



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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September 29, 2024

Stewardship Sunday Worship Service

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *“Cantate Domino”*

by G.O. Pitoni (1657-1743)

*Processional Hymn: #407 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Call to Worship:

God of abundance, you provide every good thing!

In gratitude we thank you.

Loving Christ, you walk alongside us with wounded hands and a generous heart.

In gratitude we praise you.

Holy Spirit, you fill us with your love and courage, and with a deep desire for justice and mercy.

In gratitude we offer ourselves to you.

With our hearts, our minds, our resources, our very lives...

Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

A Moment for Stewardship.

Lucia Chapman

*Hymn: #464 “Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”

Children’s Message

Rev. Becky Crosby

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

sung by Julia Clark and friends

(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: *“Praise ye the Father”*

by C.H. Gounod (1818-1893)

*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: “Come and Fill our Hearts”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Come and Fill our Hearts". It consists of two 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 3/4. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." and "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: Jeremiah 29: 11, Matthew 6: 19-21

Meditations: “For Where Your Heart Is...”

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Closing Hymn #411 “We Would Be Building”

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: “Cantate Domino”

by G.O. Pitoni (1657-1743)

Cantate Domino, canticum novum; laus ejus in Ecclesia Sanctorum. Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit eum: et filiae Sion, exultent in rege suo.

Sing to the Lord a new song, praise in in the sanctuary of holiness. Let Israel rejoice in that which he has made, and the children of Zion exult in their Ruler.

Offertory Anthem: “Praise ye the Father”

by C.H. Gounod (1818-1893)

Praise ye the Father! Let all the earth sing praises! Praise ye the Father, O bless our God with joyful hearts! He is our refuge, a present help in trouble; Praise ye His kindness, the honor of His majesty! God is our shield, all our trust is in the Lord; He is our strength and our hope, they who trust in Him are blessed! Sing unto God, for the heavens declare His glory! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy! Let all the people praise Him! Praise Him in the heavens, all ye angels, sing His praises! Praise Him, all ye stars of light! Praise ye Him, O ye heavens of heavens! Praise Him for His mighty acts, sing, exalt His name above the skies! God alone is our salvation and our strength, O praise ye His name!

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 29: 11

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Matthew 6: 19-21

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust[a] consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

*The flowers are given this morning are given in loving memory of Florence Darnell,
by her daughter Christine Darnell.*

The hosts for the Fellowship Hour this morning are the members of the Board of Stewardship.

The nursery is open today with Miss Tiffany Goss.

Events and Meeting

God's Neighborhood Picnic and Fun TODAY! at Camp Claire from 3 - 6pm.

Ladies Who Stitch "Blue Jeans Sale" *Mon, Sept. 30th starting at 11:00 am* in Sheffield.

Senior Choir Rehearsal *Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Church Council Meeting *Thursday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

Shoreline Food Pantry & Diaper Bank *Saturday, Oct 5th at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

World Wide Communion Sunday *October 6th at 10:00 am.*

Youth Group Winter Clothing Drive starts October 1st through October 25th.

Coming Soon...

Ladies Benevolent Luncheon *Tuesday, October 8th at 12:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Janet Bent Memorial Service *Friday, October 11th at 11:00am* in the Meetinghouse.

Youth Group Spring Cleanup *Save the Date: November 3rd from 12:00—3:00 pm.*
at The Major Edward Good House for Homeless Veterans in New London

Youth Group Winter Clothing Drive Starting Tomorrow!

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 the 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!

Ladies Who Stitch “Blue Jeans Sale”

The last sale day is Monday, September 30th from 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Over 40 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).

Ladies Benevolent Society Luncheon: Come join us for some fellowship, delicious food and a wonderful program at the LBS luncheon on Tuesday, October 8th beginning at noon. Homemade baked lasagna is on Chef Rick’s menu, accompanied by toasty garlic bread, cold Italian dressed vegetables, and something sweet to end the meal.

Following the luncheon we are delighted to welcome two local musicians. Dave Grigoire is an Old Saybrook resident who has been playing acoustic guitar since age 14, and has been actively engaged in song writing for the past ten years. Joining him will be Steve Knauth, a resident of Ivoryton. Steve began writing music while in his high school band back in the 1960’s and writes his own music now. He plays guitar, bass and harmonica, and he was the original bass player for the 1970’s band Little Roger and the Goosebumps. Recently, both artists have been performing in the folk/blues band Crows in the Meadow. Please join us for their program and be utterly beguiled.

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, October 4th to make a reservation.

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.*”

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!

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.

Youth Breakfast Run, Saturday, October 26th!!

Our Youth Group will be driving into NYC beginning the trip at 6:30 in the morning at FCCOL to then travel to Dunkin Donuts, then into NYC (location TBD) where we will be handing out the donations from our Winter Clothing Drive to people who are in need, along with breakfast and lunch. This is always a wonderful experience for our students. If you would like to join as a chaperone, reach out to me, Jolene 860-460-9511, or if you'd like to send your student (middle school aged and up) with us we will take very good care of them! We have reserved 20 tickets for the Matinee for Hamilton, following the breakfast Run. RSVP with Jolene Brant: jmbrant2023@gmail.com or 860-460-9511.

October Adult Forums: Visioning Church Together

Following our church service we'll meet with Convergence Consultant, Cameron Trimble who will appear virtually, for a presentation and an interactive discussion. Join us in Sheffield Auditorium at 11:30am on Sunday October 13th, Part 1, and Sunday, October 27th, Part 2.

Women's Wellness Retreat: The Sanctuary of Friendship

Save the date: Saturday, Nov 2nd, 2024. This year, we're invited to a wellness retreat including lunch, yoga and storytelling with women refugees from the New Haven area. We're hoping to meet in Guilford from 11:00-3:00. To register and get more information, emails to Anne at fccol@fccol.org.

Housing Wanted

We regularly hear from folks who are in need of an affordable rental. If you have any information that could be helpful, please let Anne in the office know. One woman we know of would be grateful even for a room to rent for a period of time.

2025 FCCOL Members and Friends and Staff Directory

In the coming months the office staff will be working on a new FCCOL pictorial. You will be contacted either by email, or phone or snail mail. We will be updating addresses, phone numbers, and adding emails and cell phone numbers in hopes of making communications easier throughout the church.

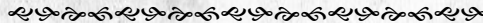
A special thank you this week to “**Coffee's Country Market and Catering,**” in Old Lyme and especially Kenny Coffee, who donated and delivered over 900 pounds of non-perishable food to the Saturday Food Pantry!

Important Church-Wide Survey

By now many of you have received the church-wide survey that is the first step in our consulting engagement with the firm Convergence. Emails were sent on Thursday for those for whom we had addresses, and the remaining US Mailings were sent Friday. For those completing the survey online, please allow sufficient time to complete it in one session. For those mailing a completed copy, a self-addressed stamped envelope is provided.

This is a very important undertaking for our church. The more members and friends who participate, the more valuable and productive our work with the consulting firm Convergence will be. Please give this exercise your thoughtful and prayerful consideration.

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



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."