



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister
Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager, Senior Associate Minister
Carleen R. Gerber, Associate Minister
Simon Holt, Director of Music

May 25, 2025

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **“Adoramus te”**

by Quirino Gasparini (1749-1770)

*Processional Hymn: #60 “This is My Father’s World”

*Call to Worship:

Begin with an insignificant seed
which you will have to water.
Then, watch for its tiny shoot.

**Imagine your seedling a great tendril
growing like Jack’s beanstalk up, up, up,
the means by which you climb to heaven
and lift others by your rising concern.**

Prayer is not a magic bean,
but the linking of earth and heaven
from which God rains fruitfulness,
blessings on the just and unjust.

**Twining vines of rising prayers
are already God’s response and gift.
The fact that you can’t yet see it
doesn’t mean it isn’t there.**

Let us worship God.

*(From poem, “Begin Small, Then Wait”
by Bonnie Thurston)*

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #485 “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

Children’s Message

Charlotte Thuma

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

(Children proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated)

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: “**Sanctus from St. Cecilia Mass**”

by Charles Gounod (1818-1893)
With Tenor soloist Brian Cheney

*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: *As We Are Gathered*

Refrain
As we are gath-ered, Je - sus is here; one with each

Fine
oth - er, Je - sus is here. Joined by the Spir - it

to Refrain
built up in love, part of the bod - y, the church of God.

Scriptures: Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-15, 16-18a; Isaiah 49:13

Zoe Eastman-Grossel

Sermon: “**What If Beauty is What’s Left?**”

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

*Closing Hymn: #482 “Forward Through the Ages”

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

Scripture Readings

Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-15, 16-18a

The camp followers had a strong craving, and the Israelites also wept again and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic, but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents.

Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me?

Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom as a wet nurse carries a nursing child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’?

Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me, saying, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting and have them take their place there with you. I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself. And say to the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow...’”

Isaiah 49:13

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the LORD comforts God’s people and will have compassion on the afflicted ones.

Choir Anthems

Introit: “Adoramus te”

by Quirino Gasparini (1749-1770)

Text: Adoramus te Christe, et benedicimus tibi, quia per sanctam crucem tuam, redemisti mundum.

We adore you Christ and we bless you, because through your holy cross, you redeemed the world.

Offertory Anthem: “Sanctus from St. Cecilia Mass”

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Text: Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Amen.

*The flowers this morning are given by Barbara Smith in loving memory of
my late husband, Bill Phillips, who loved this church.*

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*The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Lee Whitaker.*

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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. Thank you.*

### **Events and Meetings**

**Adult Forum with our own Abigail Cipparone** on the UCC Perspective on Congress,  
*TODAY at 11:15 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

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

**Board of Deacons Meeting Tuesday, May 27th at 7:00 pm** in the Library

**Grief Group Meeting Wednesday, May 28th at 5:00 pm** in the Hoag Parlor.

**Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, May 28th at 7:30 pm** in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Witness Stone Installation Friday, May 30th at 10:00 am** at the Phoebe  
Griffin Noyes Library in Old Lyme

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

**Shoreline Food Pantry Saturday, May 31st at 8:30am** in Fellowship Hall.

### **Save these Dates**

**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!

**Ladies Who Stitch Monday, June 2nd at 10:00 am** in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Middletown Pride—Saturday June 7th.** A group of us from FCOOL will be attending.  
Please call or email the office if interested.

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Adult Forum with Abigail Cipparone, TODAY, May 25th Please join us after the 10:00 am Worship service for an Adult Forum by our own Abigail Cipparone.

Our faith calls on each of us to speak truth to power alongside the most vulnerable. But how best can we answer this call? **In this forum you will hear directly from our very own Abigail Cipparone, who is the UCC DC Office's Domestic Policy Advocate** and learn more about the DC Office, and gain skills on how to contact, build relationships with, and effectively influence your members of Congress. Through practical exercises and interactive discussion, forum participants will learn best practices to communicate their faith values, engage with decision-makers across the country, and honor the decades-long tradition of the United Church of Christ's policy advocacy. Whether you are brand new to federal advocacy or are a seasoned member looking to refresh foundational skills—all are welcome! Join us to become a prophetic voice for change in our community and beyond.

Moth Story Hour and Potluck Dinner, Given the enthusiastic response, the Moth Night will be back by popular demand. Our next potluck will be **Friday May 30th at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to have 7 or 8 storytellers. 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 at: dheminway9@gmail.com.

Witness Stones Installation Ceremony will take place on the lawn of the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library at 10:00 am Friday, May 30th, as we honor those people enslaved in Old Lyme with memorial plaques placed in town. This is our 5th and final year of the Witness Stones, Old Lyme project. Please join us! For more information: www.WitnessStonesOldLyme.org.

Green Grass Trip, 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 to help finance the trip, please email fccol@fccol.org for more information. For more information about the trip, contact Laura at lfitz.nager@gmail.com.

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 desserts for our church's one Sunday a month. This month we are proving the Sunday evening meal tonight, **Sunday, May 25th**, Memorial Day Weekend, which has made it very challenging to garner up enough food and servers. If you can help tonight or another month, please contact Julie Kuja (860-730-9498) or Charlie Hosley (860-434-8538).

Office Manager, A few weeks ago our wonderful office manager, Anne Koczka, broke her leg and so will be away from FCCOL for the next several weeks. To send your well wishes or to obtain her contact information (to send cards, etc.), call the office (860-434-8686).

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.

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 years sale. Hold those goodies until the first intake day, Thursday June 26th.

Help Wanted !!!!!

Daily sorting and intake [6/26 to 7/2 from 9-2 pm [closed 6/29].

For those who 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.

Inside setup - Sat, 6/21

- set up tables, shelves, etc., for all inside depts in the church buildings 9-12 noon

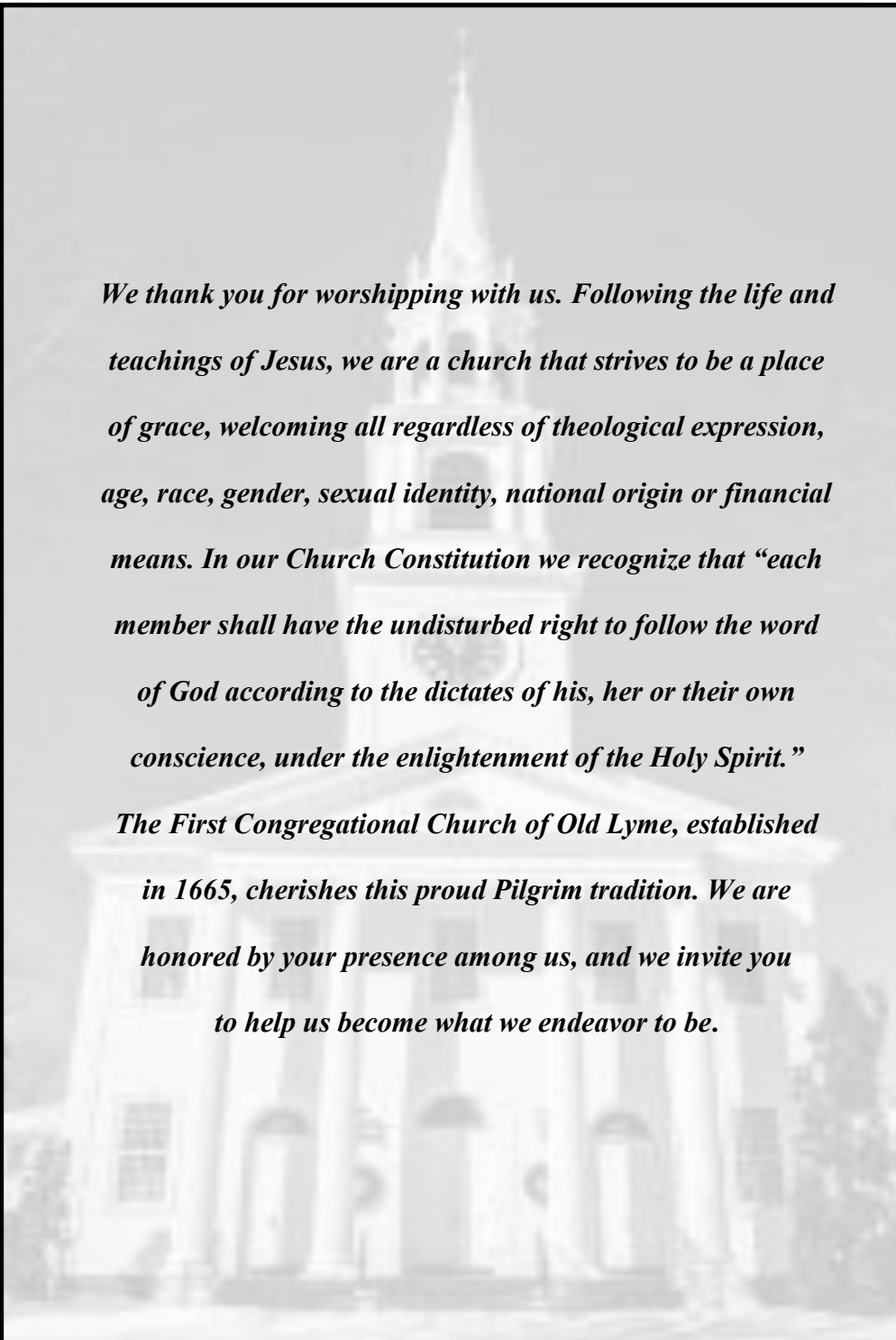
Workers in Toys - to organize, price and box toys during intake

Parking attendants - during sale days

Small Furniture - needs workers - lots of items to sort & price Thursday 7/10 - then sell Fri and Sat 7/11 & 7/12.

Thank You!

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 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 Narthech 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 <i>Workers Lunch</i>	July 11 SALE DAY 9-2 pm	July 12 SALE DAY 8-12pm CLEAN UP AND SNACKS after 12 pm



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.