

# The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager, Senior Associate Minister Carleen R. Gerber, Associate Minister Simon Holt, Organist and Director

July 21, 2024

#### Sunday Worship Service

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit

\*Processional Hymn: #95 "Be Still My Soul"

\*Call to Worship:

The price of getting to love somebody is having to lose them.

### The price of getting to live is having to die.

Everything alive has some kind of flux and ebb, and when that stops, life stops.

When people say life is precious, they are saying that the rhythmic force

that runs through all things - your wrist, your children's wrists,

God's entire green earth - is precious.

Come Let Us Worship God.

\*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: #427 "My Life Flows On In Endless Song"

\*Offering Invitation

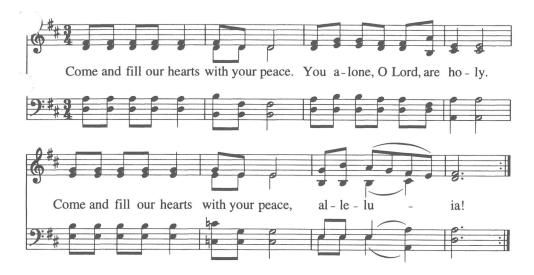
Offertory Anthem

\*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: Come Fill Our Hearts



Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:12, Psalm 89: 20, 29, 36, 37, Psalm 23: 1-6

Sermon: "In Life and In Death, We Belong to God" Chaplain Laurie McKnight Hymn: #368 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" 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**

### 2 Samuel 7:12

When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body.

### Psalm 89: 20, 29, 36, 37

<sup>20</sup>I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him.
<sup>29</sup>I will establish his line forever, and his throne as long as the heavens endure.
<sup>36</sup>His line shall continue forever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.
<sup>37</sup>It shall be established forever like the moon, an enduring witness in the skies.

### Psalm 23: 1-6

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Today we welcome Laurie McKnight, the lead Chaplain from the Connecticut Hospice. *Called to share God's grace, Christ's love, and the peace of the Holy Spirit with all people through prayer, presence, practice, preaching -- however, whenever and wherever needed.* 

*Laurie McKnight*, MDiv, ThM, DMin Lead Chaplain Spiritual Care



The flowers this morning are given in memory of Bill Phillips by Barbara Smith.

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

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

**Events and Meetings** 

Youth Group Beach Party:

Thursday, July 25th at 5:00 till 8:00 pm at White Sands Beach.

Writers at the Well: Thursday July 26th at 10:00 am in the Hoag Parlor.

Food Pantry: Saturday, July 27th at 8:30 am. in the Fellowship Hall.

Old Lyme Mid-Summer Festival: Friday & Saturday, July 26th and 27th on Lyme St. & Upper Lyme St.

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

**Youth Group Beach Party: Thurs, July 25th,** 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!

### LYSB Youth 5k Race, Saturday July 27th

Registration and race start times are as follows: 6:45 a.m. Registration Opens, 8 a.m. 5 K Walk & Run, 9 a.m. Kids K. or <u>pre register online at:</u> https://thelysbmidsummerrun.itsyourrace.com/register/

**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

#### Old Lyme Mid-Summer Festival Friday and Saturday, July 26th and 27th on Lyme Street.

Locomotion Kick Things Off, Friday Night, July 26 • 7pm-9pm at the Florence Griswold Museum

LYSB 5K Race, Saturday, July 27 • 8am starting at 59 Lyme Street.

Art for Sale, Saturday, July 27 • 9am-4pm at the Old Lyme Inn and the Lyme Art Association.

Classic Car Show Brings the Winners, Saturday, July 27 • 9:30am-1:30pm 100 Lyme Street.

Parading Paws Dog Show, Saturday, July 27 • 10am-12pm at the Florence Griswold Museum

Kids Activities to Make Everyone Smile, Saturday, July 27 • 9am-3pm at the Old Lyme Inn.

Shop Super Sale, Friday and Saturday • 10am-5pm at the Florence Griswold Museum.

Annual Linen Sale On Lyme Street, Friday & Saturday, at <u>Patricia Spratt for the Home</u> the annual sidewalk sale at her Lyme Street workshop is the time to stock up!

de Gerenday's Fine Art Materials & Curiosities, Saturday • 9am-5pm, at the Lyme Academy,

Free Art Exhibitions, Saturday, July 27 • 9am-5pm at the Lyme Art Association.

For more information on the Mid-Summer Festival in Old Lyme go to: https://www.exploreoldlyme.com/midsummer-festival



**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."

### **Gone From My Sight**

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then someone at my side says, "There, she is gone."

Gone where?

Gone from my sight, that is all.

She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as when she left my side, and she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her.

And just at that moment when someone at my side says, "There, she is gone," there are many other eyes watching her coming,

and many other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is death.

by Henry van Dyke