



**The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme**

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# SUNDAY WORSHIP

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**October 13, 2024**

**Sunday Worship Service**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude

Introit: **“Lord God, Have Mercy”** by Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

\*Processional Hymn: #504 “God of Justice, God of Mercy” (verses 1-2)

\*Call to Worship:

God of justice, God of mercy, make us merciful and just.  
**Help us see all your creation as from you a sacred trust.**  
And when people cry in anguish for their own or others' pain,  
**Show us ways to make a difference.**  
O dear God...make us humane.

**Let us worship the God of flesh made known in Jesus,  
Come to make us humane.**

\*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Stewardship by Maryann Furlong

Hymn #504 “God of Justice, God of Mercy” (verse 3)

Children’s Message Sean McCarty

Children’s Song: “The Rainbow Connection” Lyrics by Paul Williams & Kenneth Ascher  
performed by Sean McCarty

Who said that every wish would be heard and answered  
When wished on the morning star?  
Somebody thought of that and someone believed it  
Look what it's done so far.

What's so amazing that keeps us stargazing, and what do we think we might see?  
Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection  
The lovers, the dreamers and me...

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: **“Set Me as a Seal”** by Dale Grotenhuis (1931-2012)

\*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: "Spirit of the Living God"

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me; Spir - it of the

liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,

use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Scripture: Genesis 34: 5-7, 25-31, 35:1

Sermon: "Cycles of Humiliation, Seeds of Regeneration"

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

Closing Hymn: #504 "God of Justice, God of Mercy"

(verses 4-5)

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: “Lord God, Have Mercy”**

by Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Lord God, have mercy, through your never ending love; blot out my sins, O Lord; all my wrong forgive. Cast me not away O Lord; take not your holy Spirit. Create in me a clean heart. O God. Restore the joy of thy salvation. O Lord God, have mercy, through your never ending love; blot out my sins, O Lord; all my wrong forgive. Cast me not away O Lord; hide not your face, O God.

**Offertory Anthem: “Set Me as a Seal”**

by Dale Grotenhuis (1931-2012)

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm. For love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

## Scripture Readings

**Genesis 34: 5-7, 25-31, 35:1**

Now Jacob heard that Shechem had defiled his daughter Dinah, but his sons were with his cattle in the field, so Jacob held his peace until they came. And Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him, just as the sons of Jacob came in from the field. When they heard of it, the men were indignant and very angry, because he had committed an outrage in Israel by lying with Jacob’s daughter, for such a thing ought not to be done.

Later, two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah’s brothers, took their swords and came against the city of Hamor and Shechem unawares and killed all the males. They killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the sword and took Dinah out of Shechem’s house and went away. And the other sons of Jacob came upon the slain and plundered the city because their sister had been defiled. They took their flocks and their herds, their donkeys, and whatever was in the city and in the field. All their wealth, all their little ones and their wives, all that was in the houses, they captured and made their prey. Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, “You have brought trouble on me by making me odious to the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites and the Perizzites; my numbers are few, and if they gather themselves against me and attack me, I shall be destroyed, both I and my household.” But they said, “Should our sister be treated like a prostitute?”

Then God said to Jacob, "Arise..."

*The flowers are given this morning are given by Cari Blanchard.*

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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**

**October Adult Forum Part 1:** *TODAY, at 11:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Musical Masterworks Concert** *Today at 3:00 pm* in the Meetinghouse.

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

**Ladies Who Stitch** *Monday, October 14th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Senior Choir Rehearsal** *Wednesday, October 16th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Bible Study** *Thursday, October 17th at 11:00 am* in Hoag Parlor.

**Board of Stewardship Meeting** *Thursday, October 17th at 4:00 pm* in the Library.

**Writers at the Well** *Friday, October 18th at 10:00 am* in Hoag Parlor.

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

**Shoreline Food Pantry** *Saturday, Oct 19th at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Peter Carlson Memorial Service** *Saturday, October 19th at 1:00 pm* in the Meetinghouse.

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

## **Coming Soon...**

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

## **Two Important Upcoming Adult Forums PART I is TODAY!**

As 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 is Today** and Part 2 is on Sunday, October 27th following the worship services. Both promise to be very enlightening and informative as we work together with Convergence.

## **Important Church-Wide Survey**

By now all of you should 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, concerns or did not receive the survey, please contact Bob or Anne in the church office (860-434-8686).

## **Hurricane Relief**

This past week, the Board of Missions, matched with other discretionary funds, has released \$1,500 to the United Church of Christ for their recovery work following Hurricane Helene. These monies will become even more critical as we assess the damage of Hurricane Milton.

## **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 on Sundays, or you can drop off any day 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**

Join us on Friday, Oct 25th from 3-5pm to make sandwiches and sort clothing/toiletries for Saturdays Run! 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 now have reserved 33 tickets for Hamilton on Breakfast Run day and a waitlist. Please make checks to FCCOL with addition of “Hamilton tix” on subject line. RSVP with Jolene Brant: [jmbrant2023@gmail.com](mailto:jmbrant2023@gmail.com) or 860-460-9511.

## **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. The retreat will be at the Guilford Community Center, 32 Church St, Guilford, CT. Suggested donation of \$25.00 and includes lunch. Reserve your spot today! To register and get more information, email Anne at [fccol@fccol.org](mailto:fccol@fccol.org) or call 860-434-8686.

## **Bible Study 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.”*

## **Elephants in Winter Sale**

Save the Dates for the Elephants 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!

## **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. Even for a room to rent for a period of time would be greatly appreciated.

## **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).

## **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 direct mail. We will be updating addresses, phone numbers, and adding emails and cell phone numbers in hopes of making communications easier throughout the church.

