



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP

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October 1, 2017

9:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #492 “How Lovely Is Your Dwelling” (verses 1 and 2)

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 63):

O God, you are our God; we seek you.
Our souls thirst for you;
Our flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
My lips will praise you.
So we will bless you as long as we live;
We will lift up our hands and call upon your name.
Let us worship God.

*Invocation

*The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

*Hymn: #244 “Like a Tree Beside the Waters”

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

*Hymn: #364 "This Little Light of Mine (1 verse)
(children depart for Sunday School)

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 treble and bass staff. 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, accessible style suitable for children's use.

Scripture:: Amos 5: 21-24 (OT, pg. 810)
Romans 12: 3-8 (NT, pg. 152)
Romans 14: 7-9 (NT, pg. 153)

Communion Meditation: THE FEELING OF ABSOLUTE DEPENDENCE

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #505 "Let Justice Flow Like Streams"

Sacrament of Communion (back page)

*Hymn: #316 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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 Phyllis McDowell
in loving memory of my husband Edward I. McDowell.*

*The hosts for fellowship hour are the Clark family.
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.*

Blessing of the Animals

TODAY at 4:00 PM

Please join with friends in bringing your pets...
large, small, furry, scaly or plush in appreciation
and gratitude of our faithful friends on the FCCOL lawn.
There will be treats for dogs, cats, bunnies and humans!
Please bring donations for animals for our food pantry guests.
Please bring your friends!

Adult Forums TODAY: No Forum – World Communion. October 8: Lisa Tepper Bates, Connecticut Coalition To End Homelessness.

Book Group TODAY, 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.

Children's Choir has begun on *Wednesdays, at 5:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium. All children are welcome. We hope you'll come!

In God's Neighborhood Today

Communion and service together are our themes today in God's Neighborhood. We will be celebrating communion and working together to remember our animal friends through service. Everyone Welcome — Please Bring a Friend!

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Junior and Senior Pilgrim Fellowship upcoming activities:

RSVP to LisaDoggart@gmail.com

October 6 at 3:00pm — SPF Paddle up the Lieutenant River in a kayak from the boat launch on Ferry Road. Bring Your Own Boat and Life Jacket if you can. Spares available — contact me for reserving one. Please RSVP by October 1.

October 21 at 6:00pm — SPF and JPF Family Bonfire and Chili (POTLUCK). RSVP by October 14 for more details, please.

October 28 at 5:30am — SPF and JPF Breakfast Run. RSVP by October 21.

“It is in giving that we receive”.

-St Francis of Assisi



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 This fall Becky Crosby will lead a study on the life and teachings of the Apostle Paul through his letters and the Book of Acts and discover how he shaped Christianity and transformed Jesus into the Messiah. To accompany and guide our study, we will read A.N. Wilson's book, "Paul: The Mind of the Apostle." The book can easily be purchased online. **Bible Study begins on Thursday, October 26th 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.

REMARKABLE WOMEN NO SURPRISE AT THE LBS LUNCHEON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH AT 12:00 PM Get acquainted with our neighbors—our neighboring “Giants in the Earth” growing up around FCCOL during the past 200+ years. You will hear about Phoebe Griffin Noyes, Ellen McCurdy Salisbury, Florence Griswold, and Katharine Ludington (and others) at the October 10 noon luncheon hosted by the Ladies’ Benevolent Society. 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 by Friday, Oct. 6, to reserve a place at the Luncheon.

Food Pantry at FCCOL – Volunteers Needed Fridays, 8:30-10:00 am, or Saturdays, 8:45-11 am. You do not have to commit to every week, just come when you can. It’s a great community service and fun people to work with. When you come, be sure to find Marie so she can give you direction. Any questions? Contact Marie Farrell, 860-301-5770 or Henry May, 860-767-7467.

FCCOL Art Tour On *Sunday, October 15*, right after the 9am service the Board of Music and Arts will be offering a tour of the church's art and artifacts. Docents Don Male and Bob Potter will be leading this very informative talk on the wonderful trove of art work residing within the walls of our church. Please assemble in the Library for the start of the tour.

Save the Date - Sunday, October 29th, at 2:00 pm. *Courageous Women of Resistance.* Join us to hear from women who are speaking truth to power and in doing so, helping to bring enlightenment and engagement in the struggle to build a better and more peaceful future. Palestinian Bazaar 1:30-2:00 pm, Program 2:00-3:30 pm and Bazaar and light refreshments 3:30-4:30 pm.

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 *October 10th, 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.

Fccol testimony by Nancy A. Mol

Sanctuary

A song by that title on the 1999 Streams cd speaks to me. The lyrics say that "I turn from you and still you cover me... I lose my way and you are reaching out to me..." This church is my sanctuary.

Along with my sister, I grew up in Bridgeport, CT with an Irish, Catholic mother and Swiss, Baptist father. I was brought up Catholic but also spent time in my father's church. I always knew that there was no one, right path to be taken. As I grew older, I felt dissolution and lost a connection with church. There was a disconnect between my thoughts and the circumstances around me.

With encouragement from Kendall Perkins, I began attending this church fifteen years ago, after my mother died. David Good's sermons spoke directly to me. At this church, I found there to be ways of outreach of which I was never aware. I became involved with the Food Pantry and made connections. Carlene has helped me feel grounded and now I have Steve's words to stir me and deepen my reflections. Our church's number of outreach areas has grown, as I hope I have too. Life has brought me both blessings and trials. Over the years, this church has offered me a safe haven. Now being retired, I have been fortunate enough to expand my boundaries. I have made two trips with this church, first on The Wheels of Justice and recently to Green Grass. I am hoping to be more involved with our immigration committees. Where else could I feel so connected, grateful and alive?

I choose to invest in our church with my time and effort, as well as financially. It is more than a building to me. More than a staff. It is a family, made up of all of you. It is my sanctuary.

The Tree of Life Journey in January 2018 Contact Mary Tomassetti, Tree of Life Executive Director for more details, at mary@tolef.org. *Join us Sunday, October 8th at 1:30 pm in the Library at FCCOL for a Tree of Life January Journey Orientation Meeting.*

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

Sunday School *TODAY at 9:00 am.*

Book Group *TODAY after the 11:00 am service in the Library.*

Blessing of the Animals *TODAY at 4:00 pm on the front lawn.*

Poetry Group *Wednesday, October 4th at 4:00 pm in the Hoag Parlor.*

Children's Choir *Wednesday, October 4th at 5:00 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

Senior Choir *Wednesday, October 4th at 7:30 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

Grief Group *Friday, October 6th at 10:00 am in the Hoag Parlor.*

Tree of Life Meeting *Sunday, October 8th at 1:30 pm in the Library.*

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.

Bread is gluten-free.

This morning we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday. In honor of all the ways communities around the world depend upon water, and in honor of all the ways many communities around the world are threatened with polluted or diminishing water supplies, we are using water in our communion service this morning, rather than grape juice. It signals our reliance upon water to sustain us, and to bring us into communion with one another, and with other parts of the world.