



**The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme**

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# SUNDAY WORSHIP

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**September 15, 2024**

**Sunday Worship Service**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude

Introit: ***“God Be in My Head”***

by John Rutter

\*Processional Hymn: #260 “O Splendor of God's Glory Bright ”

\*Call to Worship:

We gather our voices and spirits in praise.

**O God, quiet our souls so we may listen.**

We seek within our heart Your call on our lives.

**O God, quiet our minds so we may ponder Your words.**

We come from different backgrounds and with different understandings.

**O God, unite us together in worship of You.**

\*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: #361 “O God, Above the Drifting Years”

Children’s Message

Allison Hine

Children’s Song: “Peace Will Come” by Tom Paxton

sung by Rachael Jungkeit

(Children proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated.)

Peace,  
Peace will,  
Peace will come,  
And let it begin with me.

We,  
We need,  
We need peace,  
And let it begin with me.

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: ***“Laudate Dominum”***

by W.A. Mozart, soprano 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 Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: “As We Are Gathered”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "As We Are Gathered". 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 score ends with a double bar line.

Scripture: Psalm 90 (selected verses), Romans 12: 2

Sermon: “**Numbering Our Days: On Distraction, Boredom, and Creating an Inner Life**”

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

\*Closing Hymn #338 “God Be in My Head” (sung 2x)

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

**Families invited downstairs to visit the Sunday School after the service today for a reception and meeting teachers and volunteers.**

*\*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.*

# Choir Anthems Today

**Introit: “*God Be in My Head*”**

by John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

**Offertory Anthem: “*Laudate Dominum*”**

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Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, laudate eum omnes populi. Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia eius, et veritas, Domini manet in aeternum. Amen.

*O praise the Lord all ye nations, praise Him all ye people. For all His loving kindness is ever more and more toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Amen.*

## Scripture Readings

**Psalm 90 (selected verses)**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.  
You turn us back to dust  
and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”  
For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past  
or like a watch in the night.  
You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning;  
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.  
The days of our life are seventy years  
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away.  
So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.  
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!

**Romans 12: 2**

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

*The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Barbara Macgregor*

*The nursery is open today with Miss Tiffany Goss.*

## **Events and Meeting**

**Sunday School Open House and Reception TODAY!** Families are invited downstairs after the service to meet the teachers, learn about our curriculum, and share refreshments.

**Ladies Who Stitch “Blue Jeans Sale”** *Mon, Sept. 16th starting at 11:00 am* in Sheffield.

**Sr Center Lunch** *Tues. 17th, Wed. 18th, Thurs. 19th, at 12:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Ladies Who Stitch “Blue Jeans Sale”** *Wed. Sept. 18th at 6:00 pm* in Sheffield Auditorium.

**Senior Choir Rehearsal** *Wednesday, Sept. 18th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Church Council Meeting** *Thursday, September 19th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

**Ladies Who Stitch “Blue Jeans Sale”** *Sat. Sept. 21st at 12:00 pm* in Sheffield Auditorium.

**Shoreline Food Pantry** *Saturday, Sept 21st at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Adult Forum with Stephen Barardo** *Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 11:30 am* in the Sheffield Aud.

## **Coming Soon**

**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.

*On the cover: A watercolor by Andy King*

## **Ladies Who Stitch “Blue Jeans Sale”**

- The sale continues Monday, September 16th, 23rd, & 30th from 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday September 18th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (prior to choir rehearsal)
- Saturday, September 21st 12:00 pm to 3:00 p.m. (coincides with CTK’s Harvest Festival)

Twenty five pairs of jeans have already sold! There is a clipboard hanging at the end of the first rack where any FCCOL “regulars” can pre-sale shop and sign for an “IOU” or pay Anne in the office. The goal is to sell as many jeans as possible thru the end of September. Then Becky can choose any remaining ones for an eventual shipment to Haiti. Whatever is left will be donated to the New London Homeless Hospitality Center (NLHHC).

## **Goodness, Greed and Grace: Journeys through Genesis and Exodus**

Curious about what we do in Bible Study? Wondering about the problem of evil and where the heck God might be found on any given day? Bible Study begins Thursday, September 26, 11-12. Hybrid format in person and on Zoom. Join us for rich discussion and wanderings as we pick up our reading of Genesis with Joseph, his brothers and that famous technicolor coat. Our companion book this fall will be Reading Genesis by Marilynne Robinson. Robinson wrote, *“The whole of human existence is like some sweet parable told in the most improbable place and circumstances...God values our humanity. One of the things that's fascinating about the Hebrew Bible is that it declared and was loyal to the fact that God is good and creation is good.”*

**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](mailto:hosleycs@aol.com) or Julie Kuja at: [julie.kuja@yahoo.com](mailto:julie.kuja@yahoo.com).

## **Christ the King's Fall Festival and Rummage Sale:**

Saturday, September 21st from 8:30 till 3:00 pm and Sunday, 22nd from 9:00 am till 12:00 pm (when many items are 50% off). Here is a chance to support our neighbor church who lets us use their parking lot (takes 160+ cars off the street) and to say thanks to those 20+ Christ the King parishioners who actually come and work at our WES.

Not as big as the White Elephant Sale but one of the better Church sales. Food, music, baked goods, games for the kids, toys & sporting goods, yard goods, plants, hardware, furniture, kitchenware, lamps, art, silent auctions, Christmas decorations and décor, linens, but **no** clothing.

### **Volunteer to Host a Fellowship Hour!**

Hosting a fellowship hour is a greatly appreciated way to contribute to our community!

**Just bring a few snacks, milk and Half and Half.** Platters, pitchers, etc. are all available in the church kitchen and the coffee is prepared by the generous members of the Coffee Committee. If you are interested in volunteering to host one Sunday morning in either November, December or January, please contact Wendy Knight at [wendyknight@gmail.com](mailto:wendyknight@gmail.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!

### **Poll Chaplain/Peacemakers wanted!**

Faiths United to Save Democracy (FUSD) are training clergy and lay volunteers to be a "moral and calming presence" at poll sites on November 5th, Election Day. One must be certified and trained on-line for this voluntary position through [www.TurnOutSunday.com](http://www.TurnOutSunday.com).

Laura has been trained and is heading to Philadelphia via train for Election Day. Feel free to contact her if interested at [lfitz.nager@gmail.com](mailto:lfitz.nager@gmail.com)

### **Important Church-Wide Survey:**

As many of you may already know, our church has entered into a consulting engagement with a company called Convergence.

The purpose of this initiative is to have them help us plot a course for the future that will keep us vibrant and growing in the face of nation-wide changes in the church experience for many. Convergence has deep experience in advising churches like ours, and they have a broad nation-wide perspective.

The first step in this process is to conduct a church-wide survey that will give our consultants (and us) a clear picture of our church as it is today. And, the more members and friends who participate, the more valuable and productive our work with convergence will be.

This is a very important undertaking for our church. When you receive this survey please give it your thoughtful and prayerful consideration. (Instructions will accompany the survey request). The survey is completely anonymous, and, there will be opportunities for feedback and discussions with the consultant over the next few months.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bob McCracken or Anne Koczka in the church office (860-434-8686).

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.



## Southeast CT's Faith-Based Organizing Group 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](mailto:sswitzer790@gmail.com). She'll be reaching out to folks after she returns mid-September.



**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."