



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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March 5, 2017

9:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Chorale by G.F. Handel*

arr John Rutter

*Processional Hymn: #26 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (verses 1 and 4)

*Call to Worship:

In this season of Lent, we remember Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

**We follow with our minds the stories of scripture,
with our hearts the stories of modern-day crucifixions,
with hands and feet new calls to compassion.**

**May our minds be open; may our hands be strong;
may our hearts be gentle; may our spirits sing and pray.**

May our worship transform us so that we will follow Jesus on the path of faith.

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

*Hymn: #403 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *God So Loved the World*

John Stainer

*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

Carleen Gerber

*Hymn: #490 "Steal Away"

(children proceed to classes during the 1st stanza)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Spirit of the Living God*

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me; Spir - it of the
liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,
use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Scripture: Numbers 35: 9-15 (OT, pg. 152)

Psalm 27: 1-5, 14 (OT, pg. 486)

Matthew 11: 28-30 (NT, pg. 11)

Sermon: OUR SANCTUARY IS YOUR SANCTUARY, PART III: STEAL AWAY

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #413 "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord "

Benediction

Benediction Response: *The Lord's Prayer*

Walter L. Pelz

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 in loving memory of
Jack and Valerie Evans, Tony Thurston and Warren Knight.*

*The hosts for fellowship hour are Deborah Faulkner and Lee Whitaker.
The deacon on duty is Stephanie Kenny.
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.
The Rev. Christine Caton serves this church as minister of the South Lyme Union Chapel.*

The Midnight Run will be March 17th!
Please leave clothes on the stage in the Sheffield Auditorium.
Men’s clothing (new socks or underwear, too) is especially helpful.

<p>Reminder: Day Light Savings Time begins <i>next Sunday, March 12</i> at 2:00 AM. Don’t forget to set your clocks FORWARD 1 hour Saturday night.</p>

Forums TODAY: Tom Grant, Planned Giving. **March 12:** Chris Cryder, “Preserving Plum Island.”

Tree of Life Journey Prayer and Send off, Wednesday March 8 11:00 AM Join us at the church for an *11:00 am* prayer and send off, and please keep us in your prayers as we make this Journey. March Journey participants: David and Corinne Good; Jeanne Clark; D Gonci; Pam Visel; Mary Tomassetti and Josh Perlstein; Miki Nerman; Hoda AbuHamed; Reza, Aida and Yasmin Mansoor; Jack and Elaine Brouillard; Chrissy Stonebraker; Linda Miller; Naseem and Ramla Shaikh; Iza and Sajal Raja; Ghoufran and Sajed Allababidi; John and Pamela Selders; Ababkre Mounir; Susan Aboued, Yale; Hunter Humble, CCSU; Jessica Couture, CCSU; Hamza Zakir, Uconn; Muhammad Nabeel, Uconn; Maissane Tarrowa, Uconn; Bassma Saeed; Wesia Malik; Susan Etskovitz; Carolyn Cicciu; Noreen Thompsen; Ali Shakibai; John Timmer and Yann Van Heurk.

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 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.

Care-giver’s Support Group, Friday, March 10, 2017, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor Caring for someone you love who has an illness, disability or addiction is never easy but finding the right people to support you, a safe space to share honest feelings, can offer you encouragement, guidance, and hope. Come join our Care-giver’s Support Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting is *Friday, March 10*. If you are interested in this group but this day or time does not work for you, or if you would like to meet one-on-one, please feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest.

Save the Date: On Saturday, March 25th, 5:00 pm, Tom McDermott, a piano virtuoso who plies his trade in the clubs and on the streets of New Orleans, will be visiting our community in Old Lyme. He’ll play a concert at FCCOL on Saturday (at 5:00 pm) and then he’ll be with us on Sunday morning as well. Tom was regularly featured in HBO’s series *Treme*, about post-Katrina New Orleans, and his recorded work has brought considerable acclaim as well (check out *All the Keys and Then Some*). We’re incredibly fortunate to be able to welcome Tom to Old Lyme. You should totally come hear him. Your ears will thank you. Your heart will too.

“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. Michaelle 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 Sewing Circle will have recent projects on display and available for purchase. The authors will have copies of their book available for purchase and autographs. 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.

Hymn Sing Join us for an old-fashioned hymn sing on ***Sunday afternoon March 19th 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.

Sewing Group . We meet every Monday from 10:00-2:00 in the Sheffield Auditorium. We make things for the church (pillows, napkins, place mats, tote bags, baby blankets, clothes for Haiti, etc.), as well as items for purchase—available during our Monday working hours, at the LBS luncheons, and at the White Elephant Sales. In addition to our other projects, we are currently making very large tote bags to donate to the New London Homeless Hospitality Center. Donate to us anything that is 100% wool, and we will recycle it. We might even be able to create something special for you out of your donation. Questions? Email: eunicetaylor@me.com or call Eunice at 860.447.3025.

SAVE THE DATE April 1st Syrian family benefit dinner at Christ the King. Join us as we break bread with our neighbors the Hamou Family, enjoy a meal of delicious Syrian food prepared by Yaldiz Hamou. Learn about the experience of refugees entering the country, and help us raise funds to open our doors to a second family.

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!

Blanket Drive - Church World Service An orange lightweight blanket is now on display. These blankets are distributed in summer and in countries with a warmer climate. 50 were shipped to Honduras last year. Each blanket costs \$10. Please make checks payable to CWS. Special envelopes are available in the pews and may be put on the collection plate or sent to the church c/o LBS.

Refugee Family Update The exciting news this week is that on Monday, February 27, Yaldiz started her new job with the housekeeping team at Essex Meadows. Needless to say, Yaldiz is very happy and looks forward to meeting many of you from the Old Lyme community who have retired across the river. Please watch for her -- Monday through Friday -- and say hello. Although there is still much uncertainty about refugee admissions in 2017, our Refugee Resettlement Committee continues to recruit volunteers to help if we are asked to co-sponsor another family. Please leave your name and contact information at the church office if you'd like to help in this important work.

Save the date! March 31, 7:00 PM, Shoruq Debka and Hip Hop Performance at the Artists collective in Hartford. You can purchase tickets now online through the link on TOLEF.org.

**Bus trip to “Come from Away” on March 15th. We meet at 8:00 am at the church.
Bring your lunch if you’d like or plan to grab a quick bite near the theatre.
Snacks and drinks for the ride home might be helpful. We expect to be back in Old Lyme around 7:30 pm. Questions? Call Carleen, 860-434-0058.**

Calendar of Events & Meetings for This Week

God’s Neighborhood Sunday School *TODAY.*

Sewing Group *Monday, March 6th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

TOL Journey Send-Off *Wednesday, March 8th at 11:00 am* in the Meetinghouse.

Poetry Group *Wednesday, March 8th at 4:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Running Group *Wednesday, March 8th at 5:00 pm*, meets in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Children’s Choir *Wednesday, March 8th at 5:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, March 8th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study *Thursday, March 9th at 10:45 am* in the Library.

Care Group *Friday, March 10th at 10:00 am* in the Hoag Parlor.

Youth Education News 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 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!

A CHANGE AT THE BOOKKEEPER'S DESK Recently, and sadly, we said au revoir to **Julie Scocozza**, our wonderful bookkeeper for the past three years. We will miss her, and wish her well in her new career. You may pass on your own good wishes at jscocozza@comcast.net. Happily, we have found **Teri Gedrys**, who is our new bookkeeper going forward. Teri brings with her 30 years of experience in accounting and bookkeeping. She has skills in all aspects of accounting and is comfortable with computer-based systems which form the basis of our office. I am sure all of our members and friends will enjoy and benefit from interactions with her. Teri lives with her husband in Clinton and has seven grandchildren! WELCOME TERI!

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EASTER SEASON SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday 4/13/17

6:30 pm Concert, Soup Supper & Informal Communion
"Requiem" by John Rutter with FCCOL Sr. Choir with orchestra

Good Friday 4/14/17 Meetinghouse open for prayer and meditation.

Ecumenical Walk for Hunger at 9:45 am. We will meet at St. Ann's Episcopal Church and walk to FCCOL and back again -- about 3 miles. Please join us and walk for world hunger. All ages are welcome.

Easter Sunrise Service 4/16/17

6:00 am at Griswold Point (if you need directions, call the church)

Easter Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am Worship Services
Join us in Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast/coffee hour
between the 9&11 services.

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

No coffee hour following the 11:00 am service.

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