



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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May 4, 2025

Worship Sunday

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”**

by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

*Call to Worship: (from William Kethe, 1561)

All people that on earth do dwell
Sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
Delight in God, whose praise you tell,
Whose presence calls you to rejoice.
Proclaim again that God is good,
Whose mercy is forever sure,
Whose truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.
Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #4 “Come, Living God, When Least Expected”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: **“Hymn Anthem” on the tune "Marion"** by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*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: “Come Fill Our Hearts”

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting of the hymn 'Come Fill Our Hearts'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first system consists of a treble and bass staff. The lyrics 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.' are written below the first staff. The second system also consists of a treble and bass staff. The lyrics 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!' are written below the first staff. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

Scripture: Isaiah 45: 5-8, Matthew 5: 13-16

Sermon: On Being Congregational in a Post-Denominational World

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Closing Hymn: #1 “We Limit Not the Truth of God”

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

Isaiah 45: 5-8

I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.
Shower, O heavens, from above,
and let the skies rain down righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation may spring up,
and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also;
I the Lord have created it.

Matthew 5: 13-16

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.
“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Choir Anthems

Introit: “Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Text: Jesu joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright, drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned. Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round Thy throne.

Offertory Anthem: “Hymn Anthem” on the tune "Marion" by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Text: Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing; your festal banner raise on high, the Cross of Christ your King. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maidens meek, raise high your free exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Your clear Hosannas raise, and Alleluias loud; whilst answering echoes upward float, like wreaths on

incense cloud. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise, send forth the hymns our fathers loved, the psalms of ancient days. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Praise him who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God for evermore. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Amen.

Please welcome our Guest Organist En-Hua Holtz this morning.

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*The flowers this morning are given this morning in gratitude for our church family.*

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

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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

Justice Dance Performance Project *TODAY!* at 11:30 am in the Meetinghouse.

Ladies Who Stitch Monday, May 5th at 10:00 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.

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

ARC Blood Drive Thursday, May 8th from 8:00 am till 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study Thursday, May 8th at 11:00 am in the Hoag Parlor.

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

Shoreline Food Pantry Saturday, May 10th at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

FCCOL Orientation Sunday, May 11th after the 10:00 am service.

Save these Dates

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

New Members Sunday May 18th during the 10:00am service.

Witness Stone Cleaning Sunday, May 18th at 11:30 am.

Immigration Ministry Meeting Sunday, May 18th at 11:15 in the Sheffield Auditorium.

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

On the cover: Oil painting by Edward F. Weidl

Justice Dance Performance Project, Join us **TODAY**, May 4, 2025 from 11:30 am to 12:30 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 this event.

Bible Study Goodness, Greed and Grace, We are currently reading the book of Exodus. We'll meet on Thursday, May 8th at 11:00 am in the Library in person and on Zoom. Email: fccol@fccol.org for the zoom link.

Science Discussion and Potluck Dinner, Please join us for a delightful meal and a thought-provoking discussion of Artificial Intelligence (AI). We will discuss how AI is impacting our lives and the implications of the technology for our shared future. We are looking forward to another thought-provoking night on the 9th. No sign-up necessary - please bring a friend and your favorite dish to share!

FCCOL 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. See the back cover for more information.

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.

Immigration Ministry Meeting,

Sunday, May 18th immediately after the service there will be a meeting for the Immigration Ministry Volunteers in the Sheffield Auditorium. We will share what we know so far and will be happy to answer your questions. If you have not signed up to help with this, you are welcome to do so at this meeting.

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 18th 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.

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 30th at 6:00 pm** 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 for more information. If you would like to help with the potluck setup/cleanup, please contact Deb Heminway: 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:

Appliances (2) Co-chairs

Kitchen (1) Co-chair

Intake Managers – monitor parking lot donations need 2 - 3 people.

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 860-434-8686 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.

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 19 Pre-set up inside (hang signs, move tables) 9:00 - 2:00	June 20 Pre-set up inside (milk crates, tubs etc..) 9:00 - 2:00 <i>Workers Lunch</i>	June 21 Set up inside 9:00 - 2:00	June 26 INTAKE 9:00 - 2:00	June 27 INTAKE 9:00 - 2:00 <i>Workers Lunch</i>	June 28 INTAKE 9:00 - 2:00
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 30 INTAKE 9:00 - 2:00	July 1 INTAKE 9:00 - 2:00	July 2 INTAKE 9:00 - 2:00 <i>Workers Lunch</i>	July 3 CLOSED Sort & Price	July 4 HOLIDAY	July 5 CLOSED Sort & Price
July 7 CLOSED Sort & Price Move Art to Narthex Clean up and Finalize Inside Setup	July 8 8 am put up Sport Goods, Coffee, Plant Tents Big Tents 5-7 pm Baked Goods Tent Toy Fly and all Tables	July 9 CLOSED Sort & Price Finalize any Remaining Outside Set-up	July 10 SET-UP OUTSIDE 8:00 AM <i>Workers Lunch</i>	July 11 SALE DAY 9-2 pm	July 12 SALE DAY 8-12pm CLEAN UP AND SNACKS after 12 pm

FCCOL Orientation Session

On Sunday, May 11th we will be having a gathering after the worship service for those who are interested in exploring membership a little bit further. It's not a requirement in order to join, and if you can't make it to the orientation, it's ok. This is simply a way for all of us to get to know one another a little better and to learn more about FCCOL's history, it's work and mission.

As for the word "membership," we know there are those who get hung up on the word and who feel resistance to the very notion of membership. That's because in many parts of our lives it suggests something transactional, dues and obligations owed in exchange for some kind of (exclusive) right of access. That's not how it is for us. It's simply a way to be more deeply in communion with one another, to build relationships, and to explore our faith journeys together. Let Steve, Laura or Carleen know if you would like to explore membership further. Please call the church at 860-434-8686 or email fccol@fccol.org. Alternatively, you can just show up at the meeting and we will be glad to see you.

We will be receiving new members into our fellowship of faith on
Sunday, May 18th at our 10:00 am worship service.

We hope you will consider joining FCCOL on that day!

