



**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 for Visitation  
Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

**September 3, 2017**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude

\*Processional Hymn: #23 “We Gather Together”

\*Call to Worship:

We are gathered to give witness to the enduring realities of life.

**We have come to affirm that life is a gift,  
that the gift is good, and that it comes from God.**

We are gathered to renew our hope in Jesus and his ways,  
as we travel life's long journey.

**We find God in the paths of our present and our past,  
but we also trust in God's love to create a future.**

God guides us all the way, every day of our lives, and beyond life as well.

Let us worship God.

\*Invocation

\*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

\*Unison Reading:

**Christ has no body now on earth but yours;  
yours are the only hands with which He can do his work;  
yours are the only feet with which He can go about the world;  
yours are the only eyes through which His compassion  
can shine forth upon a troubled world.**

**Christ has no body on earth now, but yours.**

*-St. Theresa of Avila, 16th Century Spanish mystic*

\*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture: Psalm 9: 9-20 (OT, pg. 426)

Mark 4: 35-41 (NT, pg. 37)

\*Hymn: #489 “I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Lead Me Lord*

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

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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: "HIGH WATER EVERYWHERE"

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

\*Hymn: #506 "O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face"

Benediction

Postlude

\**Congregation Standing.*

*Large print versions of this 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 our jazz musicians including some of “our own”:  
Noel Kaletsky, clarinet; Dick Shook, trumpet; Peter Davis, piano; Art Hovey, tuba; Ned Perkins,  
trombone; Dennis Amato, drums; made possible by a gift from the late Hank Kelsey.*

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*We thank and welcome Scott Mahon and Venant Manirakiza  
for their help in our worship service today.*

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*The flowers this morning are given by Jim Cunningham and Janice Thaxter  
in loving memory of his daughter Susan E. Cunningham.*

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*The hosts for fellowship hour are Melodie and Earl Peters.  
The deacon on duty is Scott Mahon.*

*Childcare is available every Sunday morning in the nursery downstairs at the 10 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 outside (weather permitting) 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.*

Many of us have watched the wreckage and flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey, wondering how or if we might help. The Gulf around Texas and Louisiana is one of the most fragile and vulnerable (and beautiful) areas of the country, and it's difficult to witness the human pain in the aftermath of such an event. 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:

**<https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/Hurricane+Harvey+relief>**

Or, you may write a check to the church marked for "Harvey Relief." In the meantime, please keep all the individuals and families affected by Hurricane Harvey in your prayers. All of the funds received go directly to relief efforts.

**Book Group** Save the Date on *Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>*, 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** Join us on *Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>*! Our transportation will be train to Grand Central Station and bus to Battery Park. We will leave Old Saybrook at 7:15 am with a return to the train station at 7:56 pm. Space is limited. Call Martha Beaudoin at 860-302-6417 for more details.

**Welcome to God's Neighborhood Sunday School - September 2017!** Please complete the Registration form. Forms are available at church, email the church at **[fccol@fccol.org](mailto:fccol@fccol.org)** or at **[www.fccol.org/sundayschool](http://www.fccol.org/sundayschool)**. This is so important so that we can make sure that all of the children are safe, happy, and we can let you know what is happening! You may hand them in at the registration table on *September 10* or you may hand them personally to your child's teacher. This will provide the best possible experience for each child!

**September 10** -- We will start our Sunday morning by getting to know each other and hearing about each other's joys and concerns from this summer! Come to God's Neighborhood in God's House!

**Our fall schedule of two Sunday services,  
at 9:00 (first day of Sunday School) and 11:00 am,  
will commence next Sunday, *September 10th*.  
Join us at our all-church picnic at Camp Claire, 1:00 pm.**

**Growing Through Grief Group, Friday, September 15, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor**

There are many different kinds of loss and grief; loss of a person whom we loved deeply, loss of a relationship we held onto for years, loss of being in physical control of everything in our lives.

Sometimes Grief means learning how to let go:

*“To let go is not to welcome sorrow but learn from it.*

*To let go is not to deny but to accept.*

*To let go is not to stop caring but to care in a different way.*

*To let go is not to isolate myself but to realize I can make it on my own.*

*To let go is not to push others away but to let them into my life.*

*To let go is not to forget the past but to live in the present and dream for the future.*

*To let go is to fear less and love more”.*

(Author unknown)

Sharing one’s feelings of loss, letting go, is not only healthy, it is essential for one’s mental and spiritual health. Come join our Growing Through Grief Group; new members are always welcome. *Our next meeting will be Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 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, September 22, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor**

Caring for someone you love who has an illness, disability or addiction is never easy and can cause one to feel lonely, isolated and unappreciated. Seeking support of friends and people who can relate to your situation is a wonderful way to care for yourself. Come join our Care-givers Support Group as we begin to meet again, once a month this fall. New members are always welcome. *Our next meeting will be Friday, September 22 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.

**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.)

**The Ladies Who Stitch** We reconvene our *10:00 - 2:00 Monday meetings on September 11<sup>th</sup>*. In the meantime, if you have questions, or are in need of purchasing some of our creations, please pick up an information/price list located in the connector and/or contact Eunice via email at **eunicetaylor@me.com**. All proceeds go to the Ladies Benevolent Society to be used for the church outreach programs.

**ALL CHURCH PICNIC**  
**CAMP CLAIRE, SEPTEMBER 10 from 1:00 — 4:00 pm!**

Games, Waterfront (swimming and canoes/kayaks),  
and picnic! If you are able, please consider bringing a salad,  
side dish or dessert to share!

**Tree of Life Journey, January 2018 -The Right of Return: 70 Years of Refugees in Palestine, Israel, and Beyond**

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, while also learning from the wisdom and expertise of fellow travelers. In addition, there will be an optional extension to Jordan, where we'll have an opportunity to witness the refugee situation in a different country, while also visiting historic sites such as Petra and the Wadi Rum. *Travel dates are January 4-14 (Palestine and Israel only) or January 4-21 (with the Jordan extension).* Costs to be announced shortly. Contact Mary Tomassetti, Tree of Life Executive Director for more details, at [mary@tolef.org](mailto:mary@tolef.org).

*Monday, September 4th, the church office will be closed in observance of Labor Day.*

*The next Communion Sunday is October 1st.*

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

**Gladys Nelson Memorial Reception** *Wednesday, September 6th at 2:00* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Senior Choir** *Wednesday, September 6th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Immigration Celebration Event** *Saturday, September 9th at 5:00 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

**All Church Picnic at Camp Claire** *Sunday, September 10th at 1:00 pm.*



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
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# AN EVENING IN CELEBRATION OF OUR IMMIGRANT ROOTS

First Congregational  
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Saturday, September 9  
5PM to 8PM

WINE TASTING

*Sponsored by Seaside Wine & Spirits*

HORS D'OEUVRES

SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

**Suggested Donation \$20**

**Please contact the church office,  
860-434-8686 or [fccol@fccol.org](mailto:fccol@fccol.org) for more info.**

The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme Immigrant Assistance Committee assists local families in deportation crisis. By offering sanctuary, education and financial assistance for legal counsel, we aim to help to protect the basic individual dignity, safeguard due process of law, and offer grace and courage for families in need.

Tax Deductible donations to the Immigrant Assistance Fund can be mailed to  
**First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, Immigrant Assistance Fund, 2 Ferry Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371.**