



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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November 5, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Simple Gifts, Shaker Hymn*

arr. by Leonard Stone

*Processional Hymn: #427 “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

*Call to Worship:

We are the body of Christ!

**The hand clapping, toe tapping, heart pumping,
mouth tasting, arms embracing body;**

The justice seeking, hymn singing, love making, bread breaking,
risk taking body of the living Christ!

**Varied in gender, color, sexuality, age, class, and ability,
we are members of Christ's beautiful body.**

None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."

For only together can we find wholeness.

None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."

For we are connected like muscle and bone.

If one suffers, we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice!

Thanks be to God who, in Christ, has made us one.

Let us worship God!

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #505 “Let Justice Flow Like Streams”

Children's Message

Bill Belluzzi

“God Welcomes All”

Delaney Donovan & Noah Brant, piano

(Music is on following page and sung 3 times. After the 1st verse, children and youth will leave for Sunday School.)

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *The Road Not Taken*

from Frostiana by Randall Thompson

*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: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with accompaniment. The lyrics 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.' are written below the treble staff. The second system also has a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with accompaniment. The lyrics 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!' are written below the treble staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4.

Readings: I Corinthians 12: 14-20, 26; Mark 10:2-4 9 (CEV); Mark 8: 1-3 (CEV)

Sermon: **We Will Send No One Away**

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit, together with an honored guest

*Hymn: #485 "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

Benediction

Benediction Response

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.

Scripture Readings

I Corinthians 12: 14-20, 26

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members yet one body.

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Mark 10:2-4, Common English Version

Some Pharisees wanted to test Jesus. So they came up to him and asked if it was right for a man to divorce his wife. Jesus asked them, "What does the Law of Moses say about that?" They answered, "Moses allows a man to write out divorce papers and send his wife away."

Mark 8: 1-3, Common English Version

In those days, when there was a very great multitude, and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to himself, and said to them, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have stayed with me now three days, and have nothing to eat. If I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint on the way, for some of them have come a long way."

Choir Anthems Today

Introit: *Simple Gifts, Shaker Hymn* arranged by Leonard Stone

'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, 'till by turning, turning we come round right.

Offertory Anthem: *The Road Not Taken* from *Frostiana* by Randall Thompson

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood and sorry I could not travel both and be one traveler, long I stood and looked down one as far as I could to where it bent in the undergrowth.

Then took the other, as just as fair, and having perhaps the better claim, because it was grassy and wanted wear; though as for that the passing there had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay in leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh somewhere ages and ages hence: two roads diverged in a wood, and I - I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.

God Welcomes All

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and homophonic, using mostly chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends." The score consists of two systems of two staves each. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music ends with a double bar line.

God wel - comes all, stran - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

We are glad to be able to welcome Katy Tierney to our worship service today, along with two very special guests: Clare and Seven. Katy serves as the Medical Director of the Middlesex Health Center for Gender Medicine and Wellness.

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*The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Roger Smith.*

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The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Cathy Mathis.

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The Nursery is open today with Miss Miriam.

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Adult Forum: Following our church service TODAY, all are invited to an Adult Forum in Sheffield Auditorium. Come and hear the voices and stories of people with trans and gender-diverse experience in a conversation moderated by Kathryn Tierney, APRN, Medical Director of the Middlesex Health Center for Gender Medicine and Wellness. The organizers ask that all who attend bring open hearts and lots of questions.

Clothing Drive: Our Winter Clothing Drive is ongoing until November 17th. If you have any donations to drop off on a day other than Sunday, please put them on the stage in the Sheffield Auditorium. You will not miss the location, but it's the bags and boxes to the left on the stage if you are coming in from outside. Please reach out to Jolene Brant if you have any questions or concerns at 860-460-9511. We are collecting the clothing, outerwear, and small toiletries in order to provide to those in need for this winter.

Senior Center Luncheons: The Lymes' Senior center will be holding their luncheons in the Church's Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week for the foreseeable future while their facility on Town Woods Road undergoes a major renovation. Any questions about attending the luncheons should be directed to the Senior Center's executive Director, Stephanie Gould, who can be reached at 860-514-5425.

The American Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive on Thursday, November 9th from 9:00 am—6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Walk-ins are welcome!

Women's Fall Retreat. Please join us on Friday **November 10th** from 10 - 2:30 at 12 Andrews Road, Essex. Email the church office to register at fccol@fccol.org.

The Lyme-Old Lyme Refugee Resettlement Committee is preparing for a new refugee family and we are in need of 3 **twin-bed box springs, new** or slightly used. The house we are preparing has 2 bedrooms (for children likely) and each has twin beds, but currently there are no boxsprings. Please email the Housing Chair, Cathy Stevens, at cvtsnevets@gmail.com to discuss delivery. Thank you in advance, *Juliette Meeus and Carole Otto*, Co-Chairs.

New Member Orientation: Interested in learning more about FCCOL and church membership? Join us for a welcome orientation after church on Sunday, November 12th, at 11:30 am in the Sheffield Auditorium. We'll have a chance to get to know one another over coffee and answer questions about FCCOL and this journey of faith we're on together! New Member Sunday will be November 19th at the 10:00 am service.

LBS Luncheon: Come join us for some fellowship, delicious food, and musical entertainment at the Ladies Benevolent Society luncheon on Tuesday, November 14th from noon to 2pm. Chicken Cordon Bleu with complimentary sides, and a wonderful dessert buffet is to be the luncheon menu, and the post meal program, beginning at 1pm, will be a musical performance by the Lyme-Old Lyme Choral Ensemble directed by Kristine Pekar.

Suggested donation is \$5 per person, plus a nonperishable food item or a package of disposable diapers for the Food or Diaper Banks. If you plan to join us at the luncheon, please call the FCCOL office at (860) 434-8686 by Friday, November 10th to make a reservation so we can be sure to have enough food prepared for all to enjoy.

Help with Sunday Flowers. We're scheduling 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.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

Adult Forum *TODAY at 11:30am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Africa Trip Meeting *TODAY at 4:00pm* in the Library.

LWS Monday, *November 6th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Center Luncheon *Tuesday, November 7th at 12:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Center Luncheon *Wednesday, November 8th at 12:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, November 8th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study *Thursday, November 9th at 11:00 am* in the Library.

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