

The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme 2 Ferry Road Old Lyme, Connecticut (860) 434-8686 Website: www.fccol.org

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager, Senior Associate Minister Carleen R. Gerber, Associate Minister Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

April 28, 2024 10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" by John Rutter

\*Processional Hymn: #54 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

\*Call to Worship

All things bright and beautiful,

God blesses for our enjoyment.

All things wrenching and hard,

God holds with tender care.

You and I, neighbors and strangers, friends and loved ones,

God loves without condition.

So let us worship God.

\*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: #402 "O Christ, the Healer"

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: "Beautiful Savior" arranged F. Melius Christiansen

\*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

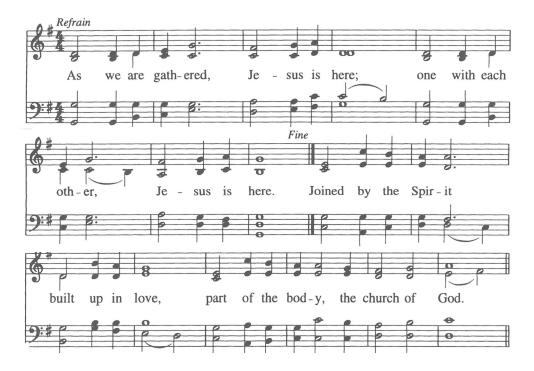
Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

\*Offertory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: As We Are Gathered



Scripture: Isaiah 55: 1-2, John 2: 1-11

Sermon: "The Sacramentality of Everyday Life: The Labor of Care"

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

\*Hymn: #370 "The Church is Like a Table"

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.

# **Choir Anthems Today**

Introit: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

by John Rutter

All things bright and beautiful can be found at Hymn 63.

Offertory Anthem: "Beautiful Savior" arranged F. Melius Christiansen

Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all nature! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

# **Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 55: 1-2

Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

### John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you?[a] My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now

draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

# In Memoriam



The Reverend David W. Good April 26, 1949 - April 2, 2024

FCCOL is establishing a Memorial Fund in memory of Rev. David W. Good which we hope will continue to fund ministries to which David was devoted.

Please mark your donations "David Good Memorial."

The flowers this morning are given by Becca Frost in loving memory of Helen Pederson.

The hosts for the Fellowship Hour this morning are the Clark Family.

The Nursery is open today with Miss Miriam.

**Confirmation Class: Tonight!** Our confirmation class meets tonight in the Library. We'll also be cleaning the Witness Stones along Lyme Street, from 4:00-6:00 pm. Confirmation Sunday is May 12th, during the worship service.

### Walk to End Homelessness: Today, April 28th:

Southeast Connecticut's Walk to End Homelessness is a stark yearly reminder that homelessness continues to be a crisis in our area. Your participation raises critical funds in support of our neighbors experiencing homelessness. One hundred percent of the money raised helps the New London Homeless Hospitality Center guests go home. Getting your friends and family to donate in support of *you* makes an even greater impact. <a href="https://www.nlhhc.org/walk">https://www.nlhhc.org/walk</a>

### **Green Grass Partnership Meeting Today April 28th:**

The Green Grass Partnership is planning for a trip this June 22-29 and is interested in hearing from anyone who would consider joining us. The trip this year will be small, we are looking for a chance to reboot and reimagine what the partnership might become moving forward into our 40<sup>th</sup> year. We are looking for folks who have made the journey in the past who are looking to reconnect with our friends as well as a few new members to be part of the rebuilding experience. Organizational/information session after the service Today at 11:30am in the Library.

**Bible Study**: Bible Study meets on Thursdays, 11am-12pm in the library. Available also on Zoom. All are welcome!

Crosby Fund for Haitian Education: Presentation and Dinner, Sunday, May 19th: Join us for a Haitian Dinner! If you would like to learn more about our work in Haiti, please join us Sunday, May 19th at 5:30pm at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme for a presentation and an authentic "Haitian Dinner" prepared and catered by Mommy's Restaurant of Norwich. For reservations please call the church at 860-434-8686. Suggested donation: \$10 per person. <a href="https://crosbyfund.org/support/">https://crosbyfund.org/support/</a>

The Board of Stewardship: Will meet the 3rd Thursday of every month, going forward.

### **New Member Orientation and Reception:**

New Member Orientations will be on Sunday, May 5th and May 12th in the Library after the 10:00 am service. Please join us to learn more about FCCOL and becoming a member. New members will then be received at the Worship Service on May 19th, followed by a Welcome Luncheon.

### The White Elephant Sale:

Get out your calendars out and mark these dates -. Friday, July 12th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and Saturday, July 13th from 8:00 am - Noon. This is a good time of the year to

sort through the cellar and attic to put aside some of those treasures for this year's sale. Hold those goodies until first intake day, **Thursday June 27**<sup>th</sup>. Last year was our best ever sale so looking for big things this year.

We are in need of help in a number of departments: children's clothing, large furniture and small and outdoor furniture, and tools.

If interested in volunteering, please call the church 860-434-8686 or any one of the following area coordinators: Anita Allen (860) 227-6850, Bob Davis (860) 884-7568, Nathalie Fogg (860) 451-8460, Roxie Gallagher (860) 227-4649, Jane Marolda (860) 859-2497.

## **Ladies Benevolent Society May Luncheon:**

Come join us for some fellowship, delicious food and a wonderful program at the LBS luncheon on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2pm. Pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, pickled beets and assorted cakes will be followed with a presentation by Marta Daniels, curator of the Chester Historical Society. She will be speaking on the life and legacy of Constance Baker Motley, a civil rights attorney and distinguished Federal Judge (1921 - 2005). Suggested donation for the luncheon is \$5 plus an item for our food bank or our diaper bank. Please call FCCOL (860-434-8686) by Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> to make a reservation.

# **Calendar of Events and Meetings**

Green Grass Partnership Meeting Today, April 28th at 11:30am in the Library.

Walk to End Homelessness Today, April 28th at 12:00 pm in New London.

Confirmation Class Today, April 28th at 4:00 –6:00pm in the Library.

LWS Monday, April 29th at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Center Luncheon Tuesday, April 30th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Senior Center Luncheon Wednesday, May 1st at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

**Board of Missions** Wednesday, May 1st at 4:00 pm in the Library.

Senior Choir Wednesday, May 1st at 7:30 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study Thursday, May 2nd at 11:00 am in Hoag Parlor.

Senior Center Luncheon Thursday, May 2nd at 12:00 pm in the Library.

**Endowment Committee** *Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30 pm* in the Library.

Food Pantry Saturday, May 4th at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation Class with Mentors Sunday, May 5th at 4:00 -6:00 pm in the Library.

# God's Neighborhood Sunday School, is meeting on White Sands Beach in Old Lyme, to clean the beach, today!



Picture from 2023