



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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STEWARDSHIP 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

September 24, 2017

9:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Jubilate Deo*

Orlando di Lasso

*Processional Hymn: #407 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Call to Worship:

O God, open us to the powerful winds of your Spirit.
Open our eyes to the wonders of the natural world.
Open our sense of smell to the aromas of life.
Open our ears to the words of justice and truth.
Open our mouths to the taste of freedom and love.
Open our arms to the touch of our sisters and brothers.
Open our hearts toward all that you would have us be as a community.
Let us worship God.

*Invocation

*The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

Moment for Stewardship

Mike Long

*Hymn: #411 “We Would Be Building”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Selection: *Madamina, Il Catalogo e Questo* from Don Giovanni W.A. Mozart
Adelmo Guidarelli soloist

*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

(children depart for Sunday School)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *As We Are Gathered*

Refrain

As we are gath-ered, 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.

Scripture:: Genesis 28: 10-17 (OT, pg. 24)
Psalm 121: (OT, pg. 547)
Matthew 16: 13-20 (NT, pg. 17)

Sermon: "A SONG OF ASCENT"

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #520 "Restless Weaver"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Humbly Kneel We Before Thee*

W.A. Mozart

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.

This morning at the 11:00 am service we are pleased to celebrate the baptism of Molly Eliza Gainer, daughter of Melissa and George Gainer and granddaughter of Timothy and Laura Ely and George and Joan Gainer. Her great-grandparents were Matthew and Shirley Ely.

The flowers this morning are given by the Handy family in loving memory of Sally and Parker Handy.

The hosts for fellowship hour are members of the Board of Stewardship.

The deacon on duty is Susan Lang.

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.*

Adult Forums **TODAY:** Joe Smith, member of the Mohegan Tribal Council, will update us on the Mohegan Tribe. **October 1:** *No Forum – World Communion.* **October 8:** Lisa Tepper Bates, Connecticut Coalition To End Homelessness.

Book Group Save the Date on *Sunday, October 1st*, 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.

Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty Excursion Last Call! **Ellis Island Trip!** October 4th, leave Old Saybrook by train at 7:15 am. Return at 7:56 pm. If interested please call (860-302-6417) or Email (mrlake86@comcast.net) for details. Check for ferry due to Martha Beaudoin by **September 25** (Adults \$18.50, Seniors \$14.00).

In God's Neighborhood Today

Prayer in our church is the theme today in God's Neighborhood. We will be talking about how different people lift up their prayers and will think about some of the prayers we know. Everyone welcome—please bring a friend!

Blessing of the Animals October 1, 2017 4 p.m.

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!

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.



The 2018 Stewardship Campaign begins Monday.

Please join the Board of Stewardship during Fellowship Hour this morning to kick off our 2018 Stewardship Campaign. Chris Smith and Vanessa Wudiyka will serenade us on steel drums. This is an opportunity to discuss the campaign with Board of Stewardship representatives, enjoy great snacks and enjoy some great music! We look forward to seeing you!

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.

Stay in Touch We have email addresses for many in our congregation, but we are moving toward building a bigger email database so that we can send out church announcements in the future. If you would like to receive personal reminders about special events and church services, please share your email address with us, so we can keep in touch. Send your email address to FCCOL at FCCofOldLyme@gmail.com and we'll add you to our email list. (The church does not share the email addresses of its congregation members with anyone.)

Children's Choir begins this *Wednesday, at 5:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium. All children are welcome. We hope you'll come!

Join Tribal Crafts at The Hammonasset Festival, this weekend! Honoring Nature and Native America, Saturday, September 30, 10 AM to 7 PM and Sunday, October 1, from 10 AM to 5 PM. Each day will begin with a Native American blessing and smudging ceremony, led by Allan Saunders (Mohegan), followed by music, dance, art and craft vendors, exhibits and demonstrations, activities for the whole family story telling and a variety of food choices. For more information, visit hammonasset.org/hammonasset-festival.

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.

The Tree of Life journey in January 2018 will highlight the ongoing refugee crisis in Palestine and beyond by examining the tragic aftershocks of 1948. We'll visit refugee camps in the West Bank, and communities threatened with erasure in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. We'll also explore other manifestations of the aftershock of settler colonialism in Palestine. We'll be hearing from voices of conscience speaking from various social locations (Israeli, Palestinian, Bedouin, Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Druze). The journey is conceived as a way of reckoning with a painful legacy, even as we imagine a hopeful future.

A Tree of Life collaboration between the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme and the Islamic Association of Greater Hartford, the journey will be led by Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit (Senior Minister of FCCOL), and Dr. Reza Mansoor (President of the IAGH). It will be an opportunity for travelers to reflect on how Islam and Christianity both speak to the condition of refugees (Jesus and Mohammed were themselves both refugees). It will also be an opportunity to learn about and to experience places sacred to Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. There will be an optional extension to Jordan, where we'll have an opportunity to witness the refugee situation in a different country, and visit historic sites such as Petra and the Wadi Rum. *Travel dates are January 2-14 (Palestine and Israel only) or through January 18 with the Jordan extension.* Cost for this journey will be about \$2100 for double occupancy, \$450 additional for a single, and about \$900 for the extension. 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.*

Many of us have watched the wreckage and flooding caused by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, wondering how or if we might help. It's difficult to witness the human pain in the aftermath of such events. While there may yet be further ways to lend assistance, if you'd like to make a donation to help with disaster relief, the UCC "Emergency USA Fund" is a good place to do so:

http://www.ucc.org/disaster_hurricane_harvey

Or, you may write a check to the church marked for "Hurricane Relief."

In the meantime, please keep all the individuals and families affected by Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria in your prayers.

All of the funds received go directly to relief efforts.

Ladies Who Stitch Note: There will be no Sewing group on Monday, September 25th.

The sewing and knitting branch of the LBS have resumed Monday work sessions in the Sheffield Auditorium as of *September 11, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.* We create items to sell and donate and many of our creations are available during our Monday work hours, at the fall and spring LBS luncheons, and at the December Elephants in Winter sale. Our price lists are available at the office or contact Eunice Taylor. Questions: Email ~ eunicetaylor@me.com.

Communion Sunday is next Sunday, October 1st.

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

Sunday School *TODAY at 9:00 am.*

LBS Board Meeting *Tuesday, September 26th at 10:00 am* in the Library.

Board of Deacons Meeting *Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

Children's Choir *Wednesday, September 27th at 5:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, September 27th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Church Council *Thursday, September 28th at 7:30 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Book Group *Sunday, October 1st after the 11:00 am service* in the Library.

Blessing of the Animals *Sunday, October 1st at 4:00 pm* on the front lawn.