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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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August 3, 2025

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #83 “God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years”

Call to Worship: (from Ghana)

Lord, my joys mount as do the birds, heavenward

The night has taken wings and I rejoice in the light

The sun has burned away the dew from the grass and from our hearts

What erupts from us, what encircles us this morning is thanksgiving

Lord, I rejoice in your creation

I rejoice that you are next to us, above us and within us

Let us worship God

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #360 “I Love to Tell the Story”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Selection

*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”

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!

The image shows a musical score for a pastoral prayer response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." and "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!". The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the second system.

Scriptures: Exodus 13:21-22, Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 19:21, John 16:13

Sermon: “Trust God's GPS” (illustration on page 5) Kevin L. Booker, Jr.

*Closing Hymn: #363 “In the Midst of New Dimensions”

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

Exodus 13:21-22

And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night; the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 19:21

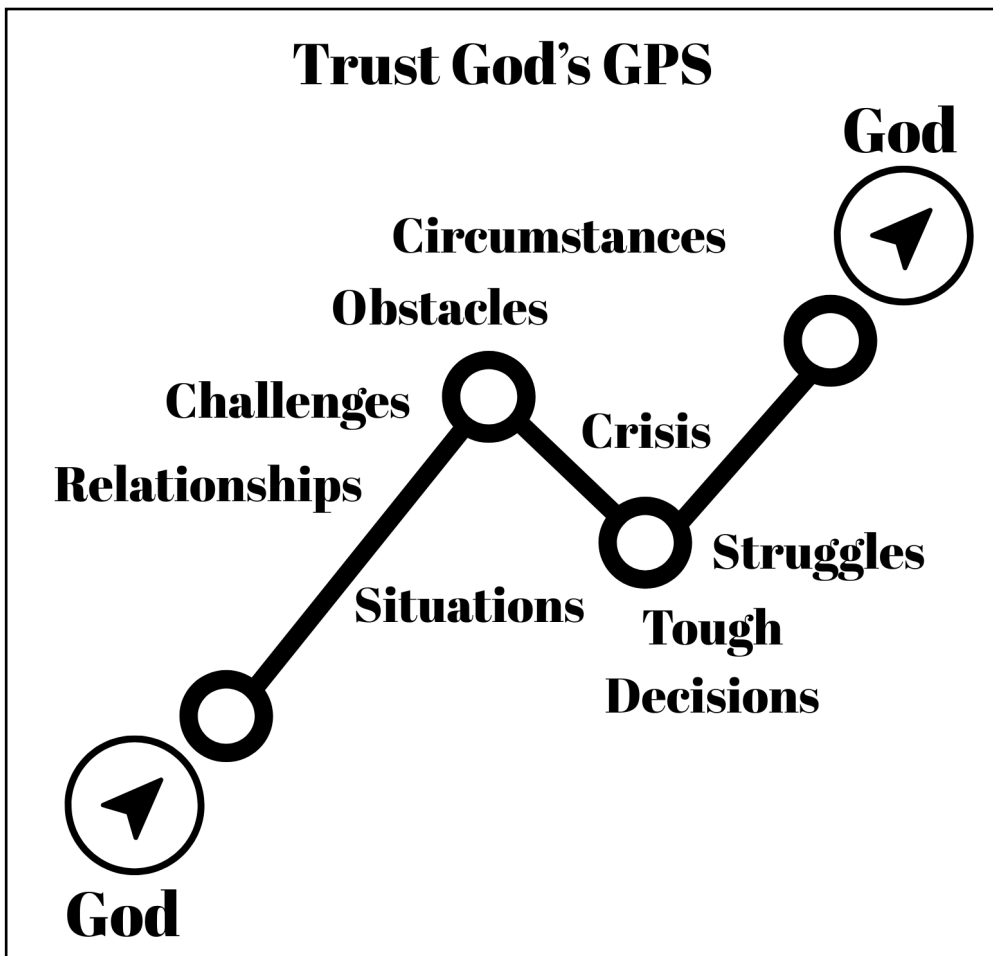
Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established.

John 16:13

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

Please join in welcoming Dr. Kevin L. Booker, Jr. to our pulpit this morning.

Dr. Kevin L. Booker, Jr. is the founder and CEO of Booker Empowerment, LLC, where he trains others on the art of leadership and building positive culture and climate. As an educator for over 20 years, he has taught in settings ranging from high schools and colleges to prisons and adult education programs. He is currently an assistant college professor and deeply involved in civic life through various boards and community initiatives. Dr. Booker holds multiple advanced degrees and is the co-author of the book *Emerging Men*, as well as the founder of Men of Color Hike CT, promoting brotherhood through nature. The motto he lives by is "Get comfortable being uncomfortable."



The flowers this morning are given by in honor of the volunteers working in our immigration ministry.

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

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

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

Immigration Ministry Training *Monday, August 4, 6:30 - 8:30 pm* in Sheffield.

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

Food Pantry *Saturday, August 9th at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

Save the Dates

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

Homecoming Sunday Worship Service and start of Sunday School *September 7th at 10:00am.* There will be an Ice Cream Sundae Fellowship hour after the service.

**Tree of Life Educational Fund & The Center for Arabic Culture (CAC)
Presents Ramzi Aburedwan and his Dal'ouna Ensemble in Concert.**

Sunday, November 2, 2025 at The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
~ Michael Dabroski will premier his "Violin Suite No. 5 - A Prayer for David" as a tribute to Tree of Life's late founder Rev. David W. Good.

For information, contact Rev. Dr. Steve Jungkeit, steven@jungkeit.net.

Immigration Ministry Training Sessions: Monday, August 4th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium. We will be offering two training sessions related to our immigration ministry.

Session 1-RED FOLDERS

This 1-hour session, beginning at 6:30pm, will focus on the Red Folders that help immigrants when facing hardships around detention or deportation. Attendees will learn about the contents of the Red Folders and will learn how to help members of the immigrant community complete the documents necessary for the folder.

Session 2-MANAGING INTERACTIONS WITH ICE

This 1-hour session, beginning at the conclusion of Session 1 (approximately 7:30pm), will provide us with important information about possible interactions with ICE while supporting an immigrant family.

FREE, Presented by CT Students for a Dream (C4D)

Church World Service Blanket Drive: Thanks to the incredible generosity of our Congregation, The Benevolent Society collected \$3,454 for blankets. This will help so many people who have lost everything by storms, floods, fire and homelessness. Thank you!

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!

Schemitzun: the Mashantucket Pequot Celebration: *August 22-24* at Mashantucket, CT. Reach out to Jolene Brant if you're interested in going with us as a group (860-460-9511).

September Newsletter: Please submit your FCCOL calendar events, articles, photographs, community events, anything of interest! The deadline before publication is Wednesday, August 20th.

