



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

May 7, 2017

9:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Holy Spirit, Light Divine*

John Carter

*Processional Hymn: #4 “Come, Living God, When Least Expected”

*Call to Worship:

Who are we, God, that you have brought us this far?
You have blessed our homes and our church.

You provide bread to satisfy our hunger and keep us day by day in the covenant of love.

You have spoken to us in words of promise and placed a lighted lamp on our way.

**You have granted us wisdom and insight in
the mystery of your will.**

Let us explore together what this means for our daily lives
and for our church as a community of faith.

We seek to know God's presence here and to receive spiritual blessings.

Let us worship together!

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

*Hymn: #78 “There Is Love All Around You”

Reflection On Haiti

Rebecca Crosby and Lily Cox

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *How Lovely Is The Dwelling Place*

Johannes Brahms

*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

Children's Sermon

Sunday School Children

(children proceed to classes during the 1st stanza)

(Grades 4, 5 and JPF will remain in the Meetinghouse this morning to hear the reflections.)

*Hymn: #68 "Though I May Speak"

Reflection On Haiti

Haley Mahon

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer*

Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -

cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Reflection On Haiti

Finn McGannon

Scripture: Isaiah 58: 6-9 (OT, pg. 652)

James 1: 22-25, 2: 14-17 (NT, pg. 213)

Reflection On Haiti

Rebecca Crosby

*Hymn: #353 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Blessed Are They*

S.S. Wesley

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.

This morning we welcome back The Rev. Rebecca T. Crosby.

Becky is our Minister for Haitian Outreach and was our Associate Minister from 2007 to 2014.

We would like to thank our Senior Pilgrim Fellowship youth for offering their reflections on the trip to Haiti: 9 AM service; Lily Cox, Haley Mahon and Finn McGannon.

11 AM service; Eli Doggart, Conrad French and Brynn McGlinchey.

We will be selling the new Haitian Art in Fellowship Hall after the service.

The flowers this morning are given by Julie Kuja in loving memory of William and Helen Prestergaard-Lipp.

The hosts for fellowship hour are Alan and Sharon Howell.

The deacon on duty is Lee Whitaker.

Childcare is available every Sunday morning in the nursery downstairs at the 9 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 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.

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.

Adult Forum TODAY: Maryam Elahi, president and CEO, Community Foundation of Eastern CT, “The Challenges Facing Our Community and How Our Community Foundation Is Trying to Address Them.”

Ladies’ Benevolent Society Luncheon on May 9th! Get ready for Memorial Day with a festival of popular song from WWI and WWII. On *Tuesday, May 9th, at 12:00 pm* enjoy *Songs from the Homefront*, a festival of popular song from WWI and WWII with performer and historian Faye Ringel. The Luncheon begins at noon in the Fellowship Hall of the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme; the program will start around 1 pm after dessert. Programs last about 45 min., including a closing Q&A. *The Sewing Group will also have recent work on display and for sale.* 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. *Please call the Church Office at 860-434-8686 to reserve a place at the Luncheon.*

New Members It is our custom to receive new members twice a year – in May and again next fall. If you have been attending, or visiting, and would like to talk about membership (or any question you might have), Steve, Carleen or Joan would love the opportunity to sit down over a cup of coffee and chat! Please call any one of us and let’s set up a time and place. ***Our May date for receiving new members is May 21st.*** The new members orientation meeting will be *Thursday, May 18th, at 7:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium. There will be a New Members luncheon on *May 21st at 12:00 pm.*

Immigrant Assistance Committee We have recently formed this committee, headed by Lina Tuck, in support of the humane and dignified treatment of Immigrants who may need assistance in a number of areas. We provide education on immigration rights through community partnerships, sanctuary and to secure legal counsel. Donations to the Immigration Assistance Fund may be sent to FCCOL. Please note this fund in the comment line. Anyone interested in learning more about this committee or to join, please contact Lina Tuck (lina.tuck@gmail.com).

Annual Haitian Dinner on Sunday, May 21st at 5:00 pm The Ladies Benevolent Society will once again sponsor a Haitian dinner to benefit the work of The Crosby Fund for Haitian Education. Becky Crosby, our former Associate Minister and co-founder of The Crosby Fund, will offer a 'PowerPoint' presentation of their on-going work in Haiti. On January 22, the Crosby's opened their new Education Center with a great fanfare and celebration. The presentation will show a video of that opening and talk about the established programs and their dreams for the future. *Sandra's Next Generation* from New Haven, CT will provide the delicious Haitian meal. **Suggested cost per person is \$10.00 (donations are gratefully received!). Door will open at 5 pm for Haitian art shopping. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm, followed by the presentation. Call the church office (860-434-8686) for reservations.**

Bible Study: On Thursday, May 11, we will study the Letter of James. James is traditionally believed to be the brother of Jesus. He became the leader of the Jerusalem Church after Jesus' crucifixion. Please join us at 10:45 am in the church library for this study of James. Bring a Bible. If you don't have one, we have one you can borrow! Led by Becky Crosby.

Growing Through Grief Group, Friday, May 12, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor There are many myths which surround grief and loss: "Getting angry at God or asking God difficult questions means you have a weak faith, resolving your grief means putting your loved one out of your mind and moving on, or a strong person should be able to deal with loss alone." Don't believe these myths; believe loss is real and sharing is life-giving. Come join our Growing Through Grief Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be *Friday, May 12*. And if this day or time does not work for you but you are still interested in the group or if you would like to meet one-on-one, contact the Rev. Joan Priest at 860-434-4629.

The LBS sewing group has so far completed 20 large tote bags for the New London Homeless Hospitality Center. We sent 70+ articles of handmade clothing including sundresses, skirts, and shorts, as well as fabric, t-shirts, sandals, sewing notions and school supplies to Haiti with the Crosby's and our student travelers. We are now building our inventory for the upcoming White Elephant Sale and continuing charity projects. A selection of our creations will be available at the May LBS luncheon, and you can shop with us and make donations during our Monday working hours in the Sheffield Auditorium from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Questions: Email eunicetaylor@me.com or call Eunice at 860.912.8164.

Care-giver's Support Group, Friday, May 19, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor No matter what level of care you are providing, you have made a conscious decision to help and care for your loved one, and your efforts need to be recognized, and caring for yourself through sharing with others is an essential part of that. Come join our Care-giver's Support Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting is *Friday, May 19*. 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 at 860-434-4629.

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.)

MusicNow Foundation and Nightingale's Café, Saturday, May 13, 7:00 pm, in the Sheffield Auditorium Performing will be CT State Troubadour Kate Callahan, Marc Douglas Berardo and Frank Critelli. For information, call 860-227-4316. Tickets are \$15 at the door... \$5 Student .

Tree of Life Film series at the Westbrook Public Library From the Jordan to the Sea: Israel-Palestine in Film. Thursday nights at 7:00 pm | from *April 27 – May 18, 2017*
These films offer a human face to the relationship between Israelis and Palestinians in the land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. The film series strives to educate and inspire dialogue. The films offer different perspectives not often seen or discussed in our area. We hope to raise questions, challenge some common myths and jumpstart candid discussion about the complexities of working for peace and justice in the Middle East and in our own country as well.

A Bottle in the Gaza Sea (2013) 100 minutes, Thursday May 11, Tal (Agathe Bonitzer) is the 17-year-old daughter of recent French immigrants to Israel who live in Jerusalem. Following a bomb attack on a local café, she throws a bottle into the sea near Gaza with a message asking for an explanation. Naïm (Mahmoud Shalaby), a sensitive but aimless 20-year-old Palestinian living in Gaza, discovers the bottle and tries to answer Tal's question by initiating an email correspondence. Their mutual suspicion soon develops into a tender friendship.

Five Broken Cameras (2011) 94 minutes, at East Lyme Library, Monday May 22nd, 6:00PM A documentary film co-directed by Palestinian Emad Burnat and Israeli Guy Davidii. It is a first-hand account of protests in Bil'in, a West Bank village affected by the Israel West Bank barrier. The documentary was shot almost entirely by the Palestinian farmer who bought his first camera in 2005 to record the birth of his youngest son. Structured around the destruction of Burnat's cameras, it follows one family's evolution over five years of turmoil. The film won a 2012 Sundance Film Festival award and was nominated for a 2013 Academy Award.

Save the Date: Tree of Life Trade Union Journey August 31 to September 9. For more information contact Mary Tomassetti at mary@tolef.org.

Sunday School, JPF and SPF Our Fruit of the Spirit for May is Self-Control. Please join us in Sunday School for some fun activities and stories! Come visit our Environmental Day in the Fellowship Hall after the service!

Carry the Future Project: On May 14 the Sunday School program will be creating care packages to support overseas refugee families with young children through the Carry the Future organization. Donations of the following items would be helpful: New or gently used Toddler carriers (must be soft structured or Mei Tai style and carry up to 30 lbs, i.e. Ergo, Tula, Infantino brands); small toys, baby/toddler socks/hat/mittens, high protein snacks, baby food pouches, pacifiers and/or vitamin packets.

Children's Day is June 11th: Please join us for this special service, to hear from our children.

Pilgrim Fellowship News: May 13 - Heifer Farm "Seeds" Program for grades 4 and up. RSVP LisaDoggart@gmail.com. June 4- Peace Poles and Homeless Hospitality Tables for JPF and SPF from 11-2, in Sunday School area. Let's finish our projects! RSVP LisaDoggart@gmail.com.

81st White Elephant Sale

Copies of the WES Calendar are available in the vestibule

Get out your calendars and mark these dates – *Friday, July 14th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm* and *Saturday, July 15th from 8:00 am - Noon*. Now is a good time of the year to sort through the cellar and attic to put aside some of those treasures for this year's sale. Hold them until the first intake day, **Thursday June 29th**.

Help wanted

Toys, Flowers and Pots & Pans all need co-chairs and department help - please volunteer.

Daily Sorting and Intake (6/29 to 7/1 and 7/5 to 7/8 from 9:00 - 2:00.) For those that can, please stop in and help unload cars or sort inside. All are welcome for as long as you can stay. Great way to meet folks and see what the WES is all about, people helping people. Thank you in advance.

Refugee Resettlement Project Update We need household goods for our new refugee house. Contact Beth Hamilton if you have donations. She has a list of what is needed. Her cell is 860-306-3972 and her email is ehamilton50@comcast.net.

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, May 8th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

LBS Luncheon *Tuesday, May 9th at 12:00 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

Board of Trustees *Tuesday, May 9th at 7:30 pm* in the Library.

Writing Group *Wednesday, May 10th at 4:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, May 10th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study *Thursday, May 11th at 10:45 am* in the Library.

Board of Stewardship *Thursday, May 11th at 7:30 pm* in the Library.

Church Council *Thursday, May 11th at 7:30 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

TOL Film at Westbrook Public Library *Thursday, May 11th 7:00 pm*.

Grief Group *Friday, May 12th at 10:00 am* in the Hoag Parlor.

ARC Blood Drive *Friday, May 12th at 1:00 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

Dan Stevens Concert *Saturday, May 13th at 7:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.