



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 of Visitation  
Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

**March 12, 2017**

**11:00 AM**

Prelude

Introit: *Chorale by G.F. Handel*

arr John Rutter

\*Processional Hymn: #376 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

\*Call to Worship:

We gather this day to worship our God, whose words and ways challenge us.

**God invites us to lose our selfishness to find ourselves.**

God calls us to be fools in the world to show forth the wisdom of Christ.

**God urges us to empty ourselves to discover life's fullness.**

God bid us to become aware of the divine will in and around us,  
so we might know true freedom.

**We come to worship our Creator, seeking to have our faith challenged into growth.**

**We root our faith in worship,**

**seeking to find nourishment for our spirits in this growing season of Lent.**

**Let us worship God.**

\*Invocation

\*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

\*Unison Reading:

**Out of the depths, O God, we call to you.**

**Wounds of the past remain, affecting all we do.**

**Facing our lives, we need your love so much.**

**Here in this community, heal us by your touch.**

**God of the loving heart, we praise your name.**

**Dance through our lives and loves, anoint with Spirit flame.**

**Your light illumines each familiar face.**

**Here in this community, meet us with your grace.**

*-Ruth Duck, Out of the Depths, O God, We Call*

\*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture: Psalm 126 (OT, pg. 548)

Luke 10: 1-9, 17-19 (NT, pg. 67)

\*Hymn: #415 “When We Are Living”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Come and Fill Our Hearts". It consists of two 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 3/4. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." and "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *God So Loved the World*

John Stainer

\*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: #459 “Jesu, Jesu”

Sermon: REFLECTION ON HAITI: “DO NOT WORRY, MADAME,  
WE CAN DO THIS”

The Rev. Rebecca T. Crosby

\*Hymn: #5 “O Be Joyful in Our God!”

Benediction

Benediction Response: *The Lord's Prayer*

Walter L. Pelz

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 by Will Froggatt in loving memory of June Froggatt.*

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*The deacon on duty is Don Gonci.  
The host for fellowship hour is Britt Sinay.*

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

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

**The Midnight Run will be March 17th!  
Please leave clothes on the stage in the Sheffield Auditorium.  
Men’s clothing (new socks or underwear, too) is especially helpful.**

**Forums TODAY:** Chris Cryder, “Preserving Plum Island.”

**March 19:** No forum.

**Bible Study Thursdays at 10:45 am in the Library** In March, as part of our studies of early Christian heresies, we will study the Acts of John (apocryphal text) written in the early 3rd century A.D. Class meets next on Thursday, March 30 from 10:45 to 11:45 am. We will take a break and meet again on **May 4 and May 11** to study the Letter of James. Bible study is led by Becky Crosby.

*The LBS Luncheon scheduled for  
Tuesday, March 14th,  
has been cancelled because of the  
expected snow storm.  
The program has been rescheduled to the fall.*

**Save the Date: On Saturday, March 25th, 5:00 pm, Tom McDermott,** a piano virtuoso who plies his trade in the clubs and on the streets of New Orleans, will be visiting our community in Old Lyme. He'll play a concert at FCCOL on Saturday (at 5:00 pm) and then he'll be with us on Sunday morning as well. Tom was regularly featured in HBO's series *Treme*, about post-Katrina New Orleans, and his recorded work has brought considerable acclaim (check out *All the Keys and Then Some*). We're incredibly fortunate to be able to welcome Tom to Old Lyme. You should totally come hear him. Your ears will thank you. Your heart will too.

**Refugee Family Update** The exciting news this week is that on Monday, February 27, Yaldiz started her new job with the housekeeping team at Essex Meadows. Needless to say, Yaldiz is very happy and looks forward to meeting many of you from the Old Lyme community who have retired across the river. Please watch for her -- Monday through Friday -- and say hello. Although there is still much uncertainty about refugee admissions in 2017, our Refugee Resettlement Committee continues to recruit volunteers to help if we are asked to co-sponsor another family. Please leave your name and contact information at the church office if you'd like to help in this important work.

**SAVE THE DATE! April 1st Syrian family benefit dinner  
at Christ the King at 6:00 pm in the community room.**

Join us as we break bread with our neighbors the Hamou Family and enjoy a meal of delicious Syrian food prepared by Yaldiz Hamou. Learn about the experience of refugees entering the country, and help us raise funds to open our doors to a second family. Volunteer help is needed to prepare food at Yaldez's direction (to be determined whether we will all cook at Christ the King or in our homes).

We also need help with set up and clean up.

Please call or email Louise Lynch, 860-434-7062 or [louise053@aol.com](mailto:louise053@aol.com).

FCCOL reservations for the dinner can be made by calling the FCCOL office at 860-434-8686.

**Hymn Sing** Join us for an old-fashioned hymn sing on *Sunday afternoon March 19th at 4:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium. Bring your requests! No musical experience required! Light refreshments will follow and, we can promise you'll learn some new tunes and be entertained.

**Sewing Group** *Note: No sewing Monday, 3/13/17 but a selection of items will be available at the LBS luncheon on Tuesday, March 14th.* We meet every Monday from 10:00-2:00 in the Sheffield Auditorium. We make things for the church (pillows, napkins, place mats, tote bags, baby blankets, clothes for Haiti, etc.), as well as items for purchase—available during our Monday working hours, at the LBS luncheons, and at the White Elephant Sales. In addition to our other projects, we are currently making very large tote bags to donate to the New London Homeless Hospitality Center. Donate to us anything that is 100% wool, and we will recycle it. We might even be able to create something special for you out of your donation. Questions? Email: [eunicetaylor@me.com](mailto:eunicetaylor@me.com) or call Eunice at 860.447.3025.

**American Red Cross CPR/First Aid Class** will be available on *March 25, from 1-5 p.m.* in the teen room at FCCOL. The cost is \$27. This is a good course for anyone working with elderly persons, children or in any job where it is required. Please contact Cathy Mathis at 860-399-7714 to register.

**Bus trip to "Come from Away" on March 15th** We meet at 8:00 am at the church. Bring your lunch if you'd like or plan to grab a quick bite near the theatre. Snacks and drinks for the ride home might be helpful. We expect to be back in Old Lyme around 7:30 pm. Questions? Call Carleen, 860-434-0058.

## **SUPER FUN Tree of Life Event for all ages!! Shoruq Debka and Hip Hop**

### **Performance**

Join us *Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>*, 7:00PM at the Artists collective in Hartford. Purchase tickets now from Joan in the church office or online through the link on TOLEF.org - \$15 for adults, \$5 for students. **If you want to carpool, be at the church by 5:15 - we will leave at 5:30.** If you're willing to volunteer in some way for the event, please email your interest to Wendy Knight [wendyknight@gmail.com](mailto:wendyknight@gmail.com). Wendy will keep a list of volunteers and Mary will follow up when she returns from the Journey.

**Church World Service Blanket Drive** Blanket Stories: CWS blankets kept families warm in Central Ohio. In 2016, 200 wool blankets were sent to the Sunbury United Methodist Church in Sunbury for distribution to Homeless Shelters and the Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio. Thanks to these blankets, disadvantaged families can turn the thermostat down low to save money so they can pay other bills. Blankets were also shipped to Project Hope Charities in Jamaica, NY. Each blanket costs \$10. Please make checks payable to CWS, indicating in the memo space "Blanket Drive". Special envelopes are available in the pews and may be put on the collection plate or sent to the Church c/o LBS. Thank you for caring.

**Journey to the Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota** Explore the beauty of the Black Hills and invest in a mutually beneficial relationship with our Lakota friends in Green Grass, SD. Trip dates are June 20th – June 28th. Please contact Stephanie Kenny at [860-884-3875](tel:860-884-3875) or by email [Stephanieckenny@gmail.com](mailto:Stephanieckenny@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us. This year we will host a day camp for children 12 and under, families welcome!

## **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.**

**God's Neighborhood Sunday School** During March our Sunday School is learning about the Fruit of the Spirit, Gentleness.

**Youth News**

Today youth will be sorting clothing and toiletries for the Midnight Run on March 17. Thank you, everyone, for your generous support! If you are in high school and have not let me know that you want to go on the Midnight Run on March 17, please email [LisaDoggart@gmail.com](mailto:LisaDoggart@gmail.com) to secure a seat in one of the vans. We will meet at the church starting at 4 p.m. to organize and pack, make sandwiches and have a meal before leaving.

JPF and SPF help is needed to set up for the Syrian Dinner on *April 1* at Christ the King starting at 3. Please email [LisaDoggart@gmail.com](mailto:LisaDoggart@gmail.com) if you are available to help.

On Wednesday, *April 12* we will be headed to New York City to see the matinee performance of *Come From Away*. We will take the train out of New Haven to get to the city and may add an extra day on Tuesday to see Ellis Island. Please RSVP to [LisaDoggart@gmail.com](mailto:LisaDoggart@gmail.com) for details.

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](mailto: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. We will return to Old Lyme about 4 p.m.

***The next FCCOL Newsletter will be in April; the deadline will be March 17.  
If possible, please send articles by e-mail as a Word document,  
fccol@fccol.org.***

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

**God's Neighborhood Sunday School** *TODAY*.

**Board of Trustees** *Tuesday, March 14th at 7:30 pm* in the Library.

**Writing Group** *Wednesday, March 15th at 4:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

**Running Group** *Wednesday, March 15th at 5:00 pm*, meets in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Children's Choir** *Wednesday, March 15th at 5:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Senior Choir** *Wednesday, March 15th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Board of Adult Ed** *Thursday, March 16th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

**Board of Stewardship** *Thursday, March 16th at 7:30 pm* in the Library.

**Midnight Run** *Friday, March 17th*.

**Dan Stevens Concert** *Saturday, March 18th at 7:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Hymn Sing** *Sunday, March 19th at 4:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.