



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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October 16, 2022

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake*

Richard Farrant

*Processional Hymn: #35 "Glory Be to God on High"

*Call to Worship:

We gather in pursuit of a holy and healing faith:
A faith built on the foundation of freedom, reason and tolerance;
A faith sustained by acts of kindness and justice;
**A faith that visions a world flourishing with
equality for all her people;**
A faith that demands the living out of goodness;
A faith that requires thoughtfulness;
A faith of wholeness;
In word and song, silence and prayer...
Let us worship God.

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Stewardship

Elsbeth Dowd

*Hymn: #64 "Wherever I May Wander"

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

John Rutter

*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

Song: "If Anybody Asks You Who I Am"

Rachael /Sabina Jungkeit

If anybody asks you who I am,
who I am, who I am,

If anybody asks you who I am,
Tell them I'm a child of God.
(As children leave. Congregation can remain seated.)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *As We Are Gathered*

The musical score is written for voice and piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'As we are gath-ered, 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.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 53: 4-6, 10-11;

Sermon: **Should I Stay or Should I Go: On Walking Away From Omelas**

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

*Hymn: #472 "I Would Be True"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter C. Lutkin

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53: 4-6, 10-11

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases,
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Yet it was the will of the Lord
to crush him with affliction.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.
Out of his anguish he shall see;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

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

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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The host for Fellowship Hour today is Susan Beeman.  
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Families may pick up from Sunday School downstairs at 11:15 am.

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

**Bible Study** We’ll continue this Thursday, October 20th 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](mailto:fccol@fccol.org). Suggested cost is \$40.

**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](mailto:fccol@fccol.org). \$35.00 includes lunch (scholarships available). Checks may be made out to FCCOL.

**Diaper Bank** Last week 70 babies/toddlers received diapers. We thank you for your continued support of this ministry. Next Diaper Bank Saturday is November 5th. Our inventory is in need of sizes 5 and 6. Diaper wipes are also appreciated. We deplete this needed item every month.

**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.

## **The Rhythm of the Saints: Ancestral Voices** **Dr. Michael White and his New Orleans Jazz Ensemble**

During the final days of October and into the first week of November, Christian churches mark All Saint's Day, or All Soul's Day. It is a time in which we honor the lives of those who have died during the past year, but it's also a time to recognize the wisdom and witness of those who have come before us. In similar fashion, African and Indigenous traditions also use that time to honor their own wisdom keepers of the past, in celebrations that often last for several days. From Mexico City to Havana, from Port-au-Prince to New Orleans, up and down the Americas and throughout other parts of the world as well, that summoning forth of ancient wisdom shall take place. It's a cultural practice that we in Old Lyme do well to emulate, and uphold.

Once again this year, Dr. Michael White and his New Orleans Jazz Ensemble will return to Old Lyme to help us all to recognize and affirm the ancestral voices that have guided us - individually and collectively - along our life journeys. With a sound that reaches back to the earliest days of jazz, one that is, in truth, older than jazz, and older than the country itself, Michael White's music calls to the ancestors, even as it raises the tired and flagging spirits of those privileged to hear Michael's ancient/modern songs. These are songs meant to raise the dead. These are songs that establish a rhythm for the saints, for those now departed and for those still living.

On Saturday November 5th, at 5:00 in the Meetinghouse, Michael and his band will perform a concert in honor of the ancestral voices that continue to guide and shape our living. The concert is free and open to the public, though a free-will offering will be taken.

On Sunday, November 6th, at 10:00 in the Meetinghouse, Michael and his band will return for a Sacred Jazz Worship Service, during which wisdom keepers of the past, and of the present, shall be honored.

Join us for a weekend of New Orleans jazz, meant to heal and instruct, to inspire and inflame, as we honor the ancestral voices that have come before us.

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### **Calendar of Events and Meetings**

**Adult Forum** *TODAY at 11:30 am* in Fellowship Hall.

**LWS Monday, October 17 at 10:00 am** in Sheffield Auditorium.

**Pottery Morning** *Wednesday, October 19 at 10:00 am* in Walt's Pottery Studio.

**Caregivers Group** *Wednesday, October 19 at 5:30 pm* in Hoag Parlor.

**Pottery Evening** *Wednesday, October 19 at 6:00 pm* in Walt's Pottery Studio.

**Senior Choir** *Wednesday, October 19 at 7:30 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

**Bible Study** *Thursday, October 20 at 11:00 am* in Library and on Zoom.

**Tree of Life Sunday** *Sunday, October 23 at 10:00 am.*

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