



**The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme**  
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister  
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Carleen R. Gerber, Associate Minister  
Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

**January 14, 2024**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude

Introit: *Love came down at Christmas*

*by John Rutter (b. 1945)*

*Words by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)*

\*Processional Hymn: #366 “We are Walking”

\*Call to Worship:

Holy God, may we hear your voice  
In the stillness of night, in the clatter of day

**You call us, and we respond,**

**Here I am! Here we are!**

May we follow in the footsteps of love.

May we remove the barriers in our lives that keep us from  
one another,

**barriers we construct based on skin color, religion, gender or ability.**

May we hear, and follow, graciously.

**May we love as you love today and forevermore.**

**Come let us worship God.**

\*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: #242 “God of Life”

Children’s Message

Allison Hine

Hymn: #364 “This Little Light of Mine”

(First verse only, as children proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated.)

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Heavenly Light*

*by Alexander Kopylov (1854-1911)*

\*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.

\*Offertory Prayer

## Pastoral Prayer

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves. The top two staves are for the vocal line, with lyrics written below them. The bottom two staves are for the piano accompaniment. 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."

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer*

Scripture: Samuel 3: 1-11; Matthew 5: 14-15

Mbele Simphiwe

Sermon: **Holy Troublemakers and Tingling Ears**

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

\*Hymn: #353

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

*\*Congregation Standing*

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*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: *Love came down at Christmas* by John Rutter (b. 1945), words by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)**

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas, Start and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, love divine;  
Worship we our Jesus: But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token, Love be yours and love be mine; Love to God and  
all men, Love for plea, and gift and sign.

**Offertory Anthem: *Heavenly Light* by Alexander Kopylov (1854-1911)**

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O light  
Divine! May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light! Thou  
blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation! All those whose feet may  
falter, lead unto the scared altar! Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of  
love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray! Thou our beacon and guide  
shall be! Light Divine, we praise thee.

## Scripture Readings

### **Samuel 3: 1-11**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Holy One of Old under Eli. The word of the Holy One was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Most High, where the ark of God was.

Then God called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. The Holy One called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.”

Now Samuel did not yet know the Holy One, and the word of God had not yet been revealed to him. The Holy One called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the God Whose Name is Holy was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the HOLY ONE came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” Then the Holy One said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle.

**Matthew 5: 14-15** “ You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world...If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—Let your light shine! Keep an open house; be generous with your lives. Love.

(From translation, The Message)

*The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Susan Mountz.*

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The Nursery is open today with Miss Miriam.

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*We welcome our guest organist this morning, Doug Green*  
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**God's Neighborhood** resumes TODAY!

**Senior Center Luncheons:** The Lymes' Senior center will be holding their luncheons in the Church's Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week for the foreseeable future while their facility on Town Woods Road undergoes a major renovation. Any questions about attending the luncheons should be directed to the Senior Center's executive Director, Stephanie Gould, 860-514-5425.

**West Africa Trip:** Our West Africa travelers returned on Friday. We will look forward to hearing more about their adventures over the next few weeks.

**Home to Rent Desperately Needed:** A family of four who are good friends of the church need a home to rent in the immediate future. While we sponsored and settled this family of former refugees a few years ago, they now need to move from their present home. Any location on the shoreline would be acceptable. Please call the church office (860-434-8686) if you can help or know someone who can. Thanks!

**Shares of Stock:** We have gratefully received 46 shares of Intel stock on 11/28/2023. We do not know who sent in this gift. Kindly contact the Church office at (860) 434-8686 and leave a message for Bob or Julie to let us know if you have made this contribution so we can give you the proper credit. Thank you.

**Interested in Confirmation?** Confirmation classes for 1st, 2nd or 3rd year high school students will begin on Sunday, January 28th from 4-5:30 pm. Classes will meet January-May and include field trips, films and a service project. Confirmation is offered every other year. For more information contact Laura at 860-304-9096 or [lfitz.nager@gmail.com](mailto:lfitz.nager@gmail.com).

**Save the Date.** Walking in their Footsteps: A Civil Rights Learning Trip for Teens during April vacation from April 6th - 11th. This is a 5-day journey. We will fly round trip to Atlanta, Georgia and visit sights there and drive to Birmingham, Alabama among other places. There will be an informational session in the Library on January 21st at 11:30 am following the service. Come learn about our itinerary as we walk in the footsteps of Civil Rights leaders. For more information or to reserve a spot, email Jolene Brant at [jmbrant2023@gmail.com](mailto:jmbrant2023@gmail.com).

## ANNUAL MEETING

On Sunday, January 28, at 11:15 am, the church will hold its annual meeting, during which, among other things, we will elect officers and board members, and approve the church budget for the coming year.

The "2023 Annual Report" available later in the month contains the agenda for the meeting and other informative materials. **All Board and Committee chairs, please submit your annual reports by the deadline of January 10.**

The purpose of the annual meeting is to:

- receive the reports of the ministers, boards and committees, and church officers for the year 2024;
- receive and approve the report of the nominating committee;
- elect officers and board members for the coming year;
- approve the church budget for the year 2024; and
- conduct such other old or new business as shall properly come before the meeting.

**Bible Study:** Will resume on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 11:00 am in the library. All are welcome.

**Chili Cookoff:** Calling all chefs for the Ground Hog Day Chili Cookoff tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 2nd, at 5:30-7:00 pm. Chefs please email the office.

**Board of Missions:** The Board of Missions recently made a gift of \$3,000 to the Middle East Children's Alliance and \$2,000 to Doctors Without Borders. Both gifts are dedicated to help the crisis in Gaza.

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### Calendar of Events and Meetings

**Office Closed Monday, January 15th**

**LWS Monday, January 15th at 10:00 am** in Sheffield Auditorium.

**Senior Center Luncheon Tuesday, January 16th at 12:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**Board of Stewardship Tuesday, January 16th at 4:00 pm** in the Library.

**Board of Trustees Tuesday, January 16th at 7:30 pm** in the Library.

**Senior Center Luncheon Wednesday, January 17th at 12:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**Bell Ringers Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**Senior Choir Wednesday, January 17th at 7:30 pm** in Sheffield Auditorium.

**Bible Study Thursday, January 18th at 11:00 am** in the Library.

**Senior Center Luncheon Thursday, January 18th at 12:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**Food Pantry Saturday, January 20th, 8:30-10:30 am** in Fellowship Hall.

