Good, President of Tree of Life Educational Fund will lead a labor delegation on this Tree of Life Journey. For more information, please contact John Fussell — johnfussell@gmail.com or David W. Good – davidwgood@fccol.org or Mary Tomassetti, Tree of Life Executive Director – mary@tolef.org

The cost for the journey will be \$1470, which includes ground transportation, lodging, breakfasts, dinners, speaker fees, and most tips. Participants can expect to spend approximately \$1,100 on round-trip airfare to Tel Aviv. Extension to Golan Heights, occupied Syria September 9- September 11 details to come.

Tentative itinerary and more detail can be found on our website - <http://www.tolef.org/journeys/trade-union-journey-2017/>



**THANK YOU
FROM
THE LADIES BENEVOLENT
SOCIETY**

The LBS sincerely thanks the more than 200 church and community volunteers who gave their time and talent to ensure the success of this year's White Elephant Sale.

And thanks also to the many members of the community who contributed this year's treasures.

We also wish to thank Christ the King for their cooperation and support.

And, a special thank you to Bob Davis and his team for their outstanding organizational skills and dedication over the many months it takes to prepare for the White Elephant Sale.

*This year's proceeds will be designated in the fall for community and world missions.
A list will be posted and voted on at the
LBS November luncheon meeting.*

For those with suggestions on how we can make next year's sale more successful, please email Bob Davis at rdavis7813@sbcglobal.net, as the board will be meeting to review this year's sale sometime in August.