



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister
Carleen R. Gerber, Senior Associate Minister
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October 22, 2017

11:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #18 "Praise to the Living God" (Verses 1 & 2)

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 145)

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
Your kingdom endures throughout all generations
The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds
The Lord is near to all who call upon him in truth
The Lord watches over all who love him
Let us worship God

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

Moment for Stewardship

Bob McCracken

*Unison Reading:

Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime;
Therefore, we are saved by hope.
Nothing true or beautiful or good makes complete sense
in any immediate context of history;
Therefore, we are saved by faith.
Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone;
Therefore, we are saved by love.
-Reinhold Niebuhr, 1892-1971, U.C.C. theologian

*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture

*Hymn: #275 “Dear Lord, Who Loves All Humankind”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer*

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting of the prayer. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in - cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The first system ends with a fermata over the word "in -".

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Allan Aubrey Boesak

*Hymn: #352 “Go Forth for God”

Benediction

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

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

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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**This morning we welcome Rev. Dr. Allan Aubrey Boesak to the pulpit. Dr. Boesak served as Desmond Tutu Chair of Peace, Global Justice, and Reconciliation Studies at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis from 2012 to 2017. He has emerged as one of the world’s preeminent authorities on liberation theology. Boesak studied at the University of Western Cape and earned his doctorate in theology from the Protestant Theological University in Kampen, the Netherlands. His early activism and service led to international recognition as an influential leader in the fight against apartheid. During the 1980s he worked alongside Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela to lead efforts against apartheid and promote reconciliation.**

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The flowers this morning are given by Lorraine Proctor in loving memory of Robert R. Proctor.

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*The host for Fellowship hour is Maureen Plumleigh.*

*The deacon on duty is Deborah Butler.*

*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.*

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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.*

**“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up”. -John Holmes**

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.

**Adult Forums** TODAY: Dr. Richard Hellman, Cancer Research and Treatment.  
**October 29:** Dr. Mark Zimmer – Gene Editing.

**Bible Study** This week 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.

**Climate and Creation Stewardship Summit** *Saturday, October 28th, 9:30 to 4:30 pm* at Spring Glen United Church, 1825 Whitney Avenue, Hamden. The focus of this summit is on water. Please visit [www.climatestewardshipsummit.org](http://www.climatestewardshipsummit.org) for the full program. Donation is \$30. For more information contact [terri@iregin.org](mailto:terri@iregin.org).

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

**"How Christians and Muslims Flourish Together in These Times"** This interfaith conference is to be held on *Friday, October 27, from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Farmington Valley American Muslim Center*, and again the next day, *October 28, at The First Church of Christ, Congregational of Farmington from 8:00 am till 4:00 pm*. This is a timely and compelling topic. For more details, or to register, go to the FVAMC website and follow the link for Spirit One Conference.

**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, [allisonhine@gmail.com](mailto:allisonhine@gmail.com), and we'll put together a group to talk about potential details in a few weeks.

**Food Pantry at FCCOL – Volunteers Needed** Fridays, 8:30-10:00 am, or Saturdays, 8:45-11 am. Any questions? Contact Marie Farrell, 860-301-5770 or Henry May, 860-767-7467.

**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.

**In God's Neighborhood Today** we will be celebrating our plant world. We need to love and take care of our plant neighbors. We will be planting our own little terrarium worlds to bring home and planting bulbs in the garden outdoors here for enjoying in the spring.

**Pilgrim Fellowship** - Thank you to the Hine family for hosting our bonfire last night!

**Coming up** - *October 28 at 5:30 am* we will be leaving Old Lyme for our Breakfast Run. We are looking for crock pot oatmeal to serve on our trip.

**November 5** - Looking for PF volunteers to help with planting bulbs at 11:00 am. We will be back at church by 12:30 or 1:00. This is a service opportunity where we helped raise funds for the Immigrant Assistance Program. RSVP!

**November 11** - SPF Box Night starting at 7:00 p.m. We will be making casseroles for serving at the New London Community Meal Center as well as watching a short documentary. Keep on the lookout for a great box to sleep in! RSVP!

**November 26** - SPF Serving at New London Community Meal Center from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. Meet at church at 3:00 pm. RSVP!

**Partnership Storefront in need of Holiday Home!** We have just learned that we are in need of a new location for our Partnership Storefront this December. Ideal situation would be high traffic, good visibility, donated space, and could be outside of Old Lyme. Any ideas? Please contact Stephanie Kenny [stephanieckenny@gmail.com](mailto:stephanieckenny@gmail.com), / 860-884-3875, with any leads. Thank you thank you for your support!

**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](mailto:mary@tolef.org).

### **Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week**

**Sunday School** *TODAY at 9:00 am.*

**Sewing Group** *Monday, October 23rd at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**LBS Board Meeting** *Tuesday, October 24th at 10:00 am* in the Library.

**Board of Deacons** *Tuesday, October 24th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

**Poetry Group** *Wednesday, October 25th at 4:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

**Children's Choir** *Wednesday, October 25th at 5:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Senior Choir** *Wednesday, October 25th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Bible Study** *Thursday, October 26th at 10:45 am* in the Library.

**Board of Stewardship** *Thursday, October 26th at 7:30 pm* in the Library.

**JPF/SPF Breakfast Run** *Saturday, October 28th at 5:30 am.*

**Memorial and Reception for George Beardsley** *Saturday, October 28th at 1:00 pm.*

**Immigration/Food Pantry Meeting** *Saturday, October 28th at 2:00 pm* in the Library.

**Courageous Women of Resistance** *Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, Bazaar 1:30, Program 2:00.*

## **ANCHORS AWEIGH**

### **A Testimonial**

We are sailors, and our church experiences over the last 30 years can truly be called a "voyage". Our children were baptized in the Drexel Hill Presbyterian Church near Philadelphia. In their early years we were in Rye, New York, where we became "immersed" in the Presbyterian Church. In Westport, Connecticut, we found the Greens Farms Congregational Church - a new denominational experience for Bob, and a return to the church of her youth for Sally. Our move to Mexico City brought strangeness on all fronts. But the Union Evangelical Church opened its arms for us. Returning to Washington, D.C., at the Georgetown Presbyterian Church we were privileged to hear what we now consider to be the second-best preaching ever. Then in Chicago, we found the Union Church of Hinsdale, a warm and active congregation. Returning to New York City, we were truly inspired by the commitment to social outreach of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Spiritually we have had a rich experience. At each new leg of this voyage we sought our church first. Every time, there was the Church of Jesus Christ, a safe harbor when we needed safety, an anchor when we needed an anchor, and always, unending opportunities to serve.

When we made our (final) move to Lyme, we found this wonderful church and we dropped our anchor for what we thought was to be the "last time" in this safe harbor. But anchors, it turns out, have some real problems! The longer they stay put, the deeper they set into the bottom, the harder they are to move, and the more they prevent exploration. Spiritually, they can mire one in repetition, dogma, creeds and ritual. In fact, in this church, we have found ourselves spiritually doing just the opposite of swinging at anchor! We found ourselves embarked on a very exciting new voyage of spiritual exploration, with no real "end" in sight.

A successful sailing voyage requires three things: a good chart, a reliable compass, and a fresh strong breeze. Our "chart" is the open Bible, central and always open in the Meeting House, and a theology that beckons us all to study and learn from it ourselves. Our "compass" is the inspired preaching we absorb each week, each time suggesting a new course for us to explore in our quest for spiritual growth. And the "fresh strong breeze" are the wonderful words, indeed the promise, of John Robinson that "there is yet more truth and light to break forth from God's Holy word".

Our anchor is still on board, to be sure, knowing that when a storm does hit, it will find firm holding ground in the love and support of this great congregation.

Bob and Sally McCracken

# 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.



**Madonna Thunder Hawk**

Tribal Liason  
Lakota People's Law Project



**Fayrouz Sharqawi**

Advocacy Coordinator  
Grassroots Jerusalem



**Sunday, October 29, 2017**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**The First Congregational  
Church of Old Lyme**

2 Ferry Road  
Old Lyme CT

Palestinian Bazaar 1:30-2:00  
Program 2:00-3:30  
Bazaar & light refreshments 3:30-4:30

*Open to the public,  
all welcome!*

*For more information,  
visit [www.tolef.org](http://www.tolef.org)*



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