



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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April 7, 2024

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: ***God Be In My Head***

by John Rutter

*Processional Hymn: #237 “How Firm a Foundation”

*Call to Worship (words offered by David Good, September 13, 1992):

Here is a church that believes in God's love and God's grace.

**Here is a church that says yes to people
regardless of their personal circumstances.**

**Here is a church that believes and acts as if it
Believes that "the only thing that counts is
faith active in love."**

**Lord, may it be so.
Let us worship God!**

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #133 “Morning Star, O Cheering Sight”

Children’s Message

Cathy Mathis

Children’s Song: “A Place in the Choir” (printed on the page 4)
(Children proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated.)

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: ***With a Voice of Singing***

by Martin Shaw

*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: *Here Our Prayer, O God*

The image shows a musical score for a pastoral prayer response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in - cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Scripture: Ruth 1: 1-16, Daniel 3: 19-27

Sermon: "The Church of Timshel: The Prophetic Ministry of David W. Good"

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #477 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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: *God be in my Head*

by John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

Offertory Anthem: *With a Voice of Singing*

by Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Children's Song: "A Place in the Choir"

All God's creatures got a place in the choir Some sing low and some sing higher, Some sing out loud on a telephone wire, Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they've got now All God's creatures got a place in the choir Some sing low and some sing higher, Some sing out loud on a telephone wire, Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they've got now.

Scripture Readings

Ruth 1: 1-16

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. 3 But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. 4 These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But

Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters. Why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.” Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, “Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you,
to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people
and your God my God.

Daniel 3: 19-27

Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. Because the king’s command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, “Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?” They answered the king, “True, O king.” He replied, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the fourth has the appearance of a god.” Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire.

*The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of our beloved
Minister Emeritus Reverend David W. Good.*

The hosts for the Fellowship Hour this morning are Cathy Mathis and Dennis Fitzpatrick.

The Nursery is open today with Miss Tiffany Goss.

The Guest Organist today is Kathy Cooper.

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

Walking in their Footsteps: Our Walking in Their Footsteps Civil Rights travelers are now in Atlanta, Georgia and will be traveling to Montgomery and Selma, Alabama from April 6th-11th. Here are our travelers: Mary Kane; Jolene, Noah and Anderson Brant; Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager; Anna William Fitzpatrick-Nager; Deb Heminway; Angela and Clarissa Mock; Gavin, Ellison and Colton Lodge; Mary Gardener Coppola; Myles Coppola; Sarah and Asher Gallardo; Joe Kazadi; Anna Bjornberg; Zoe Eastman-Groessel; Finn Barrett; Cari Blanchard; Sofia Noti; Regan Weinstein; Jayla Grous; Ben Lott; Sawyer Spiers.

One Great Hour of Sharing: is a special annual Easter season offering sponsored by The United Church of Christ in conjunction with the National Council of Churches. This appeal makes it possible for monies to be available for immediate help across the globe to respond to humanitarian and climate disasters. Our church has participated in this special appeal for many years, and we were recognized a few years ago as one of the most generous contributors nation-wide. Our goal this Easter season is to raise \$10,000 for the work of OGHS, and the initial response on Easter was very generous. You may contribute at any time, (cash or put OGHS in the check memo line). Contribution envelopes are in the pews.

Ladies Benevolent Society April Luncheon:

Come join us for some fellowship, delicious food and a wonderful program at the LBS luncheon on Tuesday, April 9th from noon to 2pm.

A wonderful meal will be followed with a presentation by Arnie Pritchard, a storyteller/historian, who will share with us a special story about his father in World War II titled "This Business of Fighting." 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, April 5th to make a reservation.

Adult Forum: Sunday, April 14th at 11: 30 with Edie Twining

Join us for a brief review of the Halls Road Improvements project. Initiated in 2015, the HRIC is equipped with a masterplan (2019) to follow for Public Improvements and Private Development opportunities. New sidewalks, pedestrian bridge & trails design, overlay district proposal, and more. We will welcome your questions and comments. Hope to see you soon !

Palestine Museum Trip: Sunday, April 14th

Join us as we visit the Palestine Museum to support the resilient spirit and arts of our Palestinian neighbors, especially needed during this time of war. Those who wish to eat a Mediterranean lunch ahead of time, we will leave church at 11:30 for the Rawa Restaurant (<https://www.rawainc.com/>) in New Haven, two miles from the museum. After lunch, we'll meet at 2:00 pm at the Palestine Museum, 1764 Litchfield Turnpike, Woodbridge, CT. For more information and/or to register, contact Anne, our FCCOL office manager, or Claire Reutter at (512) 299-0634, cdsittinginatree@yahoo.com.

Walk to End Homelessness: Sunday, April 28th

Southeast Connecticut's Walk to End Homelessness is a stark yearly reminder that homelessness continues to be a crisis in our area. Your participation raises critical funds in support of our neighbors experiencing homelessness. One hundred percent of the money raised helps the New London Homeless Hospitality Center guests go home. Getting your friends and family to donate in support of *you* makes an even greater impact. <https://www.nlhhc.org/walk>

Crosby Fund for Haitian Education Presentation & Dinner:

Join us for a Haitian Dinner! If you would like to learn more about our work in Haiti, please join us Sunday, May 19th at 5:30pm at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme for a presentation and an authentic "Haitian Dinner" prepared and catered by Mommy's Restaurant of Norwich. For reservations please call the church at 860-434-8686. Suggested donation: \$10 per person. <https://crosbyfund.org/support/>

WES Save The Date: Start gathering those unwanted toys, clothes, books and one-of-a-kind items so you'll be ready when drop-off begins Thursday 6/27 through 7/3. For the 2024 calendar, a list of the items that we will accept and pictures of past years' fair including the YouTube videos, please look for more info on the church web site www.fccol.org.

If interested in volunteering, please call the church 860-434-8686 or any one of the following area coordinators: Anita Allen (860)227-6850, Bob Davis (860) 884-7568, Nathalie Fogg (860) 451-8460, Roxie Gallagher (860) 227-4649, Jane Marolda (860) 859-2497.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

LWS Monday, April 8th at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

LBS Luncheon Tuesday, April 9th at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, April 9th at 7:30 pm in the Library.

Senior Center Luncheon Wednesday, April 10th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bell Ringers Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Senior Choir Wednesday, April 10th at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

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

Senior Center Luncheon Thursday, April 11th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Food Pantry Saturday, April 13th at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

Memorial Service for Sally D'Aquila Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 am in Meetinghouse.

The Board of the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association is always looking for people who want to assist in and promote health and wellness programs for our community. No medical experience necessary. Call Cindi at 860-876-0456.

In Memoriam



Reverend David W. Good