



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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November 12, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Be Not Silent Unto Us*

Giovanni Pergolesi

*Processional Hymn: #504 “God of Justice, God of Mercy”

*Muslim Call to Prayer: Dr. Reza Mansour

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #509 “What Does the Lord Require for Praise”

Children’s Message

Julie Fitzpatrick and Fitz Pant

“God Welcomes All”

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 Hundredth Psalm*

Felix Mendelssohn

*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: *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 piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is 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 clear lyrics underneath.

Readings: Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12; Luke 4: 17-21; The Quran 5:8

Sermon: "A Threefold Cord Is Not Quickly Broken: A Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Response to the Crisis in the Middle East"

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit, Shelly Altman, and Dr. Reza Mansour

*Hymn: #515 "This Is My Song"

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

### **Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12**

Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other, but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

### **Luke 4: 17-21**

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

### **The Quran 5:8**

“O you who believe, be upright for God, and be bearers of witness with justice!”

## Choir Anthems Today

### Introit: *Be Not Silent Unto Us* by Giovanni Pergolesi

Be not silent unto us, O God; neither hold Thou Thy peace, O Lord. Turn Thine ear no longer away from us. Thou Lord, art great and doest wondrous things, for Thou art God alone.

### Offertory Anthem: *The Hundredth Psalm* by Felix Mendelssohn

Make a joyful noise, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; and come before His presence with singing. And know ye that the Lord is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we our selves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His heavenly gates with thanksgiving, and into His blessed kingdom, and praise God; thanks to Him, praises to His holy name. For the Lord is good; and His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth forever.

## 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, consisting of chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends." The score is divided into two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic support for the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also 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're pleased to welcome Dr. Reza Mansour and Shelly Altman to our worship service today. Reza serves as the President of the Muslim Coalition of Connecticut. Shelly is the Chairperson of the New Haven chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace. Reza and Shelly are longtime friends of FCCOL and our Tree of Life ministry.*

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The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Ellen Calkins.

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The Nursery is open today with Miss Miriam.

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New Member Orientation: Interested in learning more about FCCOL and church membership? Join us for a welcome orientation after church TODAY, 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 is November 19th at the 10:00 am service. A New Members Luncheon will follow at 11:30 in the Sheffield Auditorium for all our New Members.

LBS Luncheon, November 14th

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. **This will be in conjunction with the Senior Center Luncheon.** 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 Pakar.

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.

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.

Clothing Drive: Our Winter Clothing Drive is ongoing until THIS FRIDAY, 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.

Breakfast Run into New York City on Saturday, November 18th.

This event is organized through the Midnight Run Organization and will enrich our middle schoolers, high schoolers, and parents through direct giving of food and clothing to people in need in NYC. We will leave the church at 6am on our drive to the city, then to a specific location to set up tables with our breakfast food and winter clothing donations collected through the Winter Clothing Drive. We will be handing everything out for up to 2 hours. Then have lunch as a group and possibly take a walking tour through Harlem, which is still to be worked out. We will keep in touch with better details as they are received.

For more information and to sign up to drive/chaperone please contact Jolene at jmbrant2023@gmail.com.

Holiday Sales in December at FCCOL: There are going to be two unique and different sales held at FCCOL to help all shoppers, young and old, get everything they could possibly need for the 2023 holiday season. Seriously.....gifts and decorations, dinnerware and olive oils, mittens and wrapping paper. Two different sales on two different weekends!

On December 2nd (9am-3pm) and December 3rd (9am-1pm), LBS will have the always popular Elephants-in-Winter sale. All the holiday items collected during the intake days for the White Elephant Sale this past July will be arranged throughout the Sheffield Auditorium and sold at bargain basement prices. If you've come to this sale before, you know from experience the vast assortment of delightful treasures that await. If this will be your first time attending, you will find Christmas decorations, greens and wreaths, holiday china and glassware, linens and sweaters and stockings, toys, books, CD's and DVD's, paper goods, lights, candles, and ornaments.

On December 9th (9am-3pm) and December 10th (9am-1pm), the Partnership Committees of FCCOL will have their third annual Holiday Sale in the Fellowship Room. Here is your chance to get beautiful, thoughtful and unusual gifts for everyone on your holiday list. There will be Haitian arts and crafts, Palestinian olive oil and soaps, Lakota jewelry and crafts, and (of course) one-of-a-kind handmade items from "The Ladies Who Stitch". Everything for sale is wonderfully unique, and the support provided to the partnerships helps so many.

Come and shop, immerse yourselves in the holiday spirit, meet old acquaintances and make new friends. These sales would make the Grinch smile!

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

New Member Orientation *TODAY at 11:30am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

LWS Monday, *November 13th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

LBS & Senior Center Luncheon *Tuesday, November 14th at 12:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Board of Trustees *Tuesday, November 14th at 7:30 pm* in the Library.

Senior Center Luncheon *Wednesday, November 15th at 12:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, November 15th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study *Thursday, November 16th at 11:00 am* in the Library.

Senior Center Luncheon *Thursday, November 16th at 12:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Breakfast Run *Saturday, November 18th at 6:00 am.*

New Member Sunday *Sunday, November 19th at the 10:00 am service.*

New Member Luncheon *Sunday, November 19th at 11:30am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.