



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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April 27, 2025

Worship Sunday

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **“Come, Ye Faithful”**

by R.S. Thatcher (1888-1957)

*Processional Hymn: #111 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” (verses 1-4)

*Call to Worship: (from Albert Schweitzer's *The Quest for the Historical Jesus*):

He comes to us as one unknown

As by the Galilean lake he came to those who knew him not;

He speaks the same words, "Follow me,"

And comes to set us to the tasks he will fulfill in our own time.

In our experience we shall learn, as deepest mystery, who he is.

Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #177 “He Comes to Us”

Children’s Message

Maeve Gosman

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

(Children proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated)

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: **“Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise”**

by Eugene Butler (1935-2024)

*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*



Scripture: Ezekiel 3: 1-3, Revelation 10: 8-10, Romans 2: 2

Sermon: "Eat the Document:" Why the Life of the Mind Matters for the Life of Faith
Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Closing Hymn: #292 "Book of Books, Our People's Strength"

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, her or their 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

Ezekiel 3: 1-3

He said to me, “O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. He said to me, “Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.

Revelation 10: 8-10

Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, “Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.” So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll, and he said to me, “Take it and eat; it will be bitter to your stomach but sweet as honey in your mouth.” So I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it; it was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter.

Romans 2: 2

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Choir Anthem

Introit: “Come, Ye Faithful”

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Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness; God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness; 'tis the spring of souls today, Christ hath burst his prison, and from three days sleep in death as a sun hath risen. Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendour, with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render; comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affections welcomes in unwearied strains Jesu's resurrection. Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold thee as a mortal; but today amidst the twelve didst stand, bestowing that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

Offertory Anthem: “Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise”

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Hymns of glory, songs of praise, blessed Father to You we raise. Jesus, glory unto you with the spirit ever true. Songs of praise the angels sang, heaven with alleluias rang, when creation was begun, when God spoke and it was done. Songs of praise awoke the morn when the Prince of Peace was born. Songs of Praise arose when He conquered death in victory. Heaven and earth shall pass away, songs of praise shall crown that day, God will make new heaven and earth, songs of praise shall hail their birth. Hymns of glory, songs of praise, blessed Father to You we raise. Jesus, glory unto you with the spirit ever true. Amen.

*The flowers this morning are given this morning by Becky and Ted Crosby
in loving memory of David W. Good
(April 26, 1949 - April 2, 2024).*

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*The hosts for the Fellowship Hour this morning are the Clark Family.*

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The nursery is open today with Miss Tiffany Goss.

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*For a future Sunday if you would like to decorate our communion table with flowers in honor of  
or memory of someone special in your life or a meaningful occasion,  
please call Jill Harned at 603-398-9004 to reserve a date.*

## **Events and Meetings**

**God's Neighborhood Flower Sale** *TODAY after the 10:00 am Service* on the front lawn.

**Green Grass Meeting** *TODAY at 11:30 am* in the Library.

**Adult Forum with Owen Placido** *TODAY at 11:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Newsletter Folding** *Monday April 28th.*

**Ladies Who Stitch** *Monday, April 28th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Grief Group** *Wednesday, April 30th at 5:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

**Choir Rehearsal** *Wednesday, April 30th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Bible Study** *Thursday, May 1st at 11:00 am* in the Hoag Parlor.

**Shoreline Food Pantry and Diaper Bank** *Saturday, May 3rd at 8:30 am* in Fellowship Hall.

**Justice Dance Performance Project** *Sunday, May 4th at 11:30 am* in the Meetinghouse.

## **Save these Dates**

**Science Discussion and Potluck Supper** *Friday, May 9th at 6:00pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

**New Members Orientation** *Sunday, May 11th after the 10:00am service.*

**The Benevolent Society Luncheon** *Tuesday, May 13th at 12:00pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Haitian Dinner** *Sunday, May 18th at 5:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Annual Walk to End Homelessness, TODAY! April 27, 2025,** the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk to End Homelessness, sponsored by Connecticut College and the New London Homeless Hospitality Center. Go to [www.nlhhc.org](http://www.nlhhc.org) for details and to register or donate. Please support the Walk. The need is great.

**Adult Forum with Owen Placido, TODAY, April 27th** Please join us after the 10:00 am Worship service for an Adult Forum by Owen Placido, who is an extension educator with Connecticut Sea Grant, focused on nature-based resilience. He will share information on coastal resilience efforts, water quality trends and landscaping practices. This talk is part of our Earth Day focus.

**God's Neighborhood Flower Sale TODAY,** Our Youth Group is holding a Pansy Sale in Fellowship Hall during today's coffee hour. All funds raised will be donated to Heifer International, a nonprofit that helps lift families out of poverty.

**Green Grass, South Dakota Trip Meeting: TODAY after the Service,** We're hoping to take a group to Green Grass South Dakota this June (June 18th-25th). Join us after church in the library if you'd like to explore this possibility.

**Immigration Ministry,** At a recent Sunday service we heard about the need for family support volunteers for our Immigration Ministry. Sign-ups are continuing. If you are interested, please email Christine Harrington at [cellobrate8@gmail.com](mailto:cellobrate8@gmail.com). We will be having an organizing meeting soon, so stay tuned!

**Justice Dance Performance Project,** Join us Sunday, May 4, 2025 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm for a performance of "**With These Hands.**" Connecting Self, Community, and the Earth was performed at York CI in 2024 as the culmination of Justice Dance Performance Project's year-long performance residency there. The piece that unfolded looks at hands as a catalyst for story—the wisdom of hands; hands as compasses; hands that hold on; hands that let go; hands that create; hands that express anger; hands that help others; hands that connect communities; and hands that work with the earth. The York women developed writing, dances, and songs working with JDPP teaching artists to develop the performance. JDPP is pleased to bring excerpts from this piece as a staged reading that includes narrative, song, and dance. We are grateful for The Florence Griswold Museum and The Benevolent Society of FCCOL for helping to fund for this event.

**Bible Study Goodness, Greed and Grace,** We are currently reading the book of Exodus. We'll meet on Thursday, May 1st at 11:00 am in the Library in person and on Zoom. Email: [fccol@fccol.org](mailto:fccol@fccol.org) for the zoom link.

**New Members Orientation,** Join us on Sunday, May 11th at 11:15 am in the Library, to learn more about what it means to go deeper in the FCCOL community.

**The Crosby Fund for Haitian Education Haitian Dinner,** If you would like to learn more about our work in Haiti, please join us on **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall for a presentation and an authentic Haitian Dinner prepared by "Mommy's Delicious Food" of Norwich. For reservations please call the church at 860-434-8686, Suggested donation: \$15.

**The Benevolent Society Luncheon,** Please join us Tuesday, May 13th at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Chef Rick promises a delicious meal with side dishes complimenting his homemade meatloaf, a main course that earned raves last year. There will be a presentation by The Connecticut Nurses Honor Guard. They are a dedicated group who pay tribute to fallen nurses by performing at funerals and memorial services, along with providing comfort to families who have lost loved ones. Suggested donation for the luncheon and program is \$5 per person, plus a nonperishable food item for our food bank or a package of disposable diapers for our diaper bank. If you plan to join us at the luncheon, please call the FCCOL office at (860) 434-8686 by Friday, May 9th to make a reservation so we can be sure to have enough food prepared for all to enjoy.

**Science Discussion and Potluck Dinner,** Our next Science Discussion potluck will be held at 6:00 on Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Our discussion will center around the rapid advances of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the implications for the future. We had a great turnout and a lively discussion last time (where we discussed Genetic Engineering), and we are looking forward to another thought-provoking night on the 9th. All are welcome - please bring a friend and your favorite dish to share!

**Moth Story Hour and Potluck Dinner,** Given the enthusiastic response, the Moth Night will be back by popular demand. We are planning our next potluck for Friday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to have 7 or 8 storytellers and there are still a couple slots available. If you have an engaging 5-minute story you would like to share, contact Tom Sherer at [tesjr299@outlook.com](mailto:tesjr299@outlook.com) for more information. If you would like to help with the potluck setup/cleanup, please contact Deb Heminway: [dheminway9@gmail.com](mailto:dheminway9@gmail.com).

**White Elephant Sale,** -- Get out your calendars out and mark these dates -- ***Friday, July 11th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm*** and ***Saturday, July 12th from 8:00 am - Noon.*** This is a good time of the year to sort through the cellar and attic to put aside some of those treasures for this year's sale. Hold those goodies until intake starts, **Thursday June 26th.**

### **Help wanted:**

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| <b>Appliances</b>   | (2) Co-chairs |
| <b>Kitchen</b>      | (1) Co-chair  |
| <b>Knick Knacks</b> | (1) Co-chair  |

**Intake Managers** – monitor parking lot donations need 3 to 4 folks.

**Parking** - big crew needed to manage two parking lots both days - call the office at 860-434-8686 or Sean at 860-215-1740.

**Small Furniture** (tools, outdoor furniture) - needs workers - lots of items to sort & price Thursday July 11th then sell on Friday, July 12th and Saturday, July 13th.

**Daily Intake** needs a staff of 6-8 folks to help unload cars and sort donations from June 26th through July 2nd from 9:00 -2:00 pm (not 6/30).

Please call the office 434-8686 to volunteer - it will help us to ensure daily staffing needs. All are welcome for as long as you can stay, even if you just drop in and help. Great way to meet folks and see what the WES is all about. Thank you in advance.



## *Nehantic Land Acknowledgement*

*We, the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, acknowledge that we occupy and benefit from the Indigenous land upon which our church and our homes are standing. For thousands of years, this has been, and continues to be, the traditional territory of the Nehantic people, along with the Indigenous kin of other tribes.*

*We hereby acknowledge the continued presence, resilience, and sovereignty of the Nehantic community today.*

*We commit ourselves to collaborating with all Indigenous communities in the challenge of decolonizing, recovering, and restoring Indigenous histories, lives, and futures.*

*We give thanks to those first Nehantic people and their present day descendants. And we affirm that any land acknowledgement must also contain an acknowledgement of the wisdom of the land itself: the trees, the water, the rocks, the soil on which we live.*

*We have been taught by Indigenous elders to draw our minds together at the beginning of any gathering and that we should remember to be grateful and thankful for all that we have been given by the Creator. And so we give thanks:*

*For this beautiful day; to the four directions; to all creatures who are our kinfolk and teachers; to the river and the ocean that have sustained us; to the last 7 generations and the next 7 generations; to our ancestors who have guided us and who are here with us now. We do not have to ask for anything. All this has been given to us.*

*But finally, we recognize that acknowledgement in a sentence or paragraph is not enough. And so we at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme commit to listen to Native voices who can remind us and teach us how to live in balance and reciprocity. We commit to a continual process of discernment, asking what is to be done, seeking to include voices that have not been heard. We confess that, in such a great task, we are always at the beginning, and that acknowledgment is but the first step in a long process of self-education and relationship building.*

*With our Nehantic friends, as well as Lakota and other Indigenous partners, we affirm that we are all in this together, brothers and sisters of Spirit, dwelling under the same sky. What shall we do with the many gifts we have been given?*