



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

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

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Simon Holt, Organist and Director

**January 19, 2025**

**Worship Service**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude

Introit:           **“Heavenly Light”**                           by A. Kopylow, arr. by Peter J. Wilhousky

\*Processional Hymn: #481   **“Lift Every Voice and Sing”**

\*Call to Worship:

On this weekend devoted to honoring and remembering  
the life and ministry of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King:

We shed the cloak of oppression  
**And we put on the cloak of recognition.**

We shed the cloak of fear.

**We put on the cloak of trust.**

We shed the cloak of prejudice.

**We put on the cloak of respect.**

We shed the cloak of malice.

**We put on the cloak of compassion.**

We shed the cloak of bitterness.

**We put on the cloak of forgiveness.**

We shed the cloak of despair.

**We put on the cloak of hope.**

We shed the cloak of weariness.

**We put on the cloak of courage.**

We shed the cloak of ignorance.

**We put on the cloak of wisdom.**

Guided by such a vision,

**Let us worship God!**

\*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: #366   **“We Are Walking”**

Children's Message

Phil Brant

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

*(Children proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated.)*

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: “Be Thou my Vision” Irish folk melody arranged by John Rutter

\*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: “Hear Our Prayer”

The image shows a musical score for the Pastoral Prayer Response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. 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."

Scripture: Matthew 2: 13-21

Sermon: “Refusing to be Consoled”

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

\*Closing Hymn: #363 “In the Midst of New Dimensions”

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

### Matthew 2: 13-21

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

“A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

## Choir Anthems

**Introit:**           **“Heavenly Light”**                   by A. Kopylow,    arranged by Peter J. Wilhousky

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O Light divine! May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light! Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation! All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar! Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray! Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light Divine, we praise Thee!

**Offertory Anthem:**   **“Be Thou my Vision”**                   Irish folk melody arranged by John Rutter

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.  
Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.  
Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might; be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower: O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.  
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: be thou mine inheritance now and always; be thou and thou only the first in my heart: O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.  
High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after victory is won; great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*The flowers this morning are given in honor of the extraordinary legacy of  
The Rev. Dr Martin Luther King Jr.*

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

*The nursery is open today with Miss Tiffany Goss.*

## **Events and Meetings**

**FCCOL Science Discussion Planning Meeting TODAY**  
*after the 10:00am Service in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

**FCCOL Office Closed** for MLK Day.

**Havenly Café Lunch Trip** *Monday, January 20th, 12:30 pm* 25 Temple Street in New Haven  
or car pool from FCCOL at 11:30 am. (see next page for more details)

**Ladies Who Stitch** *Monday, January 20th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Grief Group** *Wednesday, January 22nd at 5:30 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

**Old Lyme Ringers Rehearsal** *Wednesday, January 22nd at 6:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Senior Choir Rehearsal** *Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Bible Study** *Thursday, January 23rd at 11:00 am* in Hoag Parlor.

**The Kairos Document Reading** *Thursday, January 23rd at 12:00 pm* in Hoag Parlor.

**Endowment Meeting** *Thursday, January 23rd at 4:00 pm* in the Library.

**Children's Handbell Rehearsal** *Thurs, Jan. 23rd at 4:15 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Shoreline Food Pantry** *Saturday, January 25th at 8:30 am* in Fellowship Hall.

**Church Annual Meeting** *Sunday, January 26th at 11:15 am* in the Meetinghouse.

**Youth Group Gathering** *Sunday January 26th at 4:00pm* at Jolene's House.

## **Coming Soon...**

**Adult Forum with Robert Ballard** *Sunday, February 2nd at 11:15 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Communion Sunday** *February 2nd at 10:00 am* in the Meetinghouse.

## **FCCOL Science Discussion Planning Group Meeting TODAY!**

For all of you who met in mid-December, the planning group will be meet again TODAY at 11:15 am in Hoag Parlor. Contact Tom Sherer for more information at: [tesjr299@outlook.com](mailto:tesjr299@outlook.com).

## **MLK Day Luncheon**

All are welcome to join us for lunch at 12:30 pm on Monday, January 20th, at Havenly Café, 25 Temple Street in New Haven, CT. Havenly is a non-profit cafe that employs and trains refugee chefs to craft and sell their Middle Eastern fare (<https://havenlynhv.org>).

Established in 2018, Havenly has a vocational program for refugee and immigrant women in food service, child care and other training programs.

Let us honor The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy of equality and justice by supporting this community kitchen and cafe! Carpool from our church parking lot at 11:30 or meet us in New Haven! Email church office or Laura with any questions at [fccol@fccol.org](mailto:fccol@fccol.org)

## **Bible Study Goodness, Greed and Grace: Journeys through Genesis and Exodus**

Bible Study will resume on Thursday, January 16th at 11:00am. In person and on Zoom. Our companion book this fall will be "*Reading Genesis*" by Marilynne Robinson. Email: [fccol@fccol.org](mailto:fccol@fccol.org) for the zoom link.

## **Reading the South African Kairos Document**

Beginning on Thursday, January 16, members and friends are invited to gather for a reading and study group of the South African Kairos Document. Written at the height of the apartheid struggles in South Africa in 1985, this brief theological statement remains stunningly relevant. We'll meet every Thursday at 12:00 noon, in the Hoag Parlor, immediately after the weekly Bible study. Copies of the Document will be available in the church Narthex, on the table at the bottom of the stairs between the Meetinghouse and the Fellowship Hall, and in the church office.

**Adult Forum with Dr. Robert Ballard "Exploring the New America. Exploring the 52% that lies below the sea"** On Sunday, February 2nd at 11:15 am in the Sheffield Auditorium. Dr. Ballard is an Internationally renowned scientist, explorer and educator known for his numerous deep-sea explorations including his famous discovery of the Titanic.

**The Family Assistance Fund at Lymes' Youth Service Bureau** is available to receive community donations to help the family affected by their house fire in Lyme. All donations are tax-deductible and will be given directly to the family. To make a donation visit [www.lysb.org/donate](http://www.lysb.org/donate) or mail to LYSB, PO Box 589, Old Lyme, CT 06371.

## **Stair Chair Available**

A stair chair has been donated and available to any one in need of one. Please contact Ellen Calkins for more information at [ercalkins@gmail.com](mailto:ercalkins@gmail.com).

### **Homeless Hospitality Donations...**

We are grateful to everyone who helped with the donations of socks and coffee for the Homeless Hospitality Center of New London. Their request for canes (used canes are just fine!) and ground coffee and socks will continue. Please bring them to church and leave them with the deacons at the front door if you have one to donate; or bring it to the church office during the week. Many thanks.

### **Petition to State legislators supporting environmental efforts**

If you are interested in information or want to sign the CT Coalition for Climate Action petition from the Inter-religious Eco-Justice Network, contact Mariette Brown for more information at: [mariettetb98@gmail.com](mailto:mariettetb98@gmail.com).

### **Sunday Flowers**

We're scheduling members and friends who would like to provide pulpit flowers for Sundays. 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 a room to rent for a period of time would be greatly appreciated.

### **Car Wanted**

Our caretaker, Bill Slivinski, is in need of a car. Please let us know if you can help. Call the office at 860-434-8686. Thank you!

### **Help for Counting the Offerings Needed.**

We have several money-counting teams that count and record the worship service offerings each week. This is a great help to our bookkeeper and is good financial procedure to keep the tasks separate. We now need several more volunteers so that we can have four teams, with each only having to count once per month. If you are interested, please contact Jody Belluzzi (201-314-1051) or Sandy Sims (860-964-0321). Thanks!

### **Year-End Note from the Treasurer**

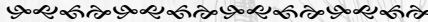
2024 marked another year of remarkable generosity of our congregation. We have received 97% of pledge commitments. This, combined with other contributions and special gifts in addition to pledges, will allow us to close the 2024 books with a surplus that will help us in 2025. Contributions from our members and friends are vital. Your support permits us to continue our missions and ministries of worship, music, Christian education, pastoral care and community and mission outreach, and keeps our property in excellent shape. THANK YOU!

## **NOTICE OF 2025 FCCOL ANNUAL MEETING**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
OF OLD LYME**

**WILL BE HELD ON THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY of JANUARY, 2025  
IN THE MEETING HOUSE AT 2 FERRY ROAD, OLD LYME, CT.**

**FOLLOWING THE 10 AM SERVICE.**



### **THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING SHALL BE:**

- TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE MINISTERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, AND THE CHURCH OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2024:
- TO APPROVE THE CHURCH BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2025;
- TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE;
- 
- TO ELECT OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE COMING YEAR TERMS;
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- TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER OLD OR NEW BUSINESS AS SHALL PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.

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