



**The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme**  
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister  
Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager, Senior Associate Minister  
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Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

**May 8, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude

Introit: *I love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

Herbert Grieb

\*Processional Hymn: #83 “God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years”

\*Call to Worship:

O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.  
**O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**  
The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.  
**We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice  
That open us to unity and gives our vision voice.  
Let us worship together.**

\*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: #465 “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Psalm 121*

John Ness Beck

\*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 Message

Hymn: #364 “This Little Light of Mine”

(First verse only, as children leave. Congregation remains seated.)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

The image shows a musical score for a pastoral prayer response. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the first line of lyrics: 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.' The last two staves are for the second line: 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!'. The music is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is primarily in the soprano voice, with piano accompaniment in the bass and right-hand piano parts.

Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 32: 9-15; Ephesians 1: 17-18; Romans 8: 22-25

Sermon: **Practicing Hope**

Rev. Rebecca Crosby  
with Fednor Sidort and Mendel Mesidor

\*Hymn: #353 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *O Savior of the world*

John Goss

Postlude

\**Congregation Standing*

This morning we welcome the Rev. Rebecca Crosby back to our pulpit. Becky served as our Associate Minister for seven years, and now volunteers full time as Executive Director of the Crosby Fund for Haitian Education. And she also sings in our choir and leads our Bible Study.

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**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 host for Fellowship hour today is Lee Whitaker.

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**New London Homeless Hospitality Center** is still looking for a vehicle donation for our medical respite program. It can be any type of car but should be in good working order. Thank you so much for your consideration.

**Relief Help for Ukraine.** At this point, our church has released \$15,000 to International Rescue Committee (IRC) for relief in Ukraine. The church will continue to receive donations if you would still like to give. Please note "Ukraine Aid" in the memo line.

**Wanna Try Pottery?** Class available Wednesday evenings 6:00-9:00 pm (5 classes starting May 11 – June 8). Cost \$100. Contact: Wayne.kirk@Collins.com.

**Receive Ukrainian Refugees:** This past week, an announcement was released about ways that individuals and families can support Ukrainian refugees. Under a new program created by the Biden Administration called United for Ukraine, individuals can apply to host refugees in their homes. This is a departure from previous policies concerning refugee resettlement, a way to respond to the crisis quickly. There is an application process, in which applicants must demonstrate the ability to financially support an individual or family fleeing Ukraine. And there are safety and vetting processes at both ends of the application - for US hosts, and for Ukrainians - in order to prevent abuse and exploitation. If you're interested in learning more, or applying, visit the website: <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/uniting-for-ukraine>

**Environment Committee Open House at the Gerber's:** Saturday May 14 (11:00, 12:00, 1:00 and 2:00) and Sunday May 15 (1:00 and 2:00) we will be offering tours to understand the environmental adaptations that have made this house as "green" as possible. Please sign up for a tour by calling the church office at 860-434-0058 or Carleen at 860-304-2070 and we'll reserve a time slot for you. Please be sure to leave the best contact information with us so that we can shift your time if necessary. We'll also email you directions.

**Habitat Build: May 14th** For those who signed-up online: our next build day is May 14th.

**All This Sainted Difference with John Mason:** We'll be exploring Yoruba culture, which originated in present day Nigeria where, through the violence of the slave trade, it was exported to the Americas. It's a beautiful system of music, dance, healing, and resistance that has helped to uphold the spirit of a people. We'll be hearing from Prof. John Mason, who is regarded around the world as a thought leader on Yoruba culture and practices.

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

**LWS Monday, May 9 at 10:00 am** in Sheffield Auditorium.

**Yoga Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**Pottery Class Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00 pm** in Walt's Studio.

**Senior Choir Wednesday, May 11 at 7:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**WES Meeting Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 pm** in Library.

**Habitat Build Saturday, May 14 at 8:30 am** in Norwich.

**Environment Committee Open House Saturday and Sunday** at the Gerber's.

**All This Sainted Difference with John Mason Sunday, May 15 at 5:00 pm** on Zoom.