



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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August 20, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #30 “Praise Our God, All Glories Show”

*Call to Worship:

This day is a gift from God;

A day to reflect, to offer thanks, to seek the good.

This time is a pause from the fever of life;

A time to be with one another, knit into community by the love of God.

So let us sing, and listen, and pray, and visit.

And let us worship God.

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #177 “He Comes to Us”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Selection

*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 of music. The top two staves are for the vocal line, and the bottom two 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." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and clear rhythmic patterns.

Readings: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8; Matthew 15: 21-28

Sermon: **Jesus: Cold, Nasty, Irritating**

Pat Speer

*Hymn: #445 "Be Thou My Vision"

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.

This morning we are privileged to welcome Pat Speer to the pulpit. Pat is a faith based community organizer living in Bridgeport, CT. For decades, he has organized the clergy and faith communities of New Haven, of Bridgeport, of Hartford, and lately of New London, to work together on public issues pertaining to the life of faith, things like housing, health, living wages, and education. For the past two years, Pat has gathered a group of clergy and lay-people in the New London area to begin the work of addressing some of those needs in this region, a process that FCCOL has both participated in and supported. It is a gift to have Pat working among us, and sharing his insights with our community this morning.

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Today's flowers celebrate family. Alan and Barbara Macgregor.

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The host for Fellowship Hour today is Julie Martel.

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The Nursery is open today.

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Help with Sunday Flowers. We hope to start a schedule of members and friends who would like to provide pulpit flowers for a week. If desired, flowers can be given in memory of a loved one, with the loved one(s) mentioned in the bulletin. This system worked well before the disruption of Covid. Flowers or greenery can be fresh from your garden or ordered from florist. A house plant from home displayed for the morning would be lovely, as well. To sign up for a future week, please call Jill Harned, 603-398-9004. Thank you!

Old Lyme Refugee Resettlement Committee (RRC): As the (RRC) celebrates the successful move of the Popal family into independent housing, we are now actively looking for people to welcome new refugees coming to our community in the near future. We offer assistance and support in a wide variety of areas to try to best settle the family into a home in OL owned by the FCCOL. Our ultimate goal is to assist the family in their acclimation process to a point where they can be as self-sufficient as possible in their new environment.

Of particular need are volunteers to help with driving family members to various appointments/meetings as well as volunteers to help with babysitting needs (as required).

If interested in joining our group or exploring how you can help, please email Juliette Meeus jmeeus1@gmail.com or Carole Otto ottocarole@gmail.com.

Save the Date: Homecoming Sunday is Sunday, September 10th at 10:00 am! God's Neighborhood Sunday School program begins, and there will also be an Open House for families downstairs following the service.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

LBS Meeting *Tuesday, August 22 at 10:00am* in the Library.

Deacons *Tuesday, August 22 at 7:00pm* in the Library.