



**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

**February 12, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

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Prelude

Introit: *Call to Remembrance*

Richard Farrant

\*Processional Hymn: #9 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

\*Call to Worship:

There is new light ever waiting to break through to illumine our pathways;

**There is new truth ever waiting to reorient our minds;**

There is new love ever waiting to break through to our hearts;

**May we be open to this light, this truth, this love,**

**and to the rich possibilities that lay before us.**

**Let us worship God!**

\*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: #75 “I Cannot Dance, O Love”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Alan Hovhaness

\*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

Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

“Amen”

K-1 Class

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Spirit of the Living God*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. 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) 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: Isaiah 44: 9-18; Ephesians 2: 8-10, 13-15

Sermon: **Standing at Platform 9 3/4: Walking Through an Ancient Wall**

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

\*Hymn: #1 "We Limit Not the Truth of God"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *The Lord's Prayer*

Walter L. Pelz

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.*

*The host for Fellowship Hour today is Ellen Calkins.*

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**The Annual Meeting of the Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Food Pantries (SSKP)** will be held via zoom tomorrow night, Feb. 13, at 7 pm. We have many volunteers who work in our church's food pantry, managed by Audrey Brainerd and SSKP. Please email the church office for the link.

**Diaper Bank Saturday:** 48 babies and toddler's received diapers this past Saturday. Volunteers expressed concern that the cold weather, with some temperatures in the single digits, would hamper our guests ability to brave the elements. We are grateful we were able to serve these guests with diapers, food, and wipes in a warm hall to welcome them. Thank you for your continuing support.

**Turkey/Syria Earthquake Response:** Several members of our church have made initial gifts for emergency help in Northwest Syria and Turkey, where the February 6th earthquake has dealt a devastating blow to an area currently home to more than a million displaced Syrians. Our congregation has responded generously in the past year to disasters in Ukraine, Pakistan and Florida. And so we are sensitive to the fact that we have asked for help for emergencies several times in the recent past. But if you would like to help, please send a donation to the church by check made out to FCCOL with Earthquake relief in the memo line, and we will add your gift to the funds already collected.

Contributions will be forwarded to the IRC. The IRC is already at work in hospitals and mobile health and trauma units in response to this new tragedy. Having had a presence in this region for over ten years, they already have established partnerships with local relief organizations there.

**Church World Service Blanket Drive:** In July 2022, 300 fleece (lightweight) and 300 wool blankets were sent to Kentucky in response to flooding. To help people in Florida after hurricane IAN, 2,940 fleece and 4,250 wool blankets were distributed. Houston received wool blankets in December during the extreme cold. Each blanket costs only \$10. Please make checks payable to LBS. Special envelopes are available in the pews and may be put in the offering plate or sent to the Church, c/o LBS, 2 Ferry Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371.

**The Waste Land: An Ash Wednesday Reading:** On Wednesday February 22nd, at 6:30 pm in the Meetinghouse, we'll mark the beginning of Lent with a complete reading of T.S. Eliot's modern poetic masterpiece, "The Waste Land." Written a little more than 100 years ago, it was published in 1922 amidst conditions not wholly unlike 2023, in the aftermath of a global pandemic and a catastrophic war. Eliot's language depicts a shattered and barren land, in which people are searching for solace, and ultimately, for the waters of life. It is one of the great pillars of modern literature, and serves as a fitting way to begin the journey into Lent. Following the reading, ashes will be given to all who wish.

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

**LWS Monday, February 13 at 10:00 am** in Sheffield Auditorium.

**Old Lyme Ringers Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 pm** in Sheffield Auditorium.

**Senior Choir Wednesday, February 15 at 7:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**Bible Study Thursday, February 16 at 11:00 am** in the Library and Zoom.

**Blood Drive Thursday, February 16 at 1:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**Missions Thursday, February 16 at 5:00 pm** in the Library.

**Office Closed Monday, February 20.**