



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

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

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Simon Holt, Organist and Director

**October 6, 2024**

**Communion Sunday Worship Service**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude

Introit: ***“Your Voice, My God, Calls Me by Name”***

by Erik Routley (1917-1982)

\*Processional Hymn: #427 “My Life Flows On”

\*Call to Worship:

Praise God! Alleluia! Alhamdulillah!

**We praise the God of all Life**

Peace, salaam, shalom!

**We come, praying for peace for all the nations.**

We come with *sumud*—steadfastness - in solidarity with our global siblings.

**We seek *shalom*, wholeness, we follow Christ’s call with the guidance of the Spirit.**

*Yallah!* - Let’s go!

**Let us worship God together.**

\*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Stewardship

by Mark Hand

Hymn: “For Everyone Born” (see insert)

words by Shirley Erena Murray

Children’s Message

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

Children’s Song: “The Rainbow Connection”

Lyrics by Paul Williams & Kenneth Ascher  
performed by Sean McCarty

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: ***“Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates”***

by William. Mathias (1934-1992)

\*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: “Holy, Holy, Holy (Santo, Santo, Santo)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dore you! My  
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi  
heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!  
co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Señ - or!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics. The second system contains the next two lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with clear lyrics underneath.

Scripture: Isaiah 11 :1-4, 6, 7-9, Jeremiah 8:11, John 14:27, Romans 12:18

Kathy Sugland

Sermon: “C’mon, the Table is Ready”

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

\*Hymn #294 “Break Thou the Bread of Life ”

Sacrament of Communion

(on the back cover)

Closing Hymn: #415 “When We Are Living” (Pues Si Vivimos)

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: “Your Voice, My God, Calls Me by Name”** by Erik Routley (1917-1982)

Your voice, my God, calls me by name; your joy awaits me in your home. Dearest Lord, your kindly word fails me never, stands for ever.

Your death, my Jesus, sets me free, your life has risen again in me. Dearest Lord, your vital Word activates me, captivates me.

Spirit of love, repeat that sign which makes anew this heart of mine: dearest Lord, now is your Word shining o'er me, praying for me.

**Offertory Anthem: “Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates”** by Wm. Mathias (1934-1992)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

## Scripture Readings

**Isaiah 11: 1-4, 6, 7-9**

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from these roots a Branch will bear fruit.

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on them—  
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and of might,  
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—  
and they will delight in the awe of the Lord.

They will not judge by what they see with their eyes or decide by what they hear with their ears; but  
with righteousness they will judge the needy,  
with justice they will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

The wolf will live with the lamb,  
the leopard will lie down with the goat,  
the calf and the lion and the yearling[a] together;  
and a little child will lead them.

The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den,  
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

**Jeremiah 8:11**

They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. “Peace, peace,” they say, when there is no peace.

**John 14:27**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

**Romans 12:18**

“If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”

*The flowers are given this morning are given by Stephanie Webster.*

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*The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Cathy Mathis.*

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

**Ladies Who Stitch** *Monday, October 7th at 10:00 am* in Sheffield Auditorium.

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

**Board of Trustees Meeting** *Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

**Ballroom Dancing** *Wednesday, October 9th at 10:00 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Senior Choir Rehearsal** *Wednesday, October 9th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Blood Drive** *Thursday, October 10th from 8:00 am till 6:00 pm* in the Library.

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

**Shoreline Food Pantry** *Saturday, Oct 12th at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Nehantic Heritage Day** *Saturday, Oct 12th from 1:00—4:00 pm* McCook Park, East Lyme.

**Musical Masterworks** *Sat. Oct 12th at 5pm and Sun, Oct 13th at 3pm* in the Meetinghouse.

**Youth Group Winter Clothing Drive** *through October 25th.*, drop off in the Fellowship Hall and Sheffield Auditorium on the stage.

**October Adult Forum Part 1:** *Sunday, Oct. 13th 11:30 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**FCCOL Office Closed for Indigenous Peoples Day,** *Monday, October 14th.*

### **Coming Soon...**

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

**Youth Group Breakfast Run** *Saturday, October 26th at 6:30 am.*

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

**November Newsletter Deadline** is Friday, October 18th.

## **Youth Group Winter Clothing Drive Collecting until October 25th**

October 1st - 25th: Our Youth Group will be collecting winter clothing, socks, hats, gloves and small toiletries, Sundays (and everyday) 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!

## **Youth Breakfast Run, Saturday, October 26th**

Our Youth Group will be driving into NYC at 6:30 in the morning departing from 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.

**Ladies Benevolent Society Luncheon:** Come join us for some fellowship, delicious food and a wonderful program at the LBS luncheon on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 is every Thursday, 11:00 am till 12:00 pm. 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.*”

## **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. Reserve your spot today! To register and get more information, emails to Anne at [fccol@fccol.org](mailto: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.

## **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. This is a very important undertaking for our church. Please give this exercise your thoughtful and prayerful consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bob or Anne in the church office (860-434-8686).

## **Two Important Upcoming Adult Forums**

An important part of our work with the Convergence consulting firm, the Rev. Cameron Trimble from Convergence and an expert on cultural shifts impacting churches, will make two presentations, Part 1 and Part 2 at the Adult Forums on October 13 and October 27: Visioning Church Together. These will be at 11:30 following the worship services, and promise to be very enlightening and informative as we work together with Convergence.

## **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](mailto:wendyknight@gmail.com).

## **Elephants in Winter Sale**

Save the Dates for the Elephant in Winter Sale, Saturday November 16th from 9:00 till 2:00 pm and Sunday, November 17th from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. Also the Partnership Store will be having a sale of their own, same dates and times!

## **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.

# 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

## SHARING OF PEACE

## 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.*