



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
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October 29, 2017

11:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Peace Be With You*

Eugene Butler

*Processional Hymn: #108 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 146)

Praise the Lord, O my soul. We will sing praise to God for as long as we live.

Put not your trust in earthly rulers, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth.

Happy are those whose help is the God of our ancestors, who made heaven and earth;
who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free. He opens the eye of the blind.

God lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord will reign forever, Your God, for all generations.

Let us worship God.

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

Moment for Stewardship

*Unison Reading:

'Tis the human touch in this world that counts,

The touch of your hand and mine,

Which means far more to the fainting heart

Than shelter and bread and wine.

For shelter is gone when the night is o'er,

And bread lasts only a day.

But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice

Sing on in the soul always.

-Spencer Free

*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture: Mark 6: 54-56 (NT, pg. 39)

Luke 8: 43-49 (NT, pg. 65)

*Hymn: #302 "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response:

Refrain

As we are gathered, Je - sus is here; one with each

Fine

oth-er, Je - sus is here. Joined by the Spir - it

to Refrain

built up in love, part of the bod - y, the church of God.

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Cantate Sing To The Lord*

Jim Leininger

*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: "SOMEBODY TOUCHED ME"

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #402 "O Christ, the Healer

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Stay With Us*

Egil Hovland

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 the children of Phil and Judy Simmons
in loving memory of their father Phil Simmons.*

*The hosts for Fellowship hour are Nathalie Fogg and Priscilla Swanson.
The deacon on duty is Karen Harris.*

*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.*

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

Adult Forums TODAY: Dr. Mark Zimmer – Gene Editing. **November 5th:** Lowell Weicker.

Bible Study Becky Crosby is leading s 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 in to 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 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.

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.*

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.

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.

“Giving liberates the soul of the giver”.

-Maya Angelou

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.

Growing Through Grief Group, *Friday, November 3, 10:00 a.m.* in the Hoag Parlor Henri Nouwen wrote, A caring relationship is a “deep human encounter in which a person is willing to put their own faith and doubt, their own hope and despair, their own light and darkness at the disposal of others who want to find a way through their confusion and touch the solid core of life.” Come join our Growing Through Grief and Loss Group, new members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be Friday, November 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor. If you would like to meet one-on-one or have any questions, feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest, 860-434-4629.

Care-Givers Support Group, *Friday, November 10, 10:00 a.m.* in the Hoag Parlor “Being a listening friend is like being someone’s human journal. The journal accepts every word that you write, unconditionally. A journal gives you the opportunity to vent without being criticized.” (Terri Green) One of the most important ways to be a healthy caregiver is to take time for yourself and seek support of people who can relate to your situation. Come join our group of “listening friends”. New members are always welcome in our Care-givers Support Group. Our next meeting will be Friday, November 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor. If you would like to meet one-on-one or have any questions, feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest, 860-434-4629.

Help Wanted to Count Sunday Offering Volunteer 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**.

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) by November 10 to reserve a place so that we can be sure to have enough food. Last month, we heard about the “Remarkable Women” of Old Lyme, our immediate next-door neighbors. On November 14, while still in the dark shadow of Hallowe’en, we’ll hear about Connecticut’s connections to witches and witchcraft from author Cynthia Wolfe Boynton, who will speak about her recent book, *Connecticut Witch Trials*.

In God's Neighborhood Today ALL ARE WELCOME! This morning we will be making Dutch Apple Pies for the Homeless Hospitality Center. JPF will be placing special Kindness Rocks along Lyme Street for some lucky Trick or Treaters! Please send LisaDoggart@gmail.com addresses of our church college students so that the Sunday School children can send care packages around the time of finals in December!

SPF and JPF upcoming events:

November 5 (11-1) - Youth in JPF and SPF will be planting bulbs for some fortunate bidders at the Immigrant Assistance Fundraiser. Please RSVP—I will provide transportation!

November 11 - SPF Box Night. We will be making dinners for NLCMC, watching a documentary and discussing what it means to be homeless before turning in for the evening in our toasty boxes! Please RSVP and keep your eyes out for some great boxes.

November 26 - Meeting at 3:00 pm at church, we will drive over to the New London Community Meal Center to serve dinner. We will finish there by about 6:30 p.m. RSVP soon!

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 during Fellowship hours on Sunday in Fellowship Hall or from the church office.

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.

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

Sunday School *TODAY at 9:00 am.*

Courageous Women of Resistance *TODAY, Bazaar 1:30, Program 2:00.*

Ladies Who Stitch *Monday, October 30th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Writing Group *Wednesday, November 1st at 4:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Children's Choir *Wednesday, November 1st at 5:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, November 1st at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study *Thursday, November 2nd at 10:45 am* in the Library.

Board of Youth Ed *Thursday, November 2nd at 7:30 pm* in the Library.

Grief Group *Friday, November 3rd at 10:00 am* in the Hoag Parlor.

Daylight Savings Time Ends *Sunday, November 5th.*

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.

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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,
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