



A little basket full of Bosc's Apples, 1856, Hannah Gibson from the Andrews Collection, Hancock Shaker Village™, Pittsfield, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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September 24, 2024

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *A Prayer of Saint Patrick*

John Rutter

*Processional Hymn: #253 “God is Here”

*Call to Worship:

**'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.**

**When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
to turn, turn will be our delight
'til by turning, turning, we come round right.**

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Stewardship

Jim Matschulat

Sacrament of Baptism

Benjamin & Crosbie Doonan

*Hymn: #207 “'Tis the Gift to Be Simple”

Children's Message

Jen Hall

“Welcome Table”

led by Sabina Jungkeit

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

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise*

Eugene Butler

*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: *A New Commandment*

A new com-mand-ment I give un-to you: that you love one an-oth-er as
I have loved you, that you love one an-oth-er as I have loved you.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Readings: Luke 6: 37-39; 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8

Kathy Sugland

Sermon: **On Gifts, Giving, and the Spirit of Generosity** Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #454 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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: 37-39**

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

### **2 Corinthians 9: 6-8**

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

## **Choir Anthems Today**

### **Introit: A Prayer of Saint Patrick by John Rutter**

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

### **Offertory Anthem: Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise by Eugene Butler**

Hymns of glory, songs of praise, blessed Father to You we raise. Jesus, glory unto you with the spirit ever true. Songs of praise the angels sang, heaven with alleluias rang, when creation was begun, when God spoke and it was done. Songs of praise awoke the morn when the Prince of Peace was born. Songs of Praise arose when He conquered death in victory. Heaven and earth shall pass away, songs of praise shall crown that day, God will make new heaven and earth, songs of praise shall hail their birth. Hymns of glory, songs of praise, blessed Father to You we raise. Jesus, glory unto you with the spirit ever true. Amen.

The image on the cover is entitled “Basket of Apples” by Hannah Cohoon, 1856,  
an example of a Shaker Gift Drawing.

*The flowers today are given by Nathalie Fogg in memory of Kenneth Fogg.*

This morning we are pleased to celebrate the baptism of Benjamin & Crosbie Doonan,  
son and daughter of Caitlin Crosbie Doonan.

*The hosts for Fellowship Hour and the Congregational Conversation  
are members of the Boards of Deacons and Stewardship.*

The Nursery is open today with Miss Miriam.

**Congregational Conversation:** TODAY, join us for a congregation-wide conversation after the worship service. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 and spend time reflecting together on the nature of our community. Among the topics we'll discuss will be questions like these: What is it that brought you to FCCOL in the first place? What is it you come hoping to find? What do you need most in a faith community? How might we strengthen what we do, in order to meet the deep needs of those around and among us? How might our global ministries and missions be sustained, and grown? What shall FCCOL become in the years ahead? We hope you'll come and help to be a part of the conversation!

**Youth Group Party:** TODAY, middle and high schoolers, join us at the home of the Brant Family, 67 Whippoorwill Road, Old Lyme, from 4-6 pm. We'll have some fun, eat pizza and plan our service projects for the coming year!

**Ladies Who Stitch** - Don't miss our fabulous women's jeans sale, TOMORROW, September 25th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm! LWS will be selling women's jeans that were collected during the White Elephant Sale intake. We have sorted and tagged pairs of jeans sizes 2-18, and priced them at the bargain price of \$6.00 each. (Cash or checks only, please.)

**Bible Study** begins Thursday, September 28th, from 11-12. This fall we'll begin our study with the Book of Ruth from the Old Testament. Considered one of the most beautiful pieces of literature in the Bible, the Book of Ruth is hardly a simple story. In just four short chapters, there's calamity, exile, gender issues, scandal, and sexualized stereotypes. Read on! Through her words and actions, the protagonist, Ruth, leads us to think beyond borders and the arbitrary lines we draw around “the stranger.” Supplementary text: *Borders and Belonging: The Book of Ruth: A Story for our Times* by Padraig O'Tuama and Glenn Jordan, (2021).

**Nehantic Heritage Day:** Saturday, September 30th, 1-4 pm at McCook Pavilion East Lyme. Join our community for Drumming, Traditional Wigwam, and Family Activities starting at 1pm! The Opening Ceremony is at 2pm, followed by presentations by Dr. David Naumec & Dr. John Pfeiffer, giving an historical tour. Please contact Elsbeth Dowd at els-beth.dowd@gmail.com for more information.

**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!

**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 25 at 10:00 am** in Sheffield Auditorium.

**Board of Deacons Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 pm** in the Library.

**Grief and Loss Group Wednesday, September 27 at 5:30 pm** in Hoag Parlor.

**Senior Choir Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30 pm** in Sheffield Auditorium.

**Bible Study Thursday, September 28 at 11:00 am** in the Library.

