



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister
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August 4, 2024

Sunday Worship Service

10:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*Call to Worship:

For the gift of our lives and the life of this world

We give you thanks

Help us to learn from this good land

And the beauty of creation all around us

Let the sky teach us of the boundlessness of Your beauty and love

Let the river teach us of the mysterious power of Your constant presence

Help us to share and to bless all that has been given to us

And teach us to use each day to bless the lives of others.

Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #67 “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

*Offering Invitation

Offertory Solo “Shall We Gather at the River.”

Arr. Copland
Soloist: Lisa Feltes

*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 (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). 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 gath-ered, 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 piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Scripture: Ezekiel 47:7-9 & 12, Proverbs 29:18(a) (from King James translation)

Ephesians 1:16-19(a), Revelation 21:1-5 and 22:1&2

Stephanie Webster

Sermon: **“In Difficult Times You Should Always Carry Something Beautiful in Your Mind”**

(Pascal)

Rev. Carleen R. Gerber

Hymn: #529 “Let All Things Now Living”

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

Scripture Readings

Ezekiel 47:7-9 & 12

As I came back, I saw upon the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. And He said to me, ‘This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah; and when it enters the stagnant waters of the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature which swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, for this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes.

On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.’

Proverbs 29:18(a) (from King James translation)

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Ephesians 1:16-19(a)

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might.

Revelation 21:1-5 and 22:1&2

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, nor shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.’

And He who was sat upon the throne said, ‘Behold, I will make all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’

Then He showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city, also on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Special thanks to Stephanie Webster for reading our scripture this morning and the beautiful flowers on the Altar.

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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 Tiffany Goss.
Arts and crafts with high school helpers downstairs as well.*

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## **Events and Meetings**

**Shirley Howard Memorial Service** *Today at 1:00pm* in the Meetinghouse.

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

**Summer Sing** *Sunday, August 11th. Rehearsal 9:15am, 10:00 am* Worship Service.

Now, to everyone reading this; It's Your Turn!! The next 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! The next one will take place on August 11. Please mark your calendars! I hope many of you will join us! Simon.

**Special Musical Guests** *Sunday, August 11th at the 10:00am* Worship Service.

Join us on Sunday August 11, when special guests from New Orleans will elevate our Sunday morning worship service. Charlie and the Tropicales will bring their own mix of sacred songs and festive tunes to Old Lyme, helping to stir our souls in the August heat. Led by Charlie Halloran, the band is bringing their eclectic and joyful mix throughout New England this summer. So...don't you dare sleep in on Sunday the 11th. Be there, at 10 AM sharp! (If you want a preview, the band will be playing at Cafe Nine in New Haven on Saturday night the 10th, at 9 PM)

*On the cover: painting by William Sonstrom*

**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, call Jill Harned, 603-398-9004. Thank you!

**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](mailto:steven@jungkeit.net)) or Christie Williams-Kahn (860-434-2255) know.

**The Lost and Found:** has been moved to the hallway outside the office entrance, on the 2nd floor. We have already gotten favorable reviews for tidying up the narthex. Thanks Sean!

**September Newsletter:** Your article or contribution, photos, or thoughts for the September Newsletter need to be submitted by Friday, August 16th. Please submit your articles and information to: [fccol@fccol.org](mailto:fccol@fccol.org). Thank you.

**2025 Photo Directory:** Coming soon!



**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."

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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.*



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Bill Stone