

The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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May 18, 2025 New Members Sunday 10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: "Kyrie Eleison" by Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

*Processional Hymn: #51 "All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing"

*Call to Worship:

The house of faith has many rooms
Where we have never been;
There is more space within God's scope
Than we have ever seen.

We dare not limit God's domain
To what our creeds declare,
Or shrink from probing things unknown
Lest God should not be there.

Exploring this house of faith together, Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Sacrament of Baptism

*Hymn: #327 "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

Children's Message

Children's Song: #364 "This Little Light of Mine"

(Children proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated)

Ella Kiem

Litany for the Reception of New Members

Offertory Invitation

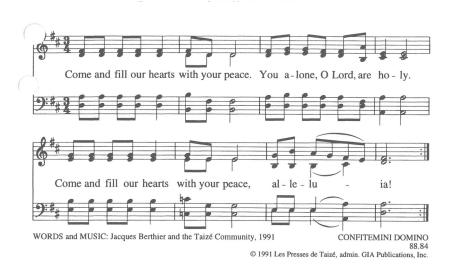
Offertory Anthem: "Grant Us Thy Peace" by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*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 and Fill Our Hearts"



Scriptures: John 1: 43-51; John 20: 24-29

Sermon: "Come in From the Cold"

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Closing Hymn: #380 "We Are Not Our Own"

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

John 1: 43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

John 20: 24-29

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Choir Anthems

Introit: **Kyrie Eleison** by Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643) **Text**: Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison. *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy*.

Offertory Anthem: Grant Us Thy Peace by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) **Text**: Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord, Thou Source of every blessing! Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word, all things in Thee possessing. In Thee is our hope and safety.

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Helene BenEzra, Angela Mock's mother, on her heavenly birthday.

The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Julie Martel.

The nursery is open today with Miss Tiffany Goss.

This morning we are pleased to celebrate the baptisms of Rosalie June Bastien and Tyler David Bastien, daughter and son of Lauren Golebiewski Bastien and Simon Bastien.

Events and Meetings

Immigration Ministry Meeting TODAY at 11:15 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Moth Story Rehearsal *TODAY* at 11:30am in Hoag Parlor.

God's Neighborhood Witness Stone Cleaning TODAY at 11:30 am.

Haitian Dinner TODAY at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Ladies Who Stitch Monday, May 19th at 10:00 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Trans Parent Group Meeting Wednesday, May 21st at 5:30 pm in the Hoag Parlor.

Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, May 21st at 7:30 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Summer Newsletter Deadline Wednesday, May 21st.

Final (for summer) Bible Study Thursday, May 22nd at 11:00 am in the Hoag Parlor.

Green Grass Planning Meeting Thursday, May 22nd at 6:30pm in the Library.

Shoreline Food Pantry Saturday, May 24th at 8:30am in Fellowship Hall.

Save these Dates

Adult Forum with Abigail Cipparone on the UCC Perspective on Congress, *Sunday, May 25th at 11:15 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Office Closed Monday, May 26th in honor of Memorial Day.

Moth Stories and Potluck Dinner Friday, May 30th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Sunday—*June 1st.* We'll celebrate the end of our Sunday school year and honor our students, teachers and high school students. Following the service all are invited to an Ice Cream Social on the front lawn!

Summer Sings: Our first summer sing will be on June 8th.

Now, to everyone reading this; It's Your Turn! This summer the choir will be holding three Summer Sings, or better known as "Turn up to FCCOL at 9:15am and rehearse for the 10:00am service, yes, it feels like the seat of your pants singing, but oh, what fun we'll have" Sundays! Please mark your calendars! I hope many of you will join us.

<u>Immigration Ministry Meeting</u>, **TODAY** 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.

<u>Moth Storytellers</u>, We are having an informal story run-through after service TODAY in the Hoag Parlor. If you are signed up to tell a story for our May 30th potluck, or if you have a story in mind and would like some thoughts, please drop in and join us for helpful tips and feedback!

The Crosby Fund for Haitian Education Dinner, If you would like to learn more about our work in Haiti, please join us Today at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a presentation and an authentic Haitian Dinner prepared by "Mommy's Delicious Food" of Norwich. Suggested donation: \$15.00 per person. If you have not signed up, we would still love to have you. Please check in with Becky following the service.

<u>Trans Parent Group</u> For Parents, Caregivers and Family Members of Trans Youth/Young Adults: Our group will provide conversation, support community and education for parents and caregivers around the issues of transgender, nonbinary, and gender-diversity. Join us for an informational meeting held at FCCOL on **Wednesday**, **May 21st at 5:30** in the Hoag Parlor. For more information email us at: fccol@fccol.org.

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.

<u>Green Grass Trip.</u> We are traveling with a group from FCCOL to Green Grass South Dakota on June 18th-25th. If you are able to help support our scholarship fund, please email fccol@fccol.org for more information. For more information about the trip contact Laura at lfitz.nager@gmail.com.

<u>Bible Study Goodness, Greed and Grace</u>, We are currently reading the book of Exodus. Our final session for the summer will be on **Thursday**, **May 15th** at 11:00 am in the Library in person and on Zoom. Email: fccol@fccol.org for the zoom link.

New London Meal Center Request, As the numbers of hungry people continue to rise at the New London Meal Center, we are finding the need to ask for more help providing the main dishes and the desserts for our church's one Sunday a month. This month our obligation to provide the Sunday evening meal falls on Sunday, May 25th, Memorial Deay Weekend, which makes it very challenging to garner up enough food and servers. If anyone is willing to make a casserole or a dessert to be served that day at the New London Meal Center, it would be helpful indeed. The casserole or desserts may be made ahead and left in the freezers at the church. The Ragu Casserole is very simple with only four ingredients: Ragu Sauce, hamburger, penne pasta and mozzarella. We will provide the recipe. The desserts usually served are brownies and cookies. Thank you for your help. Julie Kuja (860-730-9498) and Charlie Hosley (860-434-8538).

White Elephant Sale: Friday, July 11th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and Saturday, July 12th from 8:00 am - Noon. Intake starts Thursday, June 26th. Organizing your donations prior to drop off is very helpful & Quality Please!

Help wanted

Small Furniture - needs workers - lots of items to sort & price, Thursday 7/11 and then sell Fri and Sat 7/12 & 7/13.

Appliances - (2) co-chair also folks to price and sell.

Parking - big crew needed to mange two parking lots both days call Sean at 860-710-8414. **Daily sorting and intake** - 6/26 to 7/2 from 9-2 pm (not Sun 6/29). For those that can, please stop in and help unload cars or sort inside. All are welcome for as long as you can stay. Great way to meet folks and see what the WES is all about - people helping people. Thank you in advance.

Young people Opportunities

Days of sale - need help at the CTK and Luddington parking lots.

Days of sale - need runners to bring drinks around to the workers.

Days of sale - need help in package check.

Trucks and drivers

Attention Pickup Truck Owners - WES needs trucks to move small intake items from the church to the barn and other storage places in Old Lyme. We need them each day during intake for any length of time between 9 am and 2 pm. Thank you.

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| Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| June 19 Pre-set up inside (hang signs, move tables) | June 20 Pre-set up inside (milk crates, tubs etc) | June 21 Set up inside | June 26 INTAKE | June 27 INTAKE | June 28 INTAKE |
| | | 9:00 - 2:00 | 9:00 - 2:00 | 9:00 - 2:00 Workers Lunch | 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 | July 3 CLOSED Sort & Price | July 4 HOLIDAY | July 5 CLOSED Sort & Price |
| | | Workers Lunch | | | |
| July 7 CLOSED Sort & Price Move Art to Narthex Clean up and Finalize Inside | 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 Workers Lunch | July11 SALE DAY 9-2 pm | July 12 SALE DAY 8-12pm CLEAN UP AND SNACKS after 12 pm |

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

We then, as members of this Church, gladly welcome you to take part with us in the hopes, the labors, and the joys of the Church of Christ. We promise to walk with you in love and sympathy, to join with you in the ministries of grace to neighbors near and far, and to promote, as far as in us lies, your growth in the life of faith.

This morning we are pleased to welcome as new members:

PJ Brewer
Stephen Carpenter and Amy Palmer
Justin and Erin Cameron
Gary Comstock
Carolyn and Kent Hartsfield
Jermain Johnson
Ann Kloter
John Loughrey
Jeryl and Vicky Mohn
Janet Robinson