



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

November 12, 2017

9:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #98 "God the Sparrow God of the Whale"

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 62):

In silence we wait for God, who alone is our salvation.

God alone is our rock and salvation, our fortress. We shall not be moved.

In silence we wait for God, who alone is our hope.

God alone is our rock and salvation, our fortress. We shall not be shaken.

Our deliverance rests upon God, who is our mighty rock and our refuge.

To you, O God, belongs steadfast love.

Let us worship God.

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

Special Music: *I'm Gonna Sing*

African American Spiritual

Children's Choir

Moment for Stewardship

Steve Hart

*Hymn: #517 "O God of Every Nation"

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

Children's Sermon

Senior Pilgrim Fellowship

Hymn: #364 "This Little Light of Mine"

(First verse only, as children leave. Congregation can remain seated.)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Lead Me Lord*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-eous-ness, make thy way
plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord,
on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lead Me Lord". 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 written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic and rhythmic foundation for the vocal line.

Scripture: Genesis 28: 10-16 (OT, pg. 24)

Isaiah 54:2 (OT, pg. 649)

Sermon: "MESSAGES ALONG A SIDEWALK, LESSONS ALONG A STREET"

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #515 "This Is My Song"

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.

The flowers this morning are given by Elin Larson and family in loving memory of Charles Larson.

This morning we thank Kelton Jarvis, Lillian Jarvis, Sofia Noti, Bettina Irakiza, Julia Clark, Sabina Jungkeit, Elsa Jungkeit, Ella Kiem, Josephine Kiem and Taylor Quintin, members of our Children’s Choir under the direction of Lisa Feltes.

The host for fellowship hour is Sue Anctil.

The deacon on duty is Jane Stubenbord.

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.

**A Service in Celebration of Harvest and Thanksgiving
at Christ the King Church
Tuesday, November 21st, at 7:00 pm
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
in Partnership with the Lyme/Old Lyme Churches**

Adult Forums TODAY: Jenny Parsons, Assistant curator at the Florence Griswold Museum. **NOVEMBER 19:** No forum, Communion Sunday. **November 26:** Paul Colburn, CT DEEP, black bears in CT.

LBS Luncheon The November Luncheon begins at *noon on Tuesday, November 14*. The speaker begins at 1:00 pm, followed by Q&A until ca. 2:00 pm. Cost is \$5 plus canned food or diapers for our Food Pantry ministries. We appreciate a call (860-434-8686) to reserve a place so that we can be sure to have enough food. This week while still in the shadow of Hallowe'en, we'll hear about Connecticut's connections to witches and witchcraft from Cynthia Wolfe Boynton, who will speak about her recent book, *Connecticut Witch Trials*. Ladies Who Stitch will again offer a selection of their handmade items for your shopping convenience.

New Members It is our custom to receive new members twice a year. If you have been attending, or visiting, and would like to talk about membership (ask 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. ***We will be receiving new members on December 3rd.*** The New Members orientation meeting will be *Thursday, November 30th, at 7:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium. There will be a New Members luncheon on *December 3rd at 12:00 pm*.

NEW LBS COOKBOOK PRESERVES THE WISDOM OF THE AGES LBS has collected more than 300 tested and cherished recipes from members and friends. Some come from Grandma's table; some are almost as new as yesterday. One of the great treasures of our church family is a very deep reservoir of remarkable cooking wisdom accumulated over decades, centuries even. The new cookbook is \$10. Cookbooks are available from the church office.

Do You Enjoy a Good Cup of Coffee? The Coffee Committee is in need of another person to make coffee Sunday morning. This involves getting to church about 45 minutes before the 9am service to start the coffee and would only be one Sunday a month or once every 5 weeks! Please let Lee Whitaker know if you are interested. Whitakerlee@comcast.net or 860-514-4697.



"We Depend Upon One Another!"

**"It's not just about being able to write a check,
it's being able to touch someone's life."**

-George Burns

We depend upon one another – and there are those who depend upon us. During our 2018 Stewardship Campaign, please faithfully consider how your investment can sustain and grow the extraordinary ministries and missions of this church – and strengthen the blessings of interdependence that we receive from our Mission partnerships.

Bible Study Becky Crosby is leading a study on the life and teachings of the Apostle Paul through his letters and the Book of Acts to discover how he shaped Christianity. To accompany our study, we will read A.N. Wilson's book, "Paul: The Mind of the Apostle." The book can easily be purchased on-line. **Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10:45** in the church's Library, and we will meet every Thursday until December 21st, when we will break for Christmas. Please bring your own Bible (all translations are welcome). If you don't own a Bible, we have plenty to share.

Fuller Center for Housing Puerto Rico Build Fuller Center has announced plans to build in Puerto Rico in the next few months. There is the possibility of a group heading down there right after Christmas. If you'd like to talk about this further, please email Allison Hine, allisonghine@gmail.com, and we'll put together a group to talk about potential details in a few weeks.

Help Wanted to Count Sunday Offering Volunteers are needed to join teams of offering counters. Each team usually meets once a month to count and process the Sunday offering. Additional volunteers are needed from time-to-time to be substitutes for team members who are not able to be present for the counting. On special occasions, such as Christmas and Easter, additional volunteers are needed to augment the assigned team to ease the additional burden. To volunteer your time to support this important function of the Church, please contact Allan Kiem, the Financial Secretary, by e-mail, at kiem36@live.com; or phone at **860-434-5216**.

WHY WE ARE HERE

We've been asked to say why we are members of the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme. We started to become acquainted with it several years ago, when we attended a lecture by Michael Lerner, editor of Tikkun, a Jewish magazine we'd been reading. We glimpsed on that evening a church that might embrace the Gospel as international, and might recognize the Divine as a universal Presence and Force.

A bit of background here: Our music is "Satori" every morning. Long before 1945, when with rifle and pack I landed on the beach north of Osaka, I had understood that Toyohiko Kagawa, "the St. Francis of Japan," was a prophet of this Gospel, and so I was somewhat prepared to go on retreat half a century later with Thich Nhat Hanh and read his book on the relation between Jesus and Buddha.

Over the years, Ann and I had worshiped with Catholics and Methodists, Lutherans and Quakers, Episcopalians and Congregationalists. And now we asked ourselves, should we commute to Old Lyme? Our present church had a wonderful choir—but as a choir member once said, "We've just had two children's sermons today." Where might we find sermons for adults? Providentially, we soon heard that the church in Old Lyme was thinking to hire a young man who was giving brilliant sermons while on temporary service in New Haven. When his appointment was made, we decided to make a visit. It was still summer, and the sermon was given not by the new minister but by the current leader who, we were told, had received her own degree in South Africa. Well! And her sermon was carefully and firmly directed to us. Well again! After a closing chat with her, partly about the Jewish writer Martin Buber whom she had mentioned, we decided that our decision was being made for us. I-and-Thou, indeed!

And that's not all. Let's make it quite clear: If we were fifteen years younger, we would no doubt start traveling—much as we had done earlier in our lives---with Old Lyme contingents to Israel and Palestine, to Haiti, to South Dakota, or to wherever the Spirit might lead.

--Tom and Ann Whitaker

Tree of Life Journey January 2018 January 2-14 with optional extension to Jordan through January 18. “The Right of Return: 70 Years of Refugees in Palestine, Israel, and Beyond.” The cost for this journey is \$2100 for double occupancy and \$450 additional for a single room. Cost of the extension is \$700 for double occupancy and \$200 additional for single. Contact Mary Tomassetti, Tree of Life Executive Director, for more details at mary@tolef.org.

In God’s Neighborhood Today ALL ARE WELCOME!

Children’s Sermon-Senior Pilgrim Fellowship

Today in God’s Neighborhood we will hear more of the story of Abraham and Sarah. All are welcome—come join us! The JPF will be discovering more about world religions.

The Senior Pilgrim Fellowship slept out on the lawn last night to raise awareness for homelessness. Stop by and ask them to show you their box homes.

On *November 26* the Senior Pilgrim Fellowship will be serving dinner at the New London Community Meal Center, meeting at 3:30 at church and finishing up by 7:00 in New London. Please RSVP if you would like to join in.

Ladies Who Stitch (LWS) are knitting and sewing up a storm - we’re adding new ideas and creations weekly for sale and donation. You can shop with us most Mondays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Sheffield Auditorium. Stop in to see what we have or pick up a price list in the church office. We’ll also be at the LBS luncheons *November 14th and December 5th*. The Elephants in Winter sale on *December 2nd* is our big event, and we’ll keep things out for the Sunday services *December 3rd*. A new venture for us this year will be the Essex Meadows Holiday Bazaar on *December 7th*. All proceeds go to the church’s outreach programs.

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

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

Sunday School *TODAY at 9:00 am.*

Ladies Who Stitch *Monday, November 13th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

LBS Luncheon *Tuesday, November 14th at 12:00 pm* in Fellowship.

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

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

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

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

Bible Study *Thursday, November 16th at 10:45 am* in the Library.

Board of Missions *Thursday, November 16th at 7:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Together We Rise Program *Friday, November 17th at 7:00 pm* in Sheffield Auditorium.