



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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July 7, 2024

Sunday Worship Service

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit

*Processional Hymn: #250 “Here in This Place”

verses 1, 2, 4

*Call to Worship:

Come into this place of peace
and let its silence heal your spirit
**Come into this place of memory
and let its history warm your soul;**
Come into this place of prophecy and power
and let its vision change your heart.
Come let us worship God together.

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #445 “Be Thou My Vision”

*Offering Invitation

Offertory Selection

*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.

*Offering Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *As We Are Gathered*

The image shows a musical score for a pastoral prayer response. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'As we are gathered, Je - sus is here; one with each'. The second system is labeled 'Fine' and contains the lyrics: 'oth - er, Je - sus is here. Joined by the Spir - it'. The third system is labeled 'to Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'built up in love, part of the bod - y, the church of God.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style with clear lyrics.

Scripture: Exodus 20:8-11: Matthew 13:1-9

Kathy Sugland

Sermon: **“Centering Down and Looking Up”**

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

Hymn: #244 “Like a Tree Beside the Waters”

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

Exodus 20:8-11:

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your children, nor your servants, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days God made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but God rested on the seventh day. Therefore, God blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

Matthew 13:1-9:

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears hear!”



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

In Memoriam

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.”

How Good to Center Down!

How good it is to center down!

To sit quietly and see one's self pass by!

The streets of our minds see the with endless traffic;

Our spirits resound with clashings, with noisy silences,

While something deep within hungers and thirsts

for the still moment and the resting lull.

With full intensity we seek, ere the quiet passes, a fresh sense of order in our living;

A direction, a strong sure purpose that will structure our confusion

and bring meaning in our chaos.

We look at ourselves in this waiting moment – the kinds of people we are.

The questions persist: what are we doing with our lives? –

what are the motives that order our days?

What is the end of our doings?

Where are we trying to go?

Where do we put the emphasis and where are our values focused?

For what end do we make sacrifices?

Where is my treasure and what do I love most in life?

What do I hate most in life and to what am I true?

Over and over the questions beat in upon the waiting moment.

As we listen, floating up through all the jangling echoes of our turbulence,

there is a sound of another kind –

A deeper note which only the stillness of the heart makes clear.

It moves directly to the core of our being.

Our questions are answered,

Our spirits refreshed, and we move back into the traffic of our daily round

With the peace of the Eternal in our step.

How good it is to center down!

A Memorial Service for Marcia Smith will be held Monday, July 8th at 4:00 pm in the Meetinghouse.

White Elephant Sale Bakery Booth: Please set aside some time to bake your favorite pie, cake, cookies, scones, muffins, (we never have enough)—for the Bakery Booth. Label your contribution with the name of the item. Please note if it is gluten free, nuts or no nuts, etc. You can deliver your item to the church kitchen, Thursday afternoon July 11th, or on Friday morning to the Bakery Booth between 7:30 -9:30am. Pull up in front of the church, between the bright orange cones, and we'll come to your car to pick it up.

Climate Change Conversation and Pot Luck: Sharing the Signs of Hope and Innovation, Wednesday, July 17th, 5:30-7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Join the Environmental Committee and Laura for a Veggie Potluck and Conversation about where in the world we see hopeful efforts to mitigate Climate Change. Bring a veggie dish and a friend and we'll share in a rich discussion and our garden delights. Contact for more information at: lfitz.nager@gmail.com.

Youth Group Beach Party: Thurs, July 18th, Sunset and dinner at White Sands Beach from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. We will meet to carpool at FCCOL at around 5pm. Bring a blanket/chairs, drinks, and snacks so that we can enjoy the night together as the sun sets over Old Lyme!

Summer Sing: The first summer sing will be July 14th, next Sunday.

Now, to everyone reading this; It's Your Turn! This summer we will be holding two Summer Sings, or better known as "Turn up to FCCOL at 9:15am and rehearse for the 10:00am service, yes, it feels like the seat of your pants singing, but oh, what fun we'll have" Sundays! These will take place on July 14 and August 11. Please mark your calendars! I hope many of you will join us!

A Memorial Service for Ruth Cann will be held Thursday, July 18th at 1:00 pm in the Meetinghouse.

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 a dedication in the bulletin. Flowers or greenery can be fresh from your garden or from florist, or house plant would be lovely, as well. To sign up, please call Jill Harned, 603-398-9004. Thank you!

Seeking a Rental: One of our young church families is in search of rental home for the summer; tiding them over until an academic rental becomes available. Call Anne in the office if you have helpful information, 860-434-8686.

Seeking a Temporary Home for a Rising High School Senior: It has come to our attention that a rising high school senior is in need of a place to live for the upcoming academic year. This student had been in a foster care situation, which has now ended. However, the student would like to remain in Old Lyme in order to finish high school here. If there is a family who would be willing to consider providing a place to live, please let either Steve Jungkeit (steven@jungkeit.net) or Christie Williams-Kahn (860-434-2255) know.

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*The hosts for the Fellowship Hour this morning are:  
Cathy, Elizabeth, Barbara and Dennis.*

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*The Nursery is open today with Miss Tiffany Goss.
Arts and crafts with high school helpers downstairs as well.*

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**Events and Meetings**

**Marcia Smith Memorial Service** *Monday, July 8th at 4:00 pm.*

**Summer Sing Sundays, July 14th and August 11th**  
*please arrive at 9:15am and rehearse for the 10:00am service.*

**WES Set Up Days,** *everyday until Friday when the WES opens at 9:00am.*

**Food Pantry** *Closed on Saturday, July 13th.*

**Climate Change Veggie Potluck** *Wed, July 17th at 5:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Senior Center Lunches:** *will resume at FCCOL on Thursday, August 1st, 12:00 pm*  
in the Fellowship Hall.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive:** *Thursday, August 8th, 1:00pm - 6:00 pm*  
in the Fellowship Hall.

# WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

**July 12th 9:00– 2:00pm and 13th 8:00—12:00pm.**

- **INTAKE is OVER** – Thank you for the donations.
- **Flowers** - Bring your plants & cut flowers on Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup> during set up. For questions call Carson at 885-4984.
- **Baked Goods** – Drop off your baked goods on July 11th, Thursday afternoon to the church kitchen or on Friday morning to the Bakery Booth between 7:30 -9:30am. Pull up in front of the church, between the bright orange cones, and we'll come to your car to pick it up.

## HELP WANTED!!

- **Appliance Dept** -- needs help pricing and selling, call the office 434-8686 or see Bob Davis.
- **Pots and Pans** -- needs help pricing and selling, call the office 434-8686 or see Bob Davis.
- **Tuesday morning, July 9<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am and on.** -- Set up small sporting goods tents. Clean up hall outside of fellowship room. Move all Art to the church narthex for sale.
- **Tuesday night, July 9<sup>th</sup> 5:00- 8:00 pm.** -- Set up Baked Goods, Coffee and Plant pop-up tents. Bring over tables, shelving, etc from the parsonage garage and set up outside on the church lawn and driveway.
- **Thursday all day, July 11th from 8:00 am 'til done.** -- Everything, which has been stored in two barns during intake, has to be loaded up and trucked to the church grounds to be arranged and priced. We can use all hands, young and old, and we will feed you at lunchtime. Come for some or all of the day.
- **Saturday July 13th,** -- Cleanup 12:00 noon 'til done. We can use help in packing items not sold for Easter Seal's pickup, trips to the dump and putting all shelving back into storage for next year. Please call Mike Gentry 608-3223, the more folks we have - the faster we can all go home.



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| Sort & Price<br>For Sale.<br>Move Art to<br>Narthex<br>Clean up<br>and Finalize<br>inside setup | During Day<br>Big Tents &<br>Sport Goods<br>5-7 pm<br>Outside<br>tables, Plants,<br>Baked<br>Goods,<br>Coffee Tents<br>Go up | Sort & Price<br>Finalize any<br>remaining<br>outside<br>Set-up | <b>SET-UP<br/>OUTSIDE</b><br>8:00 AM ->><br><i>Workers<br/>Lunch</i> | <b>SALE DAY<br/>9-2 pm</b> | <b>SALE<br/>DAY<br/>8-12pm</b><br><b>CLEAN UP<br/>AND<br/>SNACKS<br/>after 12</b> |