



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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August 17, 2025

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM

Prelude

Tom McDermott, piano

Introit

*Processional Hymn: #10 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Call to Worship:

They asked, "Who's my neighbor and whom should I love?"

Then Jesus related a story and said,

"It's anyone who has a need,

Yes anyone who has a need."

Trusting that the words of Jesus still ring true in our world:

Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #444 “Lord of all Hopefulness”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Music

Tom McDermott, piano

*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”

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'As we are gath-ered, Je - sus is here; one with each'. The second system is labeled 'Fine' and contains the lyrics 'oth - er, Je - sus is here. Joined by the Spir - it'. The third system is labeled 'to Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'built up in love, part of the bod - y, the church of God.' The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a bass line in the bass clef. The score ends with a double bar line.

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Scripture: Luke 10: 25-37

Sermon: “What Must We Do?”

Rev. Cathy Zall

Hymn: #460 “They Asked, ‘Who’s My Neighbor’ ”

Benediction: “May the Long Time Sun”

by Sarah Tomsen

Postlude

Tom McDermott, piano

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service, when Tom will play a little more.

**Congregation Standing*

Scripture Reading

Luke 10: 25-37

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

(Painting on the cover by Andy King)

This morning, we are pleased to welcome Rev. Cathy Zall back to our pulpit. Cathy is known to most of us, and is a frequent preacher at FCCOL, having served on staff for a number of years. Cathy is the executive director of the Homeless Hospitality Center in New London.



We are also pleased to welcome Tom McDermott back to FCCOL. Tom resides in New Orleans and is one of that city's preeminent pianists and musicians. He has recorded numerous albums, and has been featured in the HBO series *Treme*. Over the years, he has visited Old Lyme numerous times, and has traveled with us on a Tree of Life journey in 2018. It is a blessing to have him with us again.



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.

The flowers this morning are given in honor of all the staff and volunteers who do the important work at The Homeless Hospitality Center and the DINE Meal Center for those in need in New London.

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

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.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Endowment Committee Meeting *Tuesday, August 19th at 6:00 pm* the Library.

The Salt Marsh Opera *Friday, August 22nd at 7:00 pm* in the Meetinghouse.

Food Pantry *Saturday, August 23rd at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

New London Meal Center *Sunday, August 24th departing Fccol at 3:30 pm* for New London.

Save these Dates:

Jennifer Hillhouse Memorial Service *Monday, August 25th at 2:00 pm.*

The Benevolent Society Meeting *Tuesday, August 26th at 10:00 am* in the Library.

Board of Deacons Meeting *Tuesday, August 26th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

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

WES Meeting *Wednesday, August 27th at 6:00 pm* in the Library.

**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

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**The Salt Marsh Opera Performance:** Friday, August 22nd at 7:00pm at FCCOL.

Step into the opulent sound world of the Baroque era with this captivating program of Handel arias, performed by Christopher Lowrey. Drawing from some of Handel’s most beloved operas, the program showcases the emotional depth and vocal virtuosity that define his music—from the fiery vengeance of *Giulio Cesare* to the poignant introspection of *Theodora*. With each aria, Chris brings to life the dramatic intensity and lyrical beauty that have made Handel’s vocal writing a cornerstone of the repertoire. This journey through love, betrayal, triumph, and devotion offers a powerful testament to Handel’s genius and the unique artistry of the countertenor voice. Sponsored by The Guild of Salt Marsh Opera, the program begins at 7:00pm. All donations encouraged.

**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).

**Dine: New London Meal Center:** We need servers and casseroles for the New London Meal Center on 8/24. The food can be dropped at the church on Sunday, 8/24 by 3:00 pm. If you are serving the address is; 12 Montauk Ave in New London. Please contact Julie Kuja if you can help at 617-921-7850.

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

**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!



Caro Weir etching

*Caro Weir etching 1940*