



**The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme**  
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister  
Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager, Senior Associate Minister  
Carleen R. Gerber, Associate Minister  
Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

**March 10, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

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Prelude

Introit: *Father, Thy Holy Spirit* by Melchior Frank (1573-1639)

\*Processional Hymn: #427 “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

\*Call to Worship:

In this season of Lent, we make our way with Jesus toward Jerusalem;  
**We remember the steps that led Christ there: betrayal and fear,  
but also trust in God, and love for humanity.**

In this season of Lent, as we make our way toward the Jerusalems in our own lives,  
we strive to follow Christ’s example:

**To trust that our lives do not belong to ourselves alone, but to God and to the world;  
and to embrace the same love for humanity shown by Jesus.**

Through the Lenten journey of life,  
**Let us worship God.**

\*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: #380 “We Are Not Our Own”

Children’s Message

Lee Carpenter

Hymn: #364 “This Little Light of Mine”

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

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Lacrymosa* by Luigi Cherubini (1760-1842)

\*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: *Hear Our Prayer, O God*

Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -

cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

WORDS: Psalm 143:1  
MUSIC: George Whelpton, 1897

HEAR OUR PRAYER  
55.65

English-born George Whelpton came to the United States in 1851 as a child. He edited several hymnbooks.

Scripture: Luke 9: 51-62, Matthew 26: 36-39

Sermon: “**To Set One’s Face Towards Jerusalem**”

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

\*Hymn: #472 “I Would Be True”

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: *Father, Thy Holy Spirit***

by Melchior Frank (1573-1639)

Father, Thy Holy Spirit send, on us who here before Thee bend, we lift our hearts to Thee, O Lord, who art by heaven and earth adored. Cleanse Thou our hearts from earthy stain, our sin rebuke our will restrain, till we Thy living temples be, devoted only, Lord, to Thee.

**Offertory Anthem: *Lacrymosa***

by Luigi Cherubini (1760-1842)

Lacrymosa dies illa, qua resurget ex favilla, judicandus homo reus; huic ergo parce, Deus! Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem! Amen.

*Day of weeping, day of sorrow, day when people from dust shall rise to face their judge eternal. Gentle Jesus, Holy One, grant unto them peace and rest. Amen.*



## Scripture Readings

Luke 9: 51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury

my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Matthew 26: 36-39

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want.”

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We will be reading the middle section of Dante’s Divine Comedy– Purgatorio —on Maundy Thursday, March 28th starting at 7:00 pm.



**Dante Readers Meeting** *Sunday, March 17th at 11:30am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

*The flowers this morning given in loving memory of Bob Regan.*

*The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Barbara Macgregor.*

*The Nursery is open today with Miss Miriame.*

**Memorial Service for Bob Regan,** There will be a memorial service for Bob Regan in the Meetinghouse Today at 3pm in the afternoon. A reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

**LBS March Luncheon, Tuesday March 12th, 12:00-2:00pm:** We welcome everyone to come join us for some fellowship, delicious food, and an entertaining historical program at the Ladies Benevolent Society. The menu includes Chicken Marbella over buttered egg noodles and steamed green beans, followed by a wonderful homemade dessert is on the luncheon menu. The post meal program, beginning at 1pm, will be a presentation by Lucretia Bingham, grand-daughter of Hiram Bingham who rediscovered Manchu Picchu. Ms. Bingham, a writer and painter, who followed her grandfather's steps along the Inca Trail, will present "Invaders of an Ancient Culture: Conquistadors, Explorers, and Tourists in Peru." Suggested donation is \$5 per person, plus a nonperishable food item or a package of disposable diapers for the Food or Diaper Banks. If you plan to join us at the luncheon, please call the FCCOL office at (860) 434-8686.

**Church World Service Blanket Drive:** In 2023, homeless people in Arkansas, Colorado, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island and Virginia received fleece and wool blankets, and various hygiene and school kits. In the United States when people were forced to leave their homes due to extreme weather and fires to begin a new life in another state, CWS also welcomed them with blankets and hygiene kits in Arizona, California, Florida, Indiana, New Jersey, and New York. 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 plates or sent to FCCOL c/o LBS, 2 Ferry Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

**No Room at the Inn Night: Sharing Our Humanity with the Unhoused.** (Formerly "Box Night"), Saturday, March 23rd. Sleeping overnight on the church lawn, we'll also meet with someone who will share their experience of being without shelter and watch a movie together. The next morning, we'll have breakfast and attend church at 10 am. This is Palm Sunday, too. We are collecting donations of small toiletries (toothpaste/toothbrushes, deodorant, bars of soap, etc to make overnight kits for Homeless Hospitality Center guests.

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

**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](mailto: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. Plus Friday, this week only, March 15th for a special St. Patrick's Day lunch. Any questions about attending the luncheons should be directed to the Senior Center's executive Director, Stephanie Gould, 860-514-5425.

### **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.

**Springtime Gardening/Yard Work Help:** a group of Connecticut College students are ready to help you prepare your yards and gardens for the spring and summer. They are available to work most weekends starting in mid-March. Please contact their faculty mentor if interested, Prof Eileen Kane [ekane2@conncoll.edu](mailto:ekane2@conncoll.edu).

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### **Calendar of Events and Meetings**

**Adult Forum, Today at 11:30am,** in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Memorial Service for Robert Regan, Today at 3:00pm.**

**Confirmation Class Today from 4:00 –5:30 pm** in the Library.

**LWS Monday, March 11th at 10:00 am** in Sheffield Auditorium.

**LBS & Senior Ctr. Luncheon Tuesday, March 12th at 12:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**Board of Trustees Tuesday, March 12th at 7:30pm** in the Library.

**Senior Center Luncheon Wednesday, March 13th at 12:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**Board of Missions Wednesday, March 13th at 5:00pm** in the Library.

**Bell Ringers Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**Senior Choir Wednesday, March 13th at 7:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**Bible Study Thursday, March 14th at 11:00 am** in the Library.

**Senior Center Luncheon Thursday, March 15th at 12:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**Senior Ctr. St. Patrick's Lunch Friday, March 14th at 12:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**Food Pantry Saturday, March 16th, 8:30-10:30 am** in Fellowship Hall.

**Dante Readers Meeting Sunday, March 17th at 11:30am** in the Sheffield Auditorium.

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*The deadline for April Newsletter submissions is Friday, March 15th.*

# Easter Schedule



## **Easter Memorial Music and Flowers**

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

(Donation cards are in the pews)

Prior to March 22nd, please email the church office ([fccol@fccol.org](mailto: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**

6:15 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.

Sunday School will not meet, but will resume on April 7th at 10 am.

Everyone is invited to sign a postcard addressed to our Senators, Chris Murphy & Richard Blumenthal as well as President Joe Biden, encouraging them to enforce a ceasefire in Gaza.

Postcards will be available in the vestibule and at the Fellowship hour, as well as outside the church office.