



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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October 9, 2022

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *A Prayer of Saint Patrick*

John Rutter

*Processional Hymn: "Draw the Circle Wide" (insert, sing twice)

*Call to Worship:

Sustaining God, we gather to seek your presence.

We know that when we call out to you, you are near.

Speak to us through sacred story, song, silence and the sound of children in our midst.

Show us the way of love, not just in word and speech but in truth and action.

As we draw the circle wide and wider still.

Come, let us worship God.

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Stewardship

Abigail Cipparone

*Hymn: #250 "Here in This Place"

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Chorale Prelude on "St. Theodulph"*

Melchior Teschner

*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

D Andrews

Song: "If Anybody Asks You Who I Am"
(As children leave. Congregation can remain seated.)

Rachael /Sabina Jungkeit

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Spirit of the Living God*

The image shows a musical score for a pastoral prayer response. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 46, Mark 4:35-41, Acts 18:9

Sermon: **Love Is Its Own Rescue: Finding Strength and Shelter in the Storm**

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

*Hymn: #427 "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *God Be in My Head*

John Rutter

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.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 46

God, you are for us a strength and a shelter –
In times of affliction, you are found everywhere we look.
And so we won't be afraid at changes of the earth,
when mountains tumble into the heart of the sea
or waters rage with tumultuous froth;
the peaks quake in awe of your presence.
A river– its streams will bring rejoicing to your city.
Holy are the dwelling places of the Most High.
With you in its midst, it will not totter; you change its darkness to dawn . . .
Be still and know that I am God.
-trans. Pamela Greenberg

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Be silent! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Acts 18:9

And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent;

Testimonial—Abigail Cipparone

I've received a thorough education in justice, and what it means to live a just life, from this church. My studies started in middle school. On Valentine's Day we drove into New York City and handed hot chili and heavy coats to unhoused people. After Hurricane Sandy, I walked along the beach in Old Lyme with Allison Hine, witnessing the destructive power of storm waters as I learned how climate change could displace people in this town and around the world. I joined the Tree of Life Education Foundation on two trips to Palestine where I spent time with Palestinians living in an occupied land and learned the consequences of unfettered colonial and imperial power. I traveled to Haiti with Becky Crosby, seeing first hand the economic barriers placed on the country and its people.

My justice education from the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme opened my eyes to the many injustices of this world, and propelled me into a career dedicated to service. Now, as the senior legislative assistant to Congressman Kweisi Mfume, my primary job is to advocate for our constituents in Baltimore by writing legislation that addresses issues in the city and directing federal funding to Maryland's 7th Congressional district. As I work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to secure grant funding for flood mitigation in the Turner station neighborhood, a historically Black neighborhood in West Baltimore increasingly prone to flooding, I remember when I walked with Alison Hine after Hurricane Sandy. As I meet with Baltimore Peace Action to let them know that I recommended to Congressman Mfume that he vote against increased military funding and nuclear proliferation, I remember my trips to Palestine.

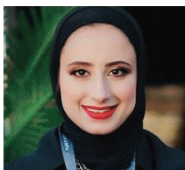
I think the other lesson that FCCOL has taught me is that to truly lead a just life, it helps to find a community that embraces our brokenness and encourages us all to try to live out the teachings of Jesus. This lesson led me to the First Congregational Church of DC. Under the leadership of Reverend Amanda Hendler-Voss, the First Congregational Church of DC has become a real home to me. I've found a supportive young adults group, filled with other young adults focused on serving others. I've also found mentors in the many retired ministers that call this church a home. My experience at the First Congregational Church of DC reminds me very much of my first spiritual home, here at FCCOL. As a student of justice, I am so grateful to FCCOL for leading me to the mentors and educators I found in this church. And, I am grateful to FCCOL for leading me to the First Congregational Church of DC, which has continued my education.

Tree of Life Fall 2022 Speaker Series

City of Hebron: The Palestinian Struggle for Human Rights

A program exploring the severe impact of the Israeli occupation on the economic vitality of the city of Hebron and the challenges of daily life for Palestinians living there.

The speakers bear witness to the most oppressive manifestations of the occupation. Efforts to revive the Old Town area and initiatives to bring assistance to Palestinians will be addressed as well.



Dalia – Resident of Hebron and graduate of Bethlehem University



Sadeq – Resident of Hebron and graduate of Hebron University



Melissa – Community Peacemaker Teams



Mella – Author of recent Mondoweiss article, "Legal Kings On Palestinian Land"

Sunday, October 23
10:00 a.m. service

First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
4 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT

10:00 a.m. service followed by discussion, light refreshments and Middle Eastern Bazaar with Palestinian olive oil and crafts

Donations appreciated.
Donations can be made at tolef.org/donate

For more information visit tolef.org or email David Good at davidwgood@fccol.org



Amplifying voices of conscience for social justice

The image on the cover "Northeaster" is by Winslow Homer.

The host for Fellowship hour today is Wendy Knight.

Ushers

If you would like to usher, please step forward and tell the deacon at the door as you arrive. Your participation will be appreciated!

The Partnership Store

We're offering goods and creations from Haiti, Palestine, Tribal Crafts, and the Ladies Who Stitch, will be open today after the service.

LBS Luncheon Tuesday October 11

We're back! Come join us for a delicious luncheon on Tuesday, **October 11** at noon in Fellowship Hall. Chef Rick Strickhart will be serving one of his culinary delights, followed by homemade apple-cranberry crisp. A wonderful repast for the shockingly low minimum donation of \$5.00 with a canned good for the Shoreline Soup Kitchen. (Extra inflation food cost donations would be greatly appreciated.) The Ladies Who Stitch will be selling their creations. Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager will share terrific pictures and vivid insights from her recent sabbatical in Italy and Ireland.

Come! Come and meet old friends, make new friends, and bring your friends along! The more the merrier. Please email or call the church at 860-434-8686 by Friday, October 7th to reserve. But hey, if you forget to reserve and you decide to just walk in, we won't turn you away. There's plenty in the oven!

Bible Study

We'll continue this Thursday, October 13th from 11-12 in the Library and on Zoom. All are welcome! For more information email Laura. (lfitz.nager@gmail.com)

Pilgrim Fellowship (SPF and JPF) at Fields of Fire (now called Tree Trails): Sunday, October 23rd

Space is limited. We're planning a trip to the adventure park in Mystic, Sunday afternoon 3-5 pm. Leave from church at 2:15 pm. Visit <https://treetrails.com/mystic> for more details and reserve your spot by emailing fccol@fccol.org. Suggested cost is \$40.00.

Come to the Water: Resilient Spirits Retreat. Friday, October 28th 9:30 am - 3:00pm at Mercy Center, Madison, CT

What keeps our spirits resilient, even in times of upheaval? This retreat offers space for reflection and sharing as we explore together what helps us build resilience in our daily lives – what lifts our spirits? What brings us balance? What offers us hope? Through the spacious rhythm of retreating by the sea to Mercy Center in Madison, we'll have generous time to explore the grounds, walk the beach and labyrinth, experience yoga and solitude and share what gives us life so that we might return to our lives renewed. Offered by Laura and friends. Reserve a space at fccol@fccol.org. \$35.00 includes lunch (scholarships available). Checks may be made out to FCCOL.

Support for Ukraine

The extraordinary support of this congregation has made it possible for over \$28,000 to be sent for relief for Ukraine. More details will be coming in the next newsletter. But for now, **sincere thanks** to all who have given so generously to this special fund.

Save the Date

Dr. Michael White and his New Orleans Jazz Ensemble are returning to FCCOL on November 5 and 6 for Rhythm of the Saints, Part II. On Saturday the 5th, Michael and company will offer a free concert (a free will offering will take place) at 5:00 in the Meetinghouse. Then, on Sunday morning Michael and his band will create a sensational sacred jazz worship experience, beginning at 10:00 in the Meetinghouse. Don't you dare miss it!

Calendar of Events and Meetings

Office Closed *Monday, October 10.*

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

LBS Luncheon *Tuesday, October 11 at 12:00 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

Trustees *Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

Pottery Morning *Wednesday, October 12 at 10:00 am* in Walt's Pottery Studio.

Pottery Evening *Wednesday, October 12 at 6:00 pm* in Walt's Pottery Studio.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study *Thursday, October 13 at 11:00 am* in Library and on Zoom.

Adult Forum *Sunday, October 16 at 11:30 am* in Fellowship Hall.

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