



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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November 10, 2024

Worship Service

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **“Adoramus te, Christe”** by Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

*Processional Hymn: #80 **“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”** (verses 1-3)

*Call to Worship:

O God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.
Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: #400 **“There Is a Balm in Gilead”**

Children's Message

Gavin Lodge

Children's Song: #364 **“This Little Light of Mine”**

(Children proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated.)

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: **“Father, We Praise Thee”** by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*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”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Spirit of the Living God". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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: Exodus 2: 1-4, Luke 1: 49-50

Sermon: “Down by the Riverside, from Generation to Generation”

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit and Rev. Gregg A. Carlson

Closing Hymn: #80 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (verses 4-6)

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.

Scripture Readings

Exodus 2: 1-4

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

Luke 1: 49-50

For the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;
Indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

Choir Anthems Today

Introit: “Adoramus te, Christe”

by Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Adoramus te, Christe, et benedictus tibi; quia per sanctam Crucem tuam redemisti mundum.
*Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee for ever, for on the Holy Cross hast
Thou the world from sin redeemed.*

Offertory Anthem: “Father, We Praise Thee”

by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Father, we praise Thee, now the night is over, active and watchful, stand we all before Thee:
singing we offer prayer and meditation: thus we adore Thee.
Monarch of all things, fit us for Thy mansions; banish our weakness, health and wholeness
sending: bring us to heaven where Thy Saints united joy without ending.
All holy Father, Son and equal Spirit, Trinity blessed, send us Thy salvation; Thine is the
glory, gleaming and resounding through all creation. Amen.

*The flowers are given this morning are given with love and gratitude
for the life of Kenneth Cave.*

The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Julie Martel.

The nursery is open today with Miss Tiffany Goss.

Events and Meeting

Adult Forum with Gregg Carlson *TODAY, Nov. 10th at 11:15 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

New Members Orientation *TODAY, November 10th after the Adult Forum* in the Library.

Ladies Who Stitch *Monday, November 11th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Ladies Benevolent Society Luncheon *Tues, Nov. 12th at 12:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Board of Trustees Meeting *Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

Parent and Families Trans Support Group *Wed, November 13th at 5:30 pm* in Hoag Parlor.

Handbell Ringers Rehearsal *Wed, November 13th at 6:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Choir Rehearsal *Wednesday, November 13th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study *Thursday, November 14th at 11:00 am* in the Hoag Parlor.

Newsletter Deadline *Friday, November 15th.*

Shoreline Food Pantry *Saturday, November 16th at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

Coming Soon...

Elephants in Winter Sale with the Partnership Store Sale *Saturday, Nov 16th* from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm and *Sunday, November 17th* from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm.

Welcome “New Members” *Sunday Nov. 24th* at the 10:00 am service in the Meetinghouse.

“Gratitude” Service with St. Ann’s Church, *Tues, Nov.26th at 7:00 pm* in the Meetinghouse.

Church Holiday Decorating *will be Friday, Nov.29th*, see Sean McCarty for more details.

TODAY An Opportunity to Interact with Convergence – at the Adult Forum.

Rev. Gregg Carlson, director of consulting at Convergence, is here TODAY for both the worship service and the Adult Forum. Gregg will share what he has learned so far about our church, and how we will work together going forward. We hope you can attend this Adult Forum in the Fellowship Hall.

Our engagement with the Convergence consulting firm is progressing. So far Convergence has received 236 completed surveys from the congregation which they are now analyzing, we have submitted a companion “leaders” survey, and we have held two very informative webinars with Convergence CEO, The Rev. Cameron Trimble, at our adult forums on October 13th and 27th.

New Members Orientation *TODAY after the Adult Forum* in the Library.

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 Coming Soon!

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!

Save the Date: Adult Forum

November 17th after the 10:00 am service Tom Sherer will present “*Climate is Changing - What Can We Do?*”

“Gratitude” Worship Service November 26th, 2024

All are welcome to join us for our Community Service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00 pm at The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme featuring choirs from St. Ann’s Episcopal Church and The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme under the direction of Simon Holt, Music Director at The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme.

Our Youth Group will be serving at the New London Community Meal Center, Nov 24th. Meeting at the church by 3:30 to serve from 4:00 -6:00pm. We still have space for two more volunteers. Contact Jolene, if you would like to volunteer 860-460-9511.

Environmental Committee field trip to Judge's Farm Wednesday, Nov 20 @ 1:30

Here is another opportunity to see what a sustainable future can look like! Judge's is in our own backyard, created by community members Matt and Martin Griswold. They are a wholesale farm that aims to be net zero for energy usage, and also are newly providing native plants in their offerings. I believe it's important to see what is possible, and how such a forward looking endeavor can produce a thriving business while caring for creation. Space is limited to 20. If you would like to come, please email me at MarietteTB98@gmail.com.

Our 2025 Stewardship Campaign is progressing well. Thanks to 178 of our members and friends we have received commitments for the 2025 campaign of \$455,567 or 76% of this year's goal of \$600,000 and 350 contributors. This is a great start. However, it is important that we reach our goal. Individual contributions account for over three-quarters of the funds the church needs to fund our staff, property and benevolence giving each year. So, if you have not already sent in your commitment card for 2025, please call the church office (860-434-8686). The Board of Stewardship will also be sending out reminders shortly. Please respond as generously as you are able. With gratitude from your Board of Stewardship.

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!

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.

An Update on the David W. Good Memorial Fund

Shortly after David Good's memorial service this past April, FCCOL invited members and friends to contribute to a fund established in his honor. Thanks to the generosity expressed by many of you, that fund now stands at a little over \$22,000, and counting. To reflect David's long commitment to mission partnerships and education, the ministers, in consultation with the Board of Trustees and the Endowment Committee, have decided that the fund will be used to support the ongoing work of our partnerships. The fund will be invested along with our endowment, though unlike the endowment itself, it will be available for use when needed. Whether for Green Grass or Palestine, for South Africa or Haiti, or a newer venture, the David W. Good Memorial Fund will be used to expand upon the work that David began, and that we continue in his memory.

Reverend Gregg Carlson

Director of Contracted Services - Staff Consulting & Recruitment, Certified
Ministry Leadership Coach



Gregg has a passion for growing and starting local churches. He has been in ministry for over 30 years. In addition to solo pastoring two renewal congregations and planting a church, Gregg has served a denominational executive, executive director of a camping ministry and 10 years as an executive pastor in large church settings. He has been with Convergence since it began in 2009, and is the Director of Coaching & Contracted Services. His focus is working with denominational bodies, coordinating local church consulting and leading Convergence's initiative in Staffing Consultation.