



SUNDAY WORSHIP

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Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

July 16, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #51 “All Creatures of Our God Now Sing”

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 118):

This is the day the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
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Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Come, let us worship God.

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Sacrament of Baptism

Evie Vera Nelson

*Hymn: #342 “Day by Day” (Sing verse 3 times)

Offertory Invitation

*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

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer*

The image shows a musical score for a pastoral prayer response. It consists of four staves. The top two staves are for the vocal line, with lyrics written below the notes. The bottom two staves are for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in - cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace."

Readings: Matthew 13:1-8

Sermon: **Sower, Seed and Soil**

Rev. Cathy Zall

*Hymn: #244 "Like a Tree Beside the Waters"

Benediction

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.

On the cover: the 2023 White Elephant Sale in action!
We are so grateful to all the many volunteers who make this happen!

Scripture Readings

Matthew 13:1-8

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.