



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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April 14, 2024

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

arr. M. & S. Eithum

Handbell Quartet: Pat & Gary Jungkeit, Annie & Sean McCarty, Rachael Jungkeit, piano

*Processional Hymn: #8 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 100):

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #360 “I Love to Tell the Story”

Children’s Message

Asher Gallardo

Children’s Song: “A Place in the Choir” (printed on page 4)

(Children proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated.)

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *“How Can I Keep from Singing?”*

arr. by Jeffrey Honore

*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: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." and "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!". The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the second system.

Scripture: Psalm 59: 16-17, Acts 16: 19-30, Colossians 3: 16-17

Sermon: **“This Is My Story, This Is My Song: or, Why Hymns Matter”**

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #34 “When the Morning Stars Together ”

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: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

arr. M. & S. Eithum

Holy, Holy, Holy by British composer John B. Dykes is considered one of the finest examples of Victorian hymnody and is often one of the first adult hymns that children learn.

Offertory Anthem: “*How Can I Keep from Singing?*” arr. by Jeffrey Honore

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing; it sounds and echoes in my soul; how can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing; all things are mine since I am his; how can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

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

Psalm 59: 16-17

But I will sing of your might;
I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.
For you have been a fortress for me
and a refuge in the day of my distress.
17 O my strength, I will sing praises to you,
for you, O God, are my fortress,
the God who shows me steadfast love.

Acts 16: 19-30

Then they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

Colossians 3: 16-17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*The flowers this morning are given by Barbara Campbell in loving memory
of her husband Dr. Robert G. Campbell.*

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

The Nursery is open today with Miss Tiffany Goss.

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

Adult Forum: Is Today 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 after the Worship Service.

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, cdsittinginatre@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 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.

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.



Calendar of Events and Meetings

LWS Monday, April 15th at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Center Luncheon Tuesday, April 16th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Senior Center Luncheon Wednesday, April 17th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bell Ringers Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Senior Choir Wednesday, April 17th at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study Thursday, April 18th at 11:00 am in the Library.

Senior Center Luncheon Thursday, April 18th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Blood Drive Thursday, April 18th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Board of Stewardship Meeting Thursday, April 18th at 4:00 pm in the Library.

Writing at the Well Friday, April 19th at 10:00 am in the Library.

Food Pantry Saturday, April 20th at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

Memorial Service for Bill Fish Saturday, April 20th at 12:00 pm in the Meetinghouse.
Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Memorial Service for Rev. David W. Good Sunday, April 21st at 2:00 pm
in the Meetinghouse. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.



Reminder the deadline for submissions for the May Newsletter is Wednesday, April 17th.

In Memoriam



The Reverend David W. Good
Memorial Service
Sunday, April 21st at 2:00 pm.