



**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

**August 18, 2024**

**Sunday Worship Service**

**10:00 AM**

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Prelude

Introit

\*Processional Hymn: #83 “God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years”

\*Call to Worship:

Let there be peace, welfare and righteousness in every part of the world.

**Let the people inspire their leaders  
helping them to seek peace by peaceful means,  
helping them and urging them to build a better world-**

A world with a home for everybody

**A world with food and work for everybody**

A world with spiritual freedom for everybody.

**We come this morning seeking God’s wisdom and encouragement  
to continue to help build a better world.**

**Let us worship God and draw from God’s inspiration.**

\*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: #224 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

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: *Here Our Prayer, O God*



Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -  
cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Scripture: Psalm 77:1-3, Matthew 7: 7-11, Mark 14: 32-36

Sermon: **“Lessons Learned During a Period of Spiritual Dryness”** Rev. Rebecca Crosby

\*Hymn: #78 “There is Love All Around Us”

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

### Psalm 77:1-3

I cry aloud to God,  
aloud to God, that he may hear me.  
In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;  
    in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;  
    my soul refuses to be comforted.  
I think of God, and I moan;  
    I meditate, and my spirit faints.  
                                    *Selah*

### Matthew 7: 7-11

“Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are imperfect, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

### Mark 14: 32-36

And they went to a place which was called Gethsem'ane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I pray.” And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch.” And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee; remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what thou wilt.”

*The flowers this morning are given in celebration of the Joys of Summer.*

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

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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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The Rev. Becky Crosby has been a part of our congregation in one form or another for much of her adult life – singing in the choir, being sponsored for ordination during her Divinity School studies, and finally moving into ordained ministry. For 8 years she was our Associate Minister, and we were blessed by her many gifts, from running our children’s and youth ministries to leading our stewardship efforts, from preaching and pastoral care to her work on behalf of the vulnerable in Haiti, in Palestine, and beyond. She has been a source of compassionate care, infectious energy, and prophetic insight for our entire community. Becky, together with her husband, Ted, founded a scholarship and educational organization, The Crosby Fund for Haitian Education, 20 years ago. Together with their Haitian staff, the Crosby Fund provides scholarships for 553 students and offers educational opportunities through their Education Center. Today we are honored to welcome her to the pulpit."

## **Events and Meetings**

**WES Meeting** *Monday, August 19th at 6:30 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

**Shoreline Food Pantry** *Saturday, August 24th at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Abigail Cipparone Wedding** *Saturday August 24th at 3:45 pm* in the Meetinghouse.  
Abigail and her family treasure their many friendships within our church community and would like to welcome anyone who is interested to stop in for the service.

**Ladies Benevolent Society Meeting** *Tuesday, August 27th at 10:00 am* in the Library.

**Board of Deacons Meeting** *Tuesday, August 27th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

**Board of Adult Education** *Wednesday, August 28th at 4:00 pm* in the Library.

**Grief Group** *Wednesday, August 28th at 5:30 pm* in Hoag Parlor.

**Sunday School Teacher’s Orientation** *Thursday, August 29th at 5:00 pm* in the Library.

**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!

**September Newsletter:** Last chance to submit articles, photo's, summer memories, to the September newsletter! Email your articles before Wednesday August 21st to: [fccol@fccol.org](mailto:fccol@fccol.org).

**New London Meal Center:** During the last thirty plus years our Mission Board has supported The New London Meal Center on the fourth Sunday of every month, serving a healthy meal at the Center which includes sending meals to the Homeless Hospitality Center. Various church committees, and other groups, such as the Senior Choir and Senior PF are assigned a month to provide a meal and servers. The Meal Center operates Monday through Friday with a small staff and many volunteers to serve lunch and dinner to many hungry clients who might not otherwise consume warm, healthy meals.

Once a month a dinner meal is served on Saturday, but otherwise some of the clients haven't eaten a decent meal since their last one on a Friday evening at The Center. We are always in need of people who are willing to help out especially during July and August, or any other time you have availability. We are especially in need of people willing to provide food and serve on Sunday, August 25th. We meet at the church at 3:30 to pick up prepared food and donated drinks plus food, and then carpool in to the Center. We serve promptly from 5:00-6:00. On occasion we have served as many as 170 meals to very hungry and appreciative clients, It remains a very important mission supported by our church.

If you are have questions and are interested in helping out any month, or especially during August, you may contact either Charlie Hosley at [hosleycs@aol.com](mailto:hosleycs@aol.com) or [julie.kuja@yahoo.com](mailto:julie.kuja@yahoo.com).

## Mark your Calendars ... Coming Soon

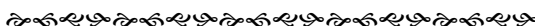
**Homecoming Sunday** *September 8th, Sunday School Begins!*

**LBS Luncheon**, *Tuesday September 10th at 12:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Ensemble Altera with Simon Holt** *Friday, Sept. 13th at 7:00 pm* in the Meetinghouse.

**Adult Forum Sunday** *September 22nd with Stephen Barardo in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

**Stewardship Sunday**, *September 29th, 10:00 am service.*



To honor the memory and legacy of David Good and his tireless work with our Tree of Life partnership, Anne McCarty & Nick Westbrook will be selling a variety of Palestinian goods including olive oil in both bottles and tins, soap, za'atar, and bracelets during Fellowship Hour for the next several Sundays. David's book of compiled sermons, "*A Place Of Grace*," will also be for sale with the proceeds going to the David Good Memorial Fund.



**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."



*The reproduction of our Meetinghouse is from a sketch by William Steeves.*