



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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July 20, 2025

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM

Prelude: Adagio from “Suite for Organ”

by John Stanley

*Processional Hymn: #66 “How Glorious, Full of Wonder”

Call to Worship: From Walt Whitman, “Song of Myself”

I believe a leaf of grass is no less than the journey-work of the stars,
And the pismire is equally perfect, and a grain of sand, and the egg of the wren,
And the tree-toad is a chef-d'oeuvre for the highest,

**And the running blackberry would adorn the parlors of heaven,
And the narrowest hinge in my hand puts to scorn all machinery,**

And the cow crunching with depress'd head surpasses any statue,
And a mouse is miracle enough to stagger sextillions of infidels.
Come, let us worship.

Let's us worship together.

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #461 “We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Selection: **“Simple Gifts”**

by Charles Torian Jr.

*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

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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: Psalm 8: 1, 3-7, Psalm 96: 11-12

Psalm 104: 1-6, and Matthew 6:21 (these two passages will be read in unison)

Sermon: “Poems of Praise: On Trees, Treasures and Other Timely Gifts”

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

*Closing Hymn: #54

“For the Beauty of the Earth ”

Benediction

Postlude: **Toccata on “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

by J. Wayne Kerr

**Congregation Standing*

Scripture Readings

Psalm 8: 1, 3-7

O God, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Psalm 96:11-12

Let's hear it from Sky, with Earth joining in, and a huge round of applause from Sea. Let Wilderness turn cartwheels, Animals, come dance, Put every tree of the forest in the choir—(from The Message, Eugene Peterson)

The following two passages will be read in unison

Psalm 104:1-6

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

Matthew 6:21

[Jesus said,] “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

*The flowers this morning are given by Julie Hobert
in honor of her mother Jilly Harned*

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*The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Wendy Knight .*

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*The nursery is open today and throughout the summer, and there will be arts
and crafts for elementary ages across from the nursery.*

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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.*

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Save these Dates

Trans Parent Group *Wednesday, July 23rd at 5:30 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Food Pantry *Saturday, July 26 at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall

Blood Drive *Thursday, August 7th, 1:00 -6:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Last Summer Sing *Sunday, August 10th* rehearsal at 9:15am,
service at 10:00am.

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Please join us in welcoming our guest organist  
David Warfield  
to our worship service this morning.

David Warfield comes to FCCOL this morning with more than 55 years of experience as a church musician. Now enjoying retirement, he also enjoys occasional substitute work. David has served churches in New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island and California. He is also the former Music Director for the Granite State Choral Society. David and wife Karen live in Norwich along with their two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels.

**Tree Removal:** It is difficult to miss the fact that we had to take down the large red maple tree at the corner of Ferry Road and Lyme Street. Shortly before the White Elephant Sale one of its four trunks came crashing down on the lawn. Fortunately, no one was there at the time. However, the downed trunk revealed that the remainder of the tree was severely rotted and presented a serious safety issue. The town and our arborist recommended its immediate removal. Sorry to see it gone, but it had to happen.

**Handicap ramp available:** A nearly new handicapped ramp which comes in sections (assembly up to 30 feet total) is available for sale at a fraction of its cost new. If you're interested or would like further detail, please contact Allyson Cotton at 860-227-6016. But call soon because there's a house sale involved and it might sell quickly!

**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 providing the Sunday evening meal on **Sunday, July 27**. If you can help on July 27th or another month, please contact Julie Kuja (860-730-9498) or Charlie Hosley (860-434-8538).

*Have you ever wanted to sing with the choir? Here's your chance!*

*Everyone is welcome to sing on Sunday, August 10th. Come to rehearsal at 9:15am  
and sing at the worship service at 10 am.*

**White Elephant Sale Update** - Thanks to the more than 200+ volunteers who contributed and worked so hard to make this year's sale so successful, especially the WES board and all department heads who helped make everything run so smooth. We had steady crowds both days and even ran out of food. Next couple of weeks we will be processing expenses and last minute sales. Look in the September newsletter for **final** department results. For Now ==>>

**UNOFFICIAL Numbers - books close the end of July**

**Gross 2 day sales** - and money still coming in  
**\$120,126** [BEST EVER –about \$19k better than last year's record]

*[Thanks to Pat Spratt's sale donation and a large amount of silver that was Recycled.]*

**Net Sales**

Some major bills have not come in yet and some of last year's were rolled forward to this year.

**Now for the "Friendly" competition numbers**

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| Luxury              | \$19,827 |
| Women's/Accessories | \$19,008 |
| Jewelry             | \$12,159 |
| Art/Frames          | \$10,003 |
| Linens              | \$9,474  |

*For those with suggestions on how we can make next year's sale more successful - please email Bob Davis [[rdavis7813@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rdavis7813@sbcglobal.net)] as the board will be meeting to review this years sale in August.*

*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.*



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Bill Stone