



**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

**October 8, 2017**

**9:00 AM**

Prelude

Introit: *O Savior of the World*

John Goss

\*Processional Hymn: #30 "Praise Our God, All Glories Show"

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 29):

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;  
**worship the Lord in holy splendor.**  
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
**the God of glory thunders,**  
The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
**the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**  
Let us worship God

\*Invocation

\*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

\*Hymn: #393 "Out of the Depths, O God, We Call"

Offertory Anthem: *Turn Back, O Man*

Gustav Holst

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 (Verse 1)  
(children depart for Sunday School)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Lead Me Lord*



Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-cous-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.

Scripture:: Exodus 16: 1-18 (OT, pg. 61)

Sermon: MANNA: GOD'S PROVISION

The Rev. Dr. John L. Selders, Jr.

\*Hymn: #386 "We Are One in the Spirit"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Let Thy Merciful Ears, O Lord*

Thomas Weelkes

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.

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**It is an honor to welcome The Rev. Dr. John Selders, Jr. to our pulpit this morning. John is the minister of Amistad United Church of Christ in Hartford, and the leader of Moral Mondays CT, along with his wife Pamela Selders. John and Pamela traveled together on our most recent Tree of Life journey, and John will be one of the leaders on our upcoming journey in January 2018. We are privileged to have John with us this morning!**

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*The flowers this morning are given by Dave and Judy Downs  
in memory of the loved ones of the Downs family.*

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*The hosts for fellowship hour are Martha and Bob Beaudoin.  
The deacon on duty is Scott Mahon.*

*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.*

**Adult Forums** TODAY: Lisa Tepper Bates, *Connecticut Coalition To End Homelessness*. **October 15:** David Ogle, *Is There A Better Way To Elect Our Presidents?* **October 22:** Dr. Richard Hellman, *cancer research and treatment*.

**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 to reserve a place at the Luncheon.

**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**

This morning in God’s Neighborhood— Paintings of our Church Tour and then painting En Plein Air. All Children Are Welcome! JPF may remain in church.

*JPF are selling animal bandanas to raise funds to help with animal hurricane relief at Houston Humane Society. Please see them during Fellowship!*

**Wanted:** Tiny Plants for October 22 making terrariums project. Names and Addresses of members who are College Students for care packages.

**Upcoming Pilgrim Fellowship**

**October 21** - 6 pm Bonfire and Chili. Please RSVP to [LisaDoggart@gmail.com](mailto:LisaDoggart@gmail.com) for details.

**October 28** - 5:30 am Breakfast Run to NYC. RSVP to [LisaDoggart@gmail.com](mailto:LisaDoggart@gmail.com). (Drivers and Students grades 6 to 12—or grades 4 and 5 with a parent) Also, we need donations of breakfast food. Thank you.

**November 5** - 12 p.m. Planting of the Flower Bulbs service project

**November 11** - Box Night for High Schoolers. Please start looking for Boxes soon! Movie, Making casseroles for NLCMC, Breakfast and other activities.

**November 26** - 3-6p.m. High School to serve casseroles at New London Community Meal Center.

**Care-Givers Support Group, Friday, October 20, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor** One of the most important ways to manage the stress and be a healthier caregiver is to take time for yourself and seek support of people who can relate to your situation. Come join our Care-giver’s Support Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be Friday, October 20th, 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.

**“We only have what we give”.**

-Isabel Allende



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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**The Tree of Life Journey in January 2018** Contact Mary Tomassetti, Tree of Life Executive Director for more details, at [mary@tolef.org](mailto: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.*

## Testimonial

How strange it might seem for one of the ministers to offer a testimonial. But Don and I wanted a chance to express our commitment to, and appreciation for, a countless number of wonderful experiences we have had over the past decades as members of this congregation. We've served in soup kitchens, wielded hammers for Habitat for Humanity in Tennessee, Georgia and Connecticut, escorted teenagers on the Midnight Run, rebuilt cabins at Camp Claire, built bonfires for the children of the Storefront School of Harlem, and refurbished electric wiring in a hospital in Deschappelles, Haiti. Together with our children and grandchildren, we've been enriched by mission trips to South Dakota, South Africa, Haiti, Harlem and Palestine. Whatever we **might** have accomplished for the people we have sought to serve, we have surely been blessed a thousand-fold in our own lives by all these experiences.

But in response to Steve's sermon last week about the preciousness of water, we wanted to share this story – a story we often reflect on as, perhaps, the most moving of our many mission engagements. In 2002 we journeyed to Durban, South Africa, along with about 25 members of this congregation, to build 100 houses on a hillside in Durban as part of the Jimmy Carter Work Project of Habitat for Humanity in Africa. We helped to construct a small, efficient home for a woman named Thandezile. She was a young mother with two sons who had **never** before owned a home of her own. Every day during the week we worked in Durban she came to work alongside us as her house was constructed. The home was modest, indeed, by our standards. It was perhaps 600 square feet in size, and was made of cement block and terra-cotta roofing tiles. It had two tiny bedrooms, a very small living room, a "Pullman" kitchen and tiny bathroom. But what was remarkable, in our minds, was that, for the first time in her entire life, Thandezile, would have access to water in a home of her own. She had, for more than forty years, carried whatever water she needed from a spring or public well. When we handed her the keys to her new home we knew she would never again carry a heavy pail of water for her children.

This remains an indelible memory for us. Water is precious indeed. And our memory of this mission experience in Durban is one of the most precious memories of our lives.

Don and Carleen Gerber

**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 on-line. **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.

**Bell Ringing  
Sunday, Oct. 8  
6 p.m.**



In New England villages, bells were used as a way of drawing people out of their homes for public purposes. They were used to announce times of worship, celebration and mourning - but they were also used as a way of sounding an alarm, as a way of calling a community to action. As it was then, so it is now. On SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, at 6 p.m., we invite the entire community to join us on our front lawn as we ring our steeple bell 59 times in memory of the individuals who lost their lives to the recent gun violence in Las Vegas. The bell tolls will not only remind us of each precious life lost on October 1, they will also serve as an alarm, calling us to attention as a community. They will remind us that moments of pious silence, as some members of Congress would recommend, are not enough. We need to change. We need to improve our society. The bell will provide resonant, loud and insistent reminders of the insanity of firearms in this country. We need the clarion call of a bell to rouse us from our slumber. We need to change the way we live. We'll sound the bell 59 times on Sunday evening. And again every time there's another ritualized mass shooting in America. Please join us Sunday evening at 6:00 pm.

*The church office will be closed Monday, October 9th in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.*

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

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

**Tree of Life Meeting** *TODAY at 1:30 pm* in the Library.

**Bell Ringing** *TODAY at 6:00 pm* on the front lawn

**Poetry Group** *Wednesday, October 11th at 4:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

**Children's Choir** *Wednesday, October 11th at 5:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Senior Choir** *Wednesday, October 11th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Art Tour** *Sunday, October 15th at 10:00 am* in the Library.