



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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September 22, 2024

Sunday Worship Service

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: ***“Do Not I Love Thee”***

by David W. Music (born 1949)

*Processional Hymn: #500 “O for a World”

*Call to Worship: (from Psalm 30)

**Hear, O Lord, and be gracious unto us.
O Lord, be our helper!
You have turned our mourning into dancing;
you have taken off our sackcloth
and clothed us with joy,
so that our souls may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.
Let us worship God!**

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #391 “God Made from One Blood”

Children’s Message

Jolene Brant and Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

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: ***“Jubilate Deo”***

by Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

*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

Rev. Susan Switzer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *“Hear Our Prayer”*

The image shows a musical score for a pastoral prayer response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in - cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Scripture: Psalm 30: 1-12, Ezekiel 37: 1-6

Meditations: **“Keeping the Dance Alive”**

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit and Dan Renn

*Closing Hymn #206 *“I Danced in the Morning”*

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.

Choir Anthems Today

Introit: “*Do Not I Love Thee*”

by David W. Music (born 1949)

Do not I love thee, O my Lord? Behold my heart and see and turn the dearest idol out that dares to rival thee. Is not thy name melodious still to mine attentive ear? Doth not each pulse with pleasure bound my Savior's voice to hear? Thou knowest I love thee, dearest Lord, but oh! I long to soar far from the sphere of mortal joys and learn to love thee more.

Offertory Anthem: “*Jubilate Deo*”

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Jubilate Deo omnis terra, servite Domino in laetitia. Intrate in conspectu ejus, in exultatione, quia Dominus ipse est Deus.

Sing to God all ye nations, serve the Lord with gladness. Enter into His presence with exultation and joy, know ye that the Lord alone is our God.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 30: 1-12

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.” By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication: “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!”

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Ezekiel 37: 1-6

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” 4 Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

The flowers are given this morning are given in celebration of “Anniversaries.”

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

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The nursery is open today with Miss Tiffany Goss.
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## **Events and Meeting**

**Ladies Who Stitch “Blue Jeans Sale”** *Mon, Sept. 23rd starting at 11:00 am* in Sheffield.

**LBS Meeting** *Tuesday, September 24th at 10:00am* in the Library.

**Board of Deacons Meeting** *Tuesday, September 24th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

**Grief Group** *Wednesday, September 25th at 5:30 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

**Adult Bible Study** *Thursday, September 26th at 11:00 am* in the Library.

**No Senior Choir Rehearsal** *this week.*

**Writers at the Well** *Friday, September 27th at 10:00am* in Hoag parlor.

**Shoreline Food Pantry** *Saturday, Sept 28th at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Stewardship Sunday** *September 29th at 10:00 am.*

**God’s Neighborhood Picnic and Fun** *Sunday, September 29th at Camp Claire from 3 - 6pm.*

## **Coming Soon...**

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**God’s Neighborhood Picnic and Fun** *Sunday, September 29th at Camp Claire from 3-6pm.*

**October Adult Forums: Visioning Church Together** with Convergence Consulting in Sheffield Aud. at 11:30am. *Sunday October 13th: Part 1, and Sunday, October 27th, Part 2.*

**Youth Group Winter Clothing Drive** *October 1st through October 25th*

## **ADULT FORUM TODAY:**

### **“Voting -Why is it so difficult?” with Stephen Berardo.**

Today after the 10:00 am Worship Service please join us with Stephen Berardo to talk about the challenges that almost every country faces with managing voting in an open, free and fair process. Voting is the key element of any democracy.

Our presenter today is Lecturer Stephen Berardo, he has a bachelor's degree in English literature, a master's degree in Public Administration, and is a lifelong student of history and political systems. Steve lived in Europe for over 12 years and his careers have included; an aviation consultant, a certified flight instructor, an adjunct and full-time college faculty member teaching courses in business and public administration, he has taught at OLLI for more than 6 years. As a consultant, he worked for many years at local, state and federal government agencies across the country on a variety of regulatory, land use, budget, and infrastructure development issues. He lives in Rhode Island with his wife, Michele.

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

The sale continues Monday, September 23rd, & 30th from 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Thirty 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.”*

### **Youth Group Winter Clothing Drive**

**October 1st-25th:** Our Youth Group will be collecting winter clothing, socks, hats, gloves and small toiletries, every Sunday to donate for the upcoming Breakfast Run on October 26th. Bins will be placed in Fellowship Hall, and drop off is in the Sheffield Auditorium on stage. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity as the unhoused that we serve always look forward to “Old Lyme” coming into the city!

### **God's Neighborhood Picnic on September 29th**

FCCOL Family Picnic and Fun at Camp Claire, Oakland Avenue, Lyme, CT. Sunday, September 29th from 3:00-6:00 pm. See our private Facebook page, FCCOL Families, for announcements, news updates, and pictures only visible to families who are part of our God's Neighborhood Program. Please join our group to stay connected! We will continue to send out regular communications through weekly emails as well. By registering your children you will be included in these emails. High school youth and their parents will be included in email communications.

## **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).

## **Sunday Flowers:**

We're scheduling members and friends who would like to provide pulpit flowers for Sunday. 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 a florist, or a 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).

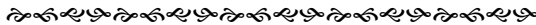
Steve and Laura have participated in the ICI meetings, and most recently Susan Switzer has joined, too. Also, back in January, six FCCOL members participated in the 90-minute orientation to learn about this form of faith-based organizing.

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."