



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

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Carleen R. Gerber, Associate Minister  
Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

**September 10, 2023**

**Homecoming Sunday**

**10:00 AM**

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Prelude

Introit: *Come, Gentle Spirit*

words and music by Marian Wood Chaplin,  
arranged Jean Williams Culpepper

\*Processional Hymn: #414 “This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

\*Call to Worship:

On this Homecoming Sunday, we gather in this moment of worship and reflection in order to renew our spirits.

**May our time together burn away the oppressions we have been taught, helping us to glow instead with the humility of learning.**

**May it reignite our dreams for a better world, and kindle our joy for simple living.**

**May it extend us outward, into the forgotten alleyways of exclusion,  
and bring us home to love, to welcoming, and to all the challenges,**

**the questions, and the blessings of what it is to build this beloved community.**

\*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: #409 “How Can We Name a Love”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Lift up your heads, O ye gates*

by William Mathias

\*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 and Jolene Brant

“Welcome Table”

led by Sabina Jungkeit

(After the 1st verse, children and youth will leave for Sunday School.)

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 bass line (bass clef). The key signature has 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.

Readings: Luke 6: 1-11

Sermon: **A Church for the Nones, the Somes, and the All-Ins**

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

\*Hymn: #444      “Lord of All Hopefulness”

Benediction

Benediction Response

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.*

## Scripture Readings

### **Luke 6: 1-11**

One Sabbath while Jesus was going through some grain fields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. But some of the Pharisees said, “Why are you doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” Jesus answered, “Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? How he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?” Then he said to them, “The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

On another Sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. The scribes and the Pharisees were watching him to see whether he would cure on the Sabbath, so that they might find grounds to bring an accusation against him. But he knew what they were thinking, and he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come and stand in the middle.” He got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?” After looking around at all of them, he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was restored. But they were filled with fury and began discussing with one another what they might do to Jesus.

## **Choir Anthems Today**

**Introit: Come, Gentle Spirit, words and music by Marian Wood Chaplin, arranged Jean Williams Culpepper**

Come, gentle Spirit, come, I have need of thy healing grace. Come, make me pure within; all my sins erase. Let them, like bonds set free, nevermore my captors be. Humbly to thee I bow; Come gentle Spirit, now.

Come, gentle Spirit, come, I have need of thy perfect peace. May calm repose begin, all my fears release; Let them on wings take flight, nevermore to cloud my sight. Not only for this day come, gentle Jesus, stay.

**Offertory Anthem: Lift up your heads, O ye gates by William Mathias**

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

*Psalm 24, verses 7-10*

*The hosts for Fellowship Hour today are Dave Clark, Gabi Clark and Steffie Hall.*

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The Nursery is open today with Miss Miriame.

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**Homecoming Sunday** TODAY, God's Neighborhood Sunday School program begins, and there will also be an Open House for families downstairs following the service. Our theme this year is called, *Everyone's Invited: Stories and Songs of Belonging from Around the World*. Each of our classes this fall will be exploring the practices of hospitality rooted in stories of scripture, our church community and partnerships with others around the world using music, drama, art and other curriculum experiences. Please submit a registration form for the child/children in your family on our opening day or as soon as you can! Forms are also available on our website and in the vestibule.

**LBS September Luncheon:** As the end of summer approaches, LBS is set to begin hosting their fall luncheons. The September luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 12th**, with lunch served at noon, and a program about Women in Science presented by a speaker representing the CT Women's Hall of Fame to begin around 1pm. The cost of the luncheon is a minimum donation of \$5, and a nonperishable food item or a package of disposable diapers for the Shoreline Food Pantry. Come join us for a delicious meal, an educational presentation, and some wonderful fellowship.

**Climate March:** Next Sunday, **September 17th** there is a climate march in New York City. If you are planning to attend, and are willing to call or text Carleen and let her know (860-304-2070), we'll try to make connections so that people can travel in small groups (probably by train). We don't have specific details about time and place. But we'll keep watching for the information to be posted.

**Congregational Conversation:** On **Sunday, September 24th**, join the congregation-wide conversation after worship about our Church life. Your voice is needed. What do you like best? Which missions should be strengthened? Which new missions considered? Help enliven the conversation!

**Youth Group Party** for middle and high schoolers at the home of the Brant family on Sunday afternoon, **September 24th** from 4-6om. If you'd like more details, please email Jolene at [jmbrant2023@gmail.com](mailto:jmbrant2023@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:jmeeus1@gmail.com) or Carole Otto [ottocarole@gmail.com](mailto:ottocarole@gmail.com).

**Ladies Who Stitch** - Don't miss our fabulous women's jeans sale!

For the month of September, located in the Sheffield Auditorium, LWS will be selling women's jeans that were collected during the White Elephant Sale intake. We have sorted and tagged 69 pairs, sizes 2-18, and priced them at the bargain price of \$6.00 each. (Cash or checks only, please.)

Sale Dates/Times:

- September Mondays - 11th, 18th & 25th - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday the 12th, during the LBS luncheon - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 16th 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Christ the King's "Fall Festival and Rummage Sale"** -- Sept 16th and 17th

If you missed the WES or need a fix, here is a chance to support our neighbor church who lets us use their parking lot [takes 150+ cars off the street] and to say thanks to those 20+ CTK parishioners who actually work our sale.

Sat Sept 16 8:30 to 3:00

Sun Sept 17 9:00 to noon [most items 1/2 off]

About 1/3 the size of the White Elephant Sale, but one of the better ones.

Food, music and baked goods

Games for the kids, Toys & Sporting goods

Yard goods, Plants and Hardware

Furniture, Kitchenware and Lamps

Art, Silent auctions, Xmas

Linens, but NO clothes

Thanks -- WES board.

**God's Neighborhood Family Picnic** on Sunday, **October 1st** from 3-5 pm at home of Kim and Josh Thompson, Littlefield Road, Old Lyme. Sponsored by the Board of Youth Ed.

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

**LWS** *Monday, September 11 at 10:00 am* in Sheffield Auditorium.

**LBS Luncheon** *Tuesday, September 12 at 12:00 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

**Stewardship** *Tuesday, September 12 at 9:30 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

**Board of Missions** *Wednesday, September 13 at 5:00 pm* in the Library.

**Senior Choir** *Wednesday, September 13 at 7:30 pm* in Sheffield Auditorium.

**Blood Drive** *Thursday, September 14 at 9:00 am* in Fellowship Hall.

**Adult Forum** *Sunday, September 17 at 11:30 am* in Sheffield Auditorium.