



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

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

**January 8, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

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Prelude

Introit: *Heavenly Light*

A. Kopylow

\*Processional Hymn: #168      “As with Gladness Men of Old ”

\*Call to Worship:

We enter this place in search of light to guide the way.

**We come because we have seen the light from afar and desire to draw closer.**

We wish to join with others in searching for that light.

**In Christ, the light has come into the world, the bright expression of God among us.**

**Let us worship God.**

\*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: #163      “All Poor Ones and Humble”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Behold a Star from Jacob Shining*

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

\*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 musical score is written for a two-part setting in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first system features a vocal line on a treble clef and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The second system continues with the same parts, with lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!". The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 44: 24-25, 25-28, 45: 1-2; Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon: **People Look East: The Birth of Human Rights From an Unexpected Messiah**  
Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

\*Hymn: #167 "Arise, Your Light Is Come"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Nativity Carol*

John Rutter

Postlude

\**Congregation Standing*

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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.**

Annual reports from Boards and Committees are due Wednesday, January 11, 2023.  
**THE ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023,  
AFTER THE 10:00 AM SERVICE.**

The host for Fellowship Hour today is Ellen Calkins.

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**Interfaith Power and Light** is an ecumenical environment group seeking to work with people in faith communities to educate and advocate on issues concerning the environment. On January 11th at 2 pm, for anyone considering a car purchase, they are offering a webinar on electric vehicles. Email Carleen at [carleen\\_gerber@hotmail.com](mailto:carleen_gerber@hotmail.com) if you'd like to have the link to connect you to the program.

**MLK Event:** Members and friends of FCCOL are invited to join the MLK Presbyterian Church in Springfield, MA on Saturday, January 14th, at 4:00, for an afternoon of activities, discussion, and recommitment to the ongoing work of social justice. It will take place at the MLK Community Center in Springfield, located at 3 Rutland St in Springfield. The MLK Presbyterian Church is pastored by Rev. Terrlyn Curry Avery, who preached at FCCOL this past June. Two years ago, the church was burned, the result of a racist hate crime. And so it is especially meaningful to be invited to share in this event, as we all seek to build an antiracist world where all may flourish. Cars will depart from FCCOL at 2:30 on Saturday afternoon.

**Message from the Treasurer.** It's time to say THANK YOU! During 2022 all of you, our members and friends, contributed a total of over \$651,000 for the missions and ministers of this church, which represents over three-quarters of our total church budget. This generous giving is nothing short of extraordinary. Your generosity enables us to support the ministries of worship, Christian Education, music, community outreach, local and worldwide missions and charity support, and pastoral care. All who receive this outpouring are grateful. Thank you again for supporting our church. Bob McCracken, Treasurer.

**2023 Offering Envelopes.** Offering envelopes for 2023, can be found in the connector.

**2023 Annual Congregational Meeting:** Our annual congregational meeting will be held after the 10am worship service on Sunday, January 29th, 2023. This is an important opportunity for all of us to hear the reports of the ministers, the board and committee chairs and the treasurer covering all of the important activities of 2022. It is also an opportunity for everyone to be actively engaged with questions and discussions. Please put this meeting on your calendars.

**Save the Date:** Chili Cookoff, Friday night, February 3rd, 6-8 pm.

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

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

**Memorial—Ann O'Reilly Tuesday, January 10 at 11:30 am** in Meetinghouse.

**Trustees Tuesday, January 10 at 7:30 pm** in the Library.

**Annual Reports Due Wednesday, January 11.**

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

**Board of Missions Thursday, January 12 at 5:00 pm** in the Library.

**MLK Celebration Saturday, January 14 at 4:00 pm** in Springfield, MA.