



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 25, 2024

Sunday Worship Service

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit

*Processional Hymn: #8 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

*Call to Worship:

We gather today to worship the One who created us,

The One who calls us,

The One who equips us,

The One who loves us without end.

With joyful hearts,

Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #68 “Though I May Speak ”

Offering Invitation

Offertory Music

*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*

The image shows a musical score for a pastoral prayer response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system of music has the lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The second system of music has the lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, Ephesians 2:8-10, Hebrews 4:15-16

Sermon: "God's Grace"

Kevin Booker Jr.

*Hymn: #373 "We Are Your People"

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 Corinthians 12:9-10

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God— not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them

Hebrews 4:15-16

For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The flowers this morning are given for the Grace of God.

The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Julie Martel.

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

*This morning we are grateful and pleased to welcome back
Kevin Booker Jr. as our preacher this morning.*

Events and Meetings

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 Meeting *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.

Shoreline Food Pantry *Saturday, August 31st at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

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.*

Ladies Benevolent Society September Luncheon: Come join us for some fellowship, delicious food and a wonderful program at the LBS luncheon on Tuesday, September 10th from noon to 2pm.

We're going Italian for the day! A delicious meal served family-style of pasta and sauce, meatballs & sausage accompanied by a side salad and finished with a home-made dessert will be followed by a program yet to be decided upon.

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, September 6th to make a reservation.

And, for those of you who want to get a jump on your holiday shopping, the Ladies Who Stitch will have many of their wonderful home-made items for sale during the luncheon, and the Partnership Store will be open with it's Tribal Crafts, Palestinian goods and Haitian arts & crafts.

Join Ensemble Altera and Simon Holt: Sunday September 13th at 7:00 pm at FCCOL. A "chamber choir of seamless perfection" (Boston Musical Intelligencer), for *A New Song: Psalms for the Soul*, as we offer a concert exploring the psalm texts in all their dizzying variety and poetic beauty. The concert features a wide variety of music, spanning many musical styles and periods, including Allegri's famous Miserere, as well as selections by Bruckner, Parry, MacMillan, and Rutter, along with world premieres by Michael Garrepy, as well as their 4th annual Composition Competition winner. Ensemble Altera is made up of the very best in local and national talent combined with singers from top international choral groups The Tallis Scholars, Tenebrae, and Voces8. Tickets only \$25! Not to be missed!

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 or julie.kuja@yahoo.com.

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!

Final numbers for the 2024 WES

All expenses have been accounted.

Last minute income and consignment sales have been tallied.

This was the **best year ever**

- where we had **Gross sales of \$101,397**

- After all expenses the Net total was \$86,392

Detail historical department numbers were mailed to each chairman and the final treasurers report will be in the September newsletter

The WES board met last week to review all comments and suggestions from this year's sale with hopes of improving on the WES experience next year.

Thanks again for all those that helped make this such a success. The recipient charities wish to thank you for your efforts and generosity. Mark your calendars and start putting aside donations - next year's sale will be July 11-12.



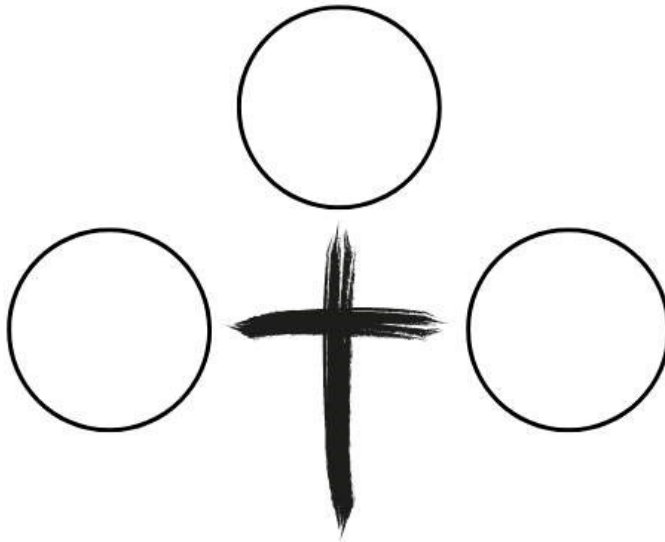
To honor the memory and legacy of David Good and his tireless work with our Tree of Life partnership, Anne McCarty & Nick Westbrook will be selling a variety of Palestinian goods including olive oil in both bottles and tins, soap, za'atar, and bracelets during Fellowship Hour for the next several Sundays. 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.



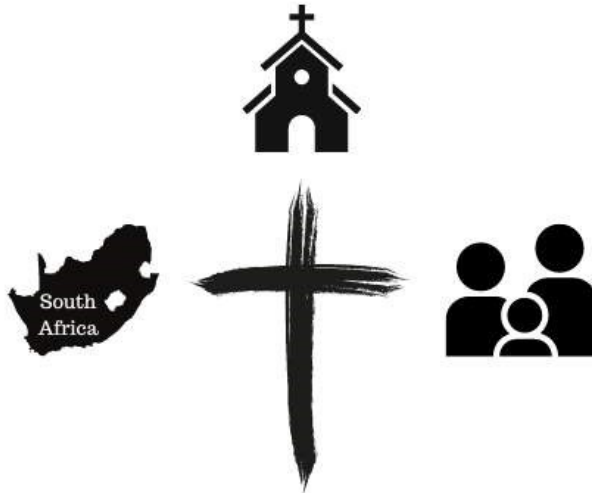
The Reverend David W. Good
April 26, 1949 - April 2, 2024

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."



God's Grace



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