



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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February 25, 2024

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *God of Grace* Paul Manz, arr. Gary Jungkeit
Handbell Quartet: Gary Jungkeit, Pat Jungkeit, Annie McCarty, Sean McCarty & Organ

*Processional Hymn: #474 “Rise Up, O Saints Of God!”

*Call to Worship:

Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within us.
**Do not cast us away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from us.**
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in us a willing spirit.
Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #397 “Create in Me, O God”

Children’s Message

Sean McCarty

Hymn: #364 “This Little Light of Mine”

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

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Adoramus te*

Quirino Gasparini

*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

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Spirit of the Living God*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). 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." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Scripture: II Samuel 11 and 12 (Selected Passages), Psalm 51 (Selected Verses)

Sermon: **“Have Mercy Upon Me”**
by Prof. Peter S. Hawkins

Reverend Dr. Steven Jungkeit

*Hymn: #393 “ Out of the Depths, Oh God, We Call”

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

Offertory Anthem: Adoramus te

Quirino Gasparini (1749-1770)

Adoramus te Christe, et benedicimus tibi, quia per sanctam crucem tuam, redemisti mundum.

We adore you, Christ, and we bless you, because through your holy cross, you redeemed the world.



Scripture Readings

II Samuel 11 and 12, Selected Passages

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

Later, David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die." As Joab kept watch over the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were valiant warriors. The men of the city came out and fought with Joab, and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite was killed as well.

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a

daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"

Psalm 51 (Selected Verses)

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,

You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

The flowers this morning given in loving memory of Samuel Baez.

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

The Nursery is open today with Miss Miriame.

Theologian In Residence (from afar) Today, Following the Service:

Peter Hawkins is one of the world's leading experts on Dante, and especially on *The Divine Comedy*. A year ago, Peter helped to orient us in the world of the *Inferno*, and now he's helping us to do the same with the second part of Dante's journey, the *Purgatorio*, which we'll be reading in full on Maundy Thursday (March 28). He is the author of many books on Dante, including *Dante's Testaments: Essays in Scriptural Imagination*. Peter taught religion and literature at Yale Divinity School for many years, where he remains an emeritus professor.

Due to an unforeseen illness, Peter is not able to join us in person this morning, but he has provided us with his words and his creative vision, which shall be spoken and performed by others. Our prayers are with Peter during this time, even as we are grateful for his guidance from afar.

If you would like to be a reader of a canto for Dante's *Purgatorio* on March 28th, please call the office or contact Steve.

Church World Service Blanket Drive: CWS partners with 37 Christian denominations all over the world. Lightweight fleece blankets, warm wool blankets and various kits were distributed during flooding disasters in California, Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, Tennessee and Vermont. The blankets are water repellent. They provide warmth, shelter, privacy, comfort and can also be used for small tents. Each blanket costs only \$10. Please make checks payable to LBS. CWS envelopes are available in the pews and may be put in the offering plate or sent to FCCOL, 2 Ferry Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371 c/o LBS. Thank you for caring!

Soup Bowl Supper - Save the date! The Soup Bowl Supper makes its triumphant return on Friday, March 8th, 5:00-7:00 pm. Choose from an assortment of amazing handcrafted bowls donated by Walt's Pottery and friends. Enjoy delicious homemade soups and donate to a great cause! Proceeds will go toward the church's food pantry and food ministry programs. We hope you'll join us!

Walking in their Footsteps: A 5-day Civil Rights Learning Trip for Teens during April vacation from April 6th-11th. We will fly round trip to Atlanta, Georgia and visit sights there and drive to Birmingham, Alabama among other places. For more information or to reserve a spot, email Jolene Brant at jmbrant2023@gmail.com.

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.

Bible Study: Bible Study meets on Thursdays, 11am-12pm in the library. Available also on Zoom. All are welcome!

The Bible is chock full of legendary characters, strange plot twists, tricksters and thieves, mystics and musicians as well as the horror and the holy within its pages. How does it all end up and what's love got to do with it? We're making our way through Genesis and someday we'll get to the book of Revelation. Join us!

Grief Group

Join us for our monthly support group for those living with grief and loss. Wednesday 5:00-6:00 pm, February 28th.

Book for Sale by Prue Allen

The book entitled "Accidental Activist" a first-hand account of Prue Allen's work with Martin Luther King Jr., during the Civil Rights Movement, is now for sale at Fellowship Coffee Hours after worship services. The book was self published and the price is \$40.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

LWS Monday, February 26th at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

Ladies Benevolent Society Tuesday, February 27th at 11:00 am in the Library.

Senior Center Luncheon Tuesday, February 27th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Deacons Meeting Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 pm in the Library.

Senior Center Luncheon Wednesday, February 28th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bell Ringers Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Grief Group Wednesday, February 28th at 5:00 pm in Hoag Parlor.

Senior Choir Wednesday, February 28th at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study Thursday, February 29th at 11:00 am in the Library.

Senior Center Luncheon Thursday, February 29th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Board of Stewardship Thursday, February 29th at 4:00 pm in Library.

Food Pantry & Diaper Bank Sat., March 2nd, 8:30-10:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

Easter Schedule

Easter Memorial Music and Flowers

As in years past, you can make a donation to our Easter Memorial Music and/or Flowers.

Prior to March 22nd, please email the church office (fccol@fccol.org) or include a note with your check, with your name and the names for whom you would like a memorial or honorary dedication.

Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024

A 6:00 pm service of communion and sacred music.
A reading of Dante's "Purgatorio" will follow at 7:00 pm.

Good Friday March 29, 2024

Meetinghouse open for prayer and meditation.

Easter Sunrise Service March 31, 2024

6:00 am at Griswold Point
(if you need directions, call the church).

Easter Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am Worship Services

Childcare will be available at the 9 o'clock service.

WELCOME OUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER!

We are pleased and happy to announce that Anne Koczka (pronounced kahs-ka) has joined the Fccol team as our new office manager. Anne joined us on February 12th, and she comes to us with a wealth of experience and qualifications. Most recently she was the Business Manager at the Christ Lutheran Church in Amston, Connecticut, where she served for the last six years. Arriving here she dove right in to the weekly email broadcasts, the bulletins, the website, the March newsletter and the church calendar!

Anne has a delightful and welcoming personality. Please introduce yourselves to her whenever you can, and be patient as she learns a couple hundred new names! WELCOME ANNE!