



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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February 26, 2017

11:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Sound Forth the Trumpet in Zion*

Thomas Morley

*Processional Hymn: #23 "We Gather Together"

*Call to Worship:

The glory of God transfigures the everyday.
The light of God transfigures familiar faces.
At the height of our worship,
may God's presence shine through the commonplace.
At the depths of our pain and struggle,
may God's presence give us courage and peace.
May God's light, shining through each face we meet,
illumine all our days.
Let us worship God.

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

*Unison Reading:

God is the light of the heavens and the earth.
The smile of God's light is like a niche in which is a lamp,
the lamp in a globe of glass,
the globe of glass as if it were a shining star,
lit from a blessed olive tree neither of the East nor of the West,
its light nearly luminous even if fire did not touch it.

Light upon light!

- The Qur'an (24:35)- al 'nuur - the light

*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture: Ruth 1: 6-17 (OT, pg. 235)

Romans 12: 9-18 (NT, pg. 152)

*Hymn: #372 "Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race"

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *As We Are Gathered*

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'As we are gath-cred, Je - sus is here; one with each'. The second system is labeled 'Fine' and contains the lyrics: 'oth - er, Je - sus is here. Joined by the Spir - it'. The third system is labeled 'to Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'built up in love, part of the bod - y, the church of God.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Sing and Exult*

Eugene Butler

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

*Hymn: #353 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service (verses 1 and 4)

Sermon: OUR SANCTUARY IS YOUR SANCTUARY, PART II:
A MUSLIM AND CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit and Aida Mansoor

*Hymn: #363 "In the Midst of New Dimensions"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Almighty God, Who Hast Me Brought*

Thomas Ford

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 Deborah Butler in loving memory of Pauline & Frank Rogers.

Today we're honored to welcome Dr. Reza Mansoor, Aida Mansoor, and members of the youth fellowship from the Islamic Association of Greater Hartford to our worship service. Reza is the President of the IAGH, and he is a cardiologist at Hartford Hospital. He is the author of Stigmatized! From 9/11 to Trump and Beyond: An American Muslim Journey, available for sale in our church office. Aida is a frequent speaker and contributor throughout Connecticut on Islam, social justice, Palestine, and authentic interfaith understanding. So too, the young people from the mosque have been outspoken and eloquent in their articulation of what it means to practice Islam in today's world. We're fortunate to welcome everyone from the Berlin mosque to Old Lyme.

*The deacon on duty is Elizabeth Nocera.
The hosts for fellowship hour are members of the Ladies Benevolent Society.*

*If you are visiting us for worship this morning, we welcome you, and 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.
The Rev. Christine Caton serves this church as minister of the South Lyme Union Chapel.*

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

The Midnight Run will be March 17th! Please leave clothes on the stage in the Sheffield Auditorium starting February 12.

Special Congregational Meeting TODAY

As part of our ongoing refugee resettlement work, the Trustees have called for a special meeting of the congregation following the 11:00 am worship service.

Agenda: The FCCOL Refugee Resettlement Program

Forums TODAY: **Greg Stroud** to discuss the proposed high speed rail track through the center of Old Lyme. **March 5: Tom Grant**, Planned Giving.

Bible Study Thursdays at 10:45 am in the Library In March, as part of our studies of early Christian heresies, we will study the Acts of John (apocryphal text) written in the early 3rd century A.D. Class meets Thursdays from 10:45 to 11:45 am on **March 2, 9, and 30**. We will take a break and meet again on **May 4 and May 11** to study the Letter of James. Bible study is led by Becky Crosby.

Growing Through Grief Group, Friday, March 3, 2017, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor

There are many different kinds of loss, loss through death of a loved one, loss through divorce, loss through health changes. Sharing one's feelings and listening to others share their feelings, makes one realize that healing is possible; for healing through such loss is heart based, not head based. Come join our Growing Through Grief Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be *Friday, March 3*. And if this day or time does not work for you but you are still interested in the group or if you would like to meet one-on-one, contact the Rev. Joan Priest.

Refugee Resettlement Project Update These days there is much uncertainty about the future of refugee resettlement in the US. Will the new administration again impose a temporary halt to all refugee admissions? Will the number of refugees allowed in during 2017 be cut from the expected 110,000 to 55,000, as promised during the campaign? While the door is still open, IRIS (the New Haven resettlement organization that gave us the Hamou family) has worked hard, resettling twenty-three newly arrived refugees, and our Refugee Resettlement Committee is starting to build a new list of volunteers to help if we're assigned a second refugee family. Nothing is certain, but if the time comes, and if you'd like to help with this important work, please leave your name, phone number and e-mail address in the church office. Thanks to everyone who has helped make the Hamou family feel safe and loved in our community, and for your support in welcoming another refugee family, whenever that might be.

American Red Cross CPR/First Aid Class will be available on *March 25, from 1-5 p.m.* in the teen room at FCCOL. The cost is \$27. This is a good course for anyone working with elderly persons, children or in any job where it is required. Please contact Cathy Mathis at 860-399-7714 to register.

Journey to the Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota Explore the beauty of the Black Hills and invest in a mutually beneficial relationship with our Lakota friends in Green Grass, SD. Trip dates are June 20th – June 28th. Please contact Stephanie Kenny at [860-884-3875](tel:860-884-3875) or by email Stephanieckenny@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us. This year we will host a day camp for children 12 and under, families welcome! Please join us **TODAY** for a brief discussion and to learn more about the trip. We will meet in the church Library between the services.

Hymn Sing Join us for an old-fashioned hymn sing on *Sunday afternoon March 12th at 4:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium. Bring your requests! No musical experience required! Light refreshments will follow and we can promise you'll learn some new tunes and be entertained.

Memorial Flowers The second week in March (March 12th. this year) is available for Sunday memorial flowers. Please call Susan Griggs for more information at 860-434-7660.

BE A PART OF OUR ONLINE MINISTRY

We continue to expand our church's presence online to help continue the fellowship we enjoy inside the doors of our church on Sunday mornings throughout the work week; and to attract new people to our congregation who can help us carry on Christ's work.

Website. Stop by our newly redesigned website to download a copy of a recent sermon or church bulletin, or read this newsletter. If you have photos of church activities that you would like to see included on the website, please send them to us at FCCofOldLyme@gmail.com.

Facebook. Stop by our Facebook page to post your photos or videos from church services, activities and ministries. Share uplifting thoughts, ideas, memories and stories. Let us know of family members or friends in need of prayer. Comment on the latest sermon. Or read about upcoming events.

Instagram. Share your church-related pics on Instagram for everyone in the congregation to enjoy. And keep abreast of upcoming church events and activities.

Our website is at www.fccol.org

Our Facebook page is at www.facebook.com/firstcongregationalchurcholdlyme

Our Instagram page is at www.instagram.com/myfccol

Our Twitter page is at www.twitter.com/myfccol

If you have thoughts on ways to further strengthen our website or social media outreach, please share them with our Communications Committee, at FCCofOldLyme@gmail.com.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
of Meditation and Reflection**

Wednesday, March 1, at 7 PM in the Meetinghouse.
Ashes will be distributed for those who desire.

Blanket Drive - Church World Service The heavyweight woolen blanket is 64" long and 80" wide. It can serve as a security blanket for a child. It can also be used as a tent for shelter, a pillow, or a suitcase for refugees to carry their meager belongings. Please check out the displayed blanket to feel how warm and strong it is. Donations are always needed, so CWS can spring into action whenever disasters strike. Each blanket costs \$10. Please make checks payable to CWS, indicating in the memo space "Blanket Drive." Special envelopes are available in the pews and may be put on the collection plate or sent to the church c/o LBS. Thank you for caring.

Walt's Pottery Walt's Pottery classes forming NOW! Learn hand building techniques & wheel throwing basics from professional potters. Please email or call Stephanie Kenny at stephanieckenny@gmail.com or 860-884-3875 to sign up. Fee is \$75 for six weeks and includes ten pounds of clay. Space is limited ~ Adults only ~ Beginners welcome.

Basic wheel throwing with Betsey Copp:

Tuesday mornings starting March 7th / 10:00am – 12:00pm

Basic wheel throwing with Paul Nager:

Tuesday evenings starting March 7th / 6:00pm -8:00pm

Basic wheel throwing with Victoria Schmidlapp:

Thursday evenings starting March 9th / 6:00pm -8:00pm

Pancake Supper to Benefit Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS) at the Deep River Congregational Church on Tuesday, February 28th from 6:00-8:00 pm All Saints Episcopal Church is donating the proceeds of its annual pancake supper to IRIS. If you have any questions, please contact John Yrchik, the chair of the supper by email at jyrchik@comcast.net or 860-833-6414. Tickets are available in the church office, suggested donation is \$10.

"There were Giants in the Earth in those days!" Exodus 6:4 (KJV) Local Authors Speak to LBS about "Remarkable Women of Old Lyme" Get acquainted with our neighboring "Giants in the Earth" growing up around FCCOL during the past 200+ years. Michaëlle Pearson and Jim Lampos will highlight some of the historic "*Remarkable Women of Old Lyme*" at a program following the **Ladies Benevolent Society Luncheon on Tuesday, March 14th beginning at noon**. 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 by Friday, March 10, to reserve a place at the Luncheon.

Save the date! March 31, 7PM, Shoruq Debka and Hip Hop Performance at the Artists collective in Hartford. Watch for more details in the March Newsletter. You can purchase tickets now online through the link on TOLEF.org.

Youth Education News Today: Youth from the Berlin Mosque will be sharing with all ages in Sunday School what it means to be Muslim. We will see clothing and maybe even try some on. Then JPF and SPF will be talking with, playing games with and making and eating waffles together until 12.

Books We Love: Book Collection to benefit The Crosby Fund for Haitian Education. During the month of February we will be collecting gently used children's and young adult books that are some of our favorites. Our high schoolers who are going to Haiti will be bringing these to add to the Crosby Fund's new library so that visitors can learn to read English. Please bring books to the box in the PF room downstairs. Thank you!

High School Midnight Run Plans:

If you can donate Chili for the night of March 17, please let me know!

March 3 — Midnight Run Sorting and a movie and dinner from 7-10 for high schoolers. RSVP (necessary) Here is the link for Midnight Run: <http://www.midnightrun.org>

March 12 — Midnight Run Sorting from 11-12:30 in the Sheffield. RSVP (helpful)

March 17 — Midnight Run (high school) Meet at 4, leave at 7. Please RSVP (necessary)

March 19 — Children's Sermon for Midnight Run Participants. We will relate how Gentleness was important while on our Midnight Run in our 3 minute Children's Sermon!

Bus trip to "Come from Away" on March 15th. We meet at 8:00 am at the church.

Calendar of Events & Meetings for This Week

God's Neighborhood Sunday School *TODAY*.

Special Congregational Meeting *TODAY at 12:00 pm*, Meeting House.

Green Grass Trip Meeting *TODAY at 10:00* in the Library.

SPF Haiti Trip Meeting *TODAY at 12:15 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Sewing Group *Monday, February 27th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

LBS Board Meeting *Tuesday, February 28th at 10:00 am* in the Library.

Board of Deacons *Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

Red Cross Blood Drive *Wednesday, March 1st, 1:00 to 6:00 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

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

Running Group *Wednesday, March 1st at 5:00 pm*, meets in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Ash Wednesday Service *Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm* in the Meetinghouse.

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

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

Board of Youth Ed *Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Board of Missions *Thursday, March 2nd at 7:30 pm* in the Library.

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