



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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Simon Holt, Organist and Director

October 20, 2024

Sunday Worship Service

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: “Lead Me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness”

by S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)

*Processional Hymn: #417 “All My Hope on God is Founded”

*Call to Worship:

Whether you are from the South, the East, the North, or the West...

Whether you were born into this faith, or found it, or it found you...

Whether you feel at home or are still trying to find your place...

Whether you believe in God, are open to mystery, or still have no idea...

Whether you are unemployed, underemployed, retired, overworked, or in school...

**Whether you are holding anxiety, grief, confusion, anger, hope,
restlessness, or deep peace...**

There is a place for you in this community of grace.

**In prayer and in song, let us open ourselves to the One in whom we live
and move and have our being.**

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Stewardship

by Rev. Michael Jackson

Hymn #474 “Rise Up, O Saints of God”

(verses 1-2)

Children's Message

Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

Children's Song: “The Rainbow Connection”

performed by Sean McCarty

Have you been half asleep. And have you heard voices?

I've heard them calling my name. Is this the sweet sound

That calls the young sailors? The voice might be one and the same

I've heard it too many times to ignore it. It's something that I'm supposed to be

Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection

The lovers, the dreamers and me.

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: “He, Watching Over Israel” from *Elijah*

by F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*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: “As We Are Gathered”

The image shows a musical score for the Pastoral Prayer Response "As We Are Gathered". It is written in G major and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "As we are gathered, Je - sus is here; one with each oth - er, Je - sus is here. Joined by the Spir - it built up in love, part of the bod - y, the church of God." The first system is marked "Refrain" and ends with a "Fine" marking. The second system ends with a "to Refrain" marking. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Scripture: Genesis 35: 1-4

Sermon: “Have Done With Lesser Things”

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

Closing Hymn: #519 “O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines”

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: “Lead Me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness”

by S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness, make Thy way plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord, You, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Offertory Anthem: “He, Watching Over Israel” from *Elijah*

by F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

Scripture Readings

Genesis 35: 1-4

God said to Jacob, “Arise, go up to Bethel, and settle there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau.” So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Put away the foreign gods that are among you, and purify yourselves, and change your clothes; then come, let us go up to Bethel, that I may make an altar there to the God who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone.” So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had and the rings that were in their ears, and Jacob hid them under the oak that was near Shechem.

The flowers are given this morning are given by Barbara Smith.

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*The hosts for the Fellowship Hour this morning are Susan and Wayne Mountz.*

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

There will be a short **Breakfast Run Meeting** right after church **TODAY** in the Library.  
**Ladies Who Stitch** *Monday, October 21st at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.  
**Senior Center** *Mon. 21st, Tues. 22nd, Wed. 23rd at 12:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.  
**Ladies Benevolent Society Meeting** *Tuesday, October 22nd at 10:00 am* in the Library.  
**Board of Deacons Meeting** *Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00 pm* in the Library.  
**Ballroom Dancing** *Wednesday, October 23rd at 10:00 am* in the Fellowship Hall.  
**Senior Choir Rehearsal** *Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.  
**Bible Study** *Thursday, October 24th at 11:00 am* in Hoag Parlor.  
**Newsletter Folding** *Thursday, October 24th at 10:00 am* in the Library.  
**Youth Group Set-Up for Breakfast Run** *Friday October 25th from 3:00– 5:00 pm.*  
**Shoreline Food Pantry** *Saturday, October 26th at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.  
**Youth Group Breakfast Run** *Saturday, October 26th departing at 6:30 am.*  
**October Adult Forum: Visioning Church Together Part 2** *Sunday, October 27th at 11:30am on Sunday, Oct 27th* in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Coming Soon...**

**Women's Retreat** *Saturday, Nov.2nd from 10:00 - 2:00 pm* at the Guilford Comm. Center.  
**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.

## **Convergence Adult Forum Part 2**

As an important part of our work with the Convergence consulting firm, the Rev. Cameron Trimble from Convergence who is an expert on cultural shifts impacting churches and will make another presentation, Part 2 on Sunday, October 27th following the worship services. Please join us for this important presentation.

**The video of the Convergence Adult Forum Part 1** can be viewed at online at:

<https://youtu.be/yrZHi0jdMwM>

## **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).

## **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**

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 from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm. 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.

**Two upcoming events to add to your calendars**, Youth group is having a Fall Clean-Up at the Major Edward Good Veterans Home for Homeless Veterans in New London on Sunday November 3rd from 12-2pm. Pizza will follow! And a visit to the **Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center** 10:00 am Saturday, November 9th.

## **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.”*

## **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.

## **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!

## **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).

## **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.

## **2025 FCCOL Members and Friends and Staff Directory**

In the coming months the office staff will be working on a new FCCOL pictorial directory. 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.

OCTOBER  
**26**  
OPENING NIGHT  
EXTRAVAGANZA  
Simon Holt organ



## Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 7:30 PM at the Garde Arts Center in New London. Featuring Simon Holt.

The opening program of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra's 2024-25 season, its 15<sup>th</sup> under Music Director & Conductor Toshiyuki Shimada, spans two centuries and two continents. After standing for *The Star-Spangled Banner*—as arranged by none other than Igor Stravinsky—the audience will thrill to the theme from the film *2001: A Space Odyssey* (and, more recently, *Barbie*) from German composer Richard Strauss's 1896 tone poem *Also Sprach Zarathustra*.

A trip to the Midwest of the 1930s follows: two movements from the orchestral suite based on Aaron Copland's 1954 opera *The Tender Land*. The first half wraps up with more from Strauss: the suite from his 1910 comic opera *Der Rosenkavalier*. Following intermission, **London-trained organist Simon Holt**, a 25-year resident of southeastern Connecticut and Director of Salt Marsh Opera (among many other organizations), will be the soloist for a performance of French composer Camille Saint-Saëns's sparkling *Symphony No. 3 in C Minor*, known as the "Organ Symphony," dedicated to the memory of Franz Liszt, who died two months after its 1886 premiere.

For tickets: <https://ectsymphony.com/10-26-24/>

## THE ANGLICAN SINGERS



### CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, October 20 ~ 5:00 pm  
St. James Episcopal Church  
76 Federal Streets, New London

Introit ~ *Christus factus est* ~ Anton Bruckner  
Versicles & Responses ~ Bernard Rose  
Service Music ~ Bryan Kelly, in C major  
Anthem ~ *For lo, I raise up* ~ Charles V. Stanford



Simon D. Holt ~ Director  
L. Graham Schultz ~ Organist