



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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September 1, 2024

Communion Sunday

10:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #87 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” verses. 1-2, 5-6

*Call to Worship:

I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

She will not let your foot be moved; she who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps you will neither slumber nor sleep.

Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #425 “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

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 Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Eat this Bread*

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 lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

Scripture: Matthew 7: 7-11, 2 Corinthians 12: 9-10

Sermon: **“Help!”**

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #323 “Lo, I Am with You”

(verses 1-4)

Sacrament of Communion (*see the back page*)

Hymn: #387 “Thou God of All, Whose Spirit Moves”

Benediction

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

Scripture Readings

Matthew 7: 7-11

Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? If you, then, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

2 Corinthians 12: 9-10

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

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.

The flowers this morning are given by Stephanie Webster.

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*The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Ellen Calkins.*

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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

The FCCOL Office will be closed *Monday, September 2nd* for Labor Day.

Senior Ctr. Lunch *Tues. 3rd, Wed. 4th, and Thurs. 5th at 12:00pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Choir Rehearsal *Wednesday, Sept. 4th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Shoreline Food Pantry/Diaper Bank *Saturday, Sept 7th at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

Coming Soon

Homecoming Sunday Worship Service and Sunday School start Sept. 8th at 10:00 am.
An Ice Cream Social for All on the lawn follows the service.

Sunday School Open House and Reception Sunday, September 15th at 10:00 am.

Adult Forum with Stephen Barardo Sunday, September 22nd after the 10:00 am service.

Stewardship Sunday September 29th at 10:00 am.

God's Neighborhood Picnic and Kayaking and Fun Sunday, September 29th at Camp
Claire from 3:00 - 6:00 pm..

Ladies Benevolent Society September Luncheon: Come join us for some fellowship, delicious food and a wonderful program at the LBS luncheon on Tuesday, May 10th from noon to 2pm. We're going Italian for the day! A delicious meal of pasta and sauce, meatballs & sausage and Italian bread, finished with a simple Italian Ice dessert will be followed by a program presented by our own Julie Martel.

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.

Ladies Who Stitch "News and Notes and the Blue Jeans Sale."

See the insert for more details...

Get ready for the 2nd Annual Fabulous Women's Jean Sale! The sale begins Monday, September 9th, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on the Sheffield Auditorium stage. The Ladies Who Stitch resume working on Monday, September 9, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Sheffield Auditorium. We'll be knitting, sewing, crafting and organizing—making things to donate and sell. In addition to the women's jeans sale, the Partnership Store will be open. Visitors, shoppers, curiosity seekers, and potential new members are always welcome. The Partnership Store: Opposite the Fellowship Hall is a small room that we call the Partnership Cooperative. It's a gift shop where you will find creations and goods from Haiti, Palestine, the Lakota people of South Dakota, and our own Ladies Who Stitch. All sales directly support the artisans and the missions and programs of FCCOL.

Join Ensemble Altera and Simon Holt: Friday, 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: Our Mission Board supports 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, provide a meal and servers.

We are always in need of people who are willing to help out, either by cooking or shopping for items ahead of time or helping when we serve at the site. We meet at the church at 3:30 to pick up prepared food and donated drinks plus food, and then carpool to the Center. It remains a very important mission supported by our church.

If you 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.

Communion Table 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!

Southeast CT's Faith-Based Organizing Org in 2025

For two and a half years, sixteen Churches in Southeast Connecticut have been meeting to build a faith based organizing community. The organizing group has named itself *Interfaith Covenant Initiative* (ICI).

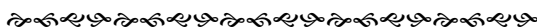
Steve and Laura have participated in the ICI meetings, and most recently Susan Switzer has joined, too. Also, back in January, six FCCOL members participated in the 90-minute orientation to learn about this form of faith-based organizing.

What's unique about this type of organizing is that it's grounded in relationship building. Through one-on-one meetings people come together and share their life experiences. They share their struggles and triumphs, fears and hopes, joys and concerns. People learn how similar they are regardless of how we present on the outside. And from such exchanges, common issues of humanity surface. THEN, from that place, a community organizes around any issues that have emerged. It's inside-out kind of organizing versus an outside-in model.

FCCOL has already begun to quietly engage in this model. Throughout 2024, FCCOL members were invited to participate in one-on-one meetings with other worshippers in the Church - our Sacred Bowl conversations. It's a practice we'll be continuing throughout this coming year, as a way of building a deeper relational community at FCCOL.

It's our hope that we get a dozen people to attend one of the October 90-Minute Orientation Sessions, and from that, a core group develops who are willing to go further with one of the Leadership Institutes.

To learn more about this model of faith-based organizing, check out the organizations listed below and if you're interested in participating email Susan Switzer at sswitzer790@gmail.com. She'll be reaching out to folks after she returns mid-September.



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 until September 15th. 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
of
Rev. David W. Good
which we hope will continue to fund ministries to which David was devoted.

Please mark your donations

COMMUNION SERVICE

INVITATION

PRAYER OF OPEN HEARTS

May we turn again to you, O God, in ways that move us beyond ego to wholeness, beyond judgement to healing, beyond self-serving to generosity. May we know you in the whole of life, in both the blessings and the burdens of our lives. Heal our hurts and open our hearts this day as we return to love again. Amen.

BLESSING OF GRACE

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gathered round this table. For the food and cup of blessing which delight and nourish us and for companionship that sustains us. May we know the fullness of your presence at every meal and in all our sharing this day and always, AMEN.

It is the practice of this church to serve grape juice in our communion service.

Bread is gluten-free.