



2025 Green Grass Trip Celebrating our 40 Year Partnership

The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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September 21, 2025

GREEN GRASS SUNDAY

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **“Kyrie Eleison”** by Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

*Processional Hymn: #6 “Bring Many Names”

Setting the Table - Gifts of the Green Grass Partnership

Call to Worship:

**The first peace, which is the most important,
is that which comes within the souls of people when they realize their relationship,
their oneness with the universe and all its powers,
and when they realize at the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit,
and that its center is really everywhere, it is within each of us.**

Let us worship God!

(from Black Elk, a Lakota leader and Mystic)

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement Unison Reading *(see back cover for bolded / highlighted copy)*

Film: “Green Grass Partnership: Honoring 40 Years” Austin Leone

*Hymn: #84 “Mothering Earth, You Gave Me Birth”

Children’s Message Ellison Lodge and Anna Bjornberg

Children’s Song: “Let Justice Roll Down”

There's a voice strong and clear, ringing out far and near,
"Let justice roll down, let justice roll down!"
Like the rush of a stream, comes a powerful dream,
Let justice roll down, justice rolls down!

Roll down! Roll down, justice!
Roll, like an everflowing stream.
Roll down! Roll down, justice!
Roll, like an ever flowing stream, flowing stream, roll down!

(Children and youth proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated)

Offering Invitation

Auggie Jungkeit and Colton Lodge

Offertory Anthem: **“Jubilate Deo”**

by Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

*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

Beth Hamilton

Special Music: “Lakota Flute”

played by Lakota friend, Kevin Locke,
who passed away three years ago.

Scripture: Matthew 5: 1-12

First Nations Version read by Tina Mannarino

Sermon: “Mitakuye Oyasin Reflections on the 40th Anniversary of Green Grass”

Rev. Dr. Steve Jungkeit, Joe Kazadi, Gavin Lodge, Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

*Closing Hymn: #517 “O God of Every Nation”

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

Travelers to Green Grass:

Gavin Lodge, Ellison Lodge, Colton Lodge, Ginny Speirs, Sawyer Speirs,
Anna Bjornberg, Tina Mannarino, Austin Leone, John Bairos, Beth Hamilton,
Finn Barrett, Joe Kazadi, Steve Jungkeit, Augie Jungkeit, Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager,
Anna William Fitzpatrick-Nager, Jolene Brant, Anderson Brant

**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 Reading

Matthew 5: 1-12

First Nations Version

When Creator Sets Free (Jesus) saw this great crowd, he went back up into the mountainside and sat down to teach the people. His followers came to him there, so he *took a deep breath*, opened his mouth, and began to share his wisdom with them *and teach them how to see Creator's good road*.

Blessings of the Good Road

Creator's blessing rests on the poor, the ones with broken spirits. The good road from above is theirs to walk.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk the trail of tears, for he will wipe the tears from their eyes and comfort them.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk softly and in a humble manner. The earth, land and sky will welcome them and always be their home.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who hunger and thirst for wrongs to be made right again. They will eat and drink until they are full.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are merciful and kind to others. Their kindness will find its way back to them—full circle.

Creator's blessing rests on the pure of heart. They are the ones who will see the Great Spirit.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who make peace. It will be said of them, "They are the children of the Great Spirit!"

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are hunted down and mistreated for doing what is right, for they are walking the good road from above.

Others will lie about you, speak against you, and look down on you with scorn and contempt, all because you walk the road with me. This is a sign that Creator's blessing is resting on you. So let your hearts be glad and jump for joy, for you will be honored in the spirit-world above. You are like the prophets of old, who were treated in the same way by your ancestors.

Choir Anthems

Introit: "Kyrie Eleison"

by Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison. *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.*

Offertory Anthem: "Jubilate Deo"

by Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

Jubilate Deo omnis terra, servite Domino in laetitia. Intrate in conspectu ejus, in exultatione, quia Dominus ipse est Deus.

Sing to God all ye nations, serve the Lord with gladness. Enter into His presence with exultation and joy, know ye that the Lord alone is our God.

The flowers this morning are given in memory of Matthew Frederic Winkler.

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*The host for the Fellowship hour this morning is Barbara Macgregor.*

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The nursery is open today.

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*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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TODAY!

During Fellowship Hour, please stop at the Photo Booth to have your picture taken as we're putting together a God's Neighborhood album. This is for all God's Neighborhood teachers, students and families. Many thanks to Matt Muhel-Miller, our FCCOL photographer, for organizing and taking pictures.

FCCOL "All Church" Picnic, Potluck and Fun at Camp Claire

Sunday, September 21st from 3-6pm: Camp Claire. Come one, come all to celebrate being back together after the summer! There will be volleyball, manhunt, tetherball, a fire-pit where we can make s'mores and gather to catch up. Bring a friend! 15 Oakland Avenue, Lyme, CT. 3:00-6:00 pm.

Christ the King's "Fall Festival and Rummage Sale"

Final Day Today! Sunday, Sept. 21st 9:00am to noon (most items 1/2 off).

There will be food, music and baked goods, games for the kids, toys & sporting goods, yard goods, plants and hardware, furniture, kitchenware and lamps, art, silent auctions, Christmas items, linens, but **NO** clothes.

Ladies Who Stitch - 3rd Annual \$5 Women's Jean Sale

The LWS Women's \$5 Jean Sale has already sold more than 35 pairs but a wide selection is still available on the Sheffield stage. In addition to this morning, we will be open this Saturday the 27th from noon to 3:00 p.m. The Partnership Store will also be open. Come! Shop. Bring your friends!

Upcoming Events

The Benevolent Society Meeting *Tuesday, September 23rd at 10:00 am* in the Library.

Board of Deacons Meeting *Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

Grief Group *Wednesday, September 24th at 5:00 pm* the Hoag parlor.

Choir Rehearsal: *Wednesday, September 24th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study: The Book of Exodus: Stories of Exile and the Search for Freedom

Begins on Thursday, September 25th, from 11-12 pm in the Library. Email the church at fccol@fccol.org or call 860-434-8686 for the link to the zoom Bible Study.

Newsletter Folding *Thursday, September 25th* in the Library.

The Shoreline Food Pantry: *Saturday, September 27th starting at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

Open House in God's Neighborhood: September 28th following the church service, families are invited downstairs to learn more about this year's curriculum, visit classrooms and enjoy a reception hosted by the Board of Youth Ed.

Upcoming Adult Education Forum: The Duality of AI with Marc Zimmer: Sunday, September 28, at 11:30 am, join us for a Sunday Adult Forum on Sunday, September 28th. Our speaker will be Professor Marc Zimmer from Connecticut College. "The Duality of AI: Tutor, Collaborator and Creative Ally, but also Hallucinator, Intellectual Thief and Environmental Polluter."

Winter Clothing Drive for the Youth Group Breakfast Run on October 4th to NYC
The Youth Group is collecting Winter Clothing to donate to the homeless in NYC for their Breakfast Run Trip (scheduled for Saturday, October 4th) to New York City. We are hoping that you can help by dropping off winter clothes to FCCOL **by October 3rd**. Coats, hats, gloves, new socks, boots, sweatshirts and hoodies and personal hygiene items that are in good shape are needed to keep our neighbors warm! Donations can be left on the stage in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Immigration Ministry Training Session #2, Tuesday, October 14, 2025-6:30-8:30pm in the Sheffield Auditorium: We are having a second, more in-depth, training on how to assist someone with all the information needed for a Red Folder. Our first training session was held August 4th and, though we had a large turnout, there were some who could not be there. Though this is a continuation of our first session all volunteers, even those of you who were not at the August 4th session, are encouraged to attend.

Walt's Pottery at FCCOL: Are you interested in throwing clay on the wheel and getting into some mud up to your elbows? Need a new soup bowl? Join instructor Paul Fitzpatrick-Nager, on Tuesday evenings starting September 30th-October 28th. Open to adults of all levels. Tuesdays 6:00-8:30. Email fccol@fccol.org to reserve a spot. Seating is limited. The cost is \$195 plus materials.

There will be a Glazing workshop soon, stay tuned!

Volunteer to Host a Fellowship Hour: Hosting a fellowship hour is a greatly appreciated way to contribute to our community! Just bring a few snacks, milk and Half and Half. Platters, pitchers, etc., are all available in the church kitchen and the coffee is prepared by the generous members of the Coffee Committee. If you are interested in volunteering to host one Sunday morning, please contact Wendy Knight at wendyknight@gmail.com.

New London Meal Center: Our Mission Board supports The New London Meal Center on the fourth Sunday of every month, serving a healthy meal at the Center which includes sending meals to the Homeless Hospitality Center. Various church committees, and other groups, provide a meal and servers.

We are always in need of people who are willing to help out, either by cooking or shopping for items ahead of time or helping when we serve at the site. We meet at the church at 3:30 to pick up prepared food and donated drinks plus food, and then carpool to the Center. It remains a very important mission supported by our church.

If you have questions and are interested in helping out any month, or especially during August, you may contact either Charlie Hosley at hosleycs@aol.com or Julie Kuja at julie.kuja@yahoo.com.

**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

Nehantic Land Acknowledgement

We, the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, acknowledge that we occupy and benefit from the Indigenous land upon which our church and our homes are standing. For thousands of years, this has been, and continues to be, the traditional territory of the Nehantic people, along with the Indigenous kin of other tribes.

We hereby acknowledge the continued presence, resilience, and sovereignty of the Nehantic community today.

We commit ourselves to collaborating with all Indigenous communities in the challenge of decolonizing, recovering, and restoring Indigenous histories, lives, and futures.

We give thanks to those first Nehantic people and their present day descendants. And we affirm that any land acknowledgement must also contain an acknowledgement of the wisdom of the land itself: the trees, the water, the rocks, the soil on which we live.

We have been taught by Indigenous elders to draw our minds together at the beginning of any gathering and that we should remember to be grateful and thankful for all that we have been given by the Creator. And so we give thanks:

For this beautiful day; to the four directions; to all creatures who are our kinfolk and teachers; to the river and the ocean that have sustained us; to the last 7 generations and the next 7 generations; to our ancestors who have guided us and who are here with us now. We do not have to ask for anything. All this has been given to us.

We recognize that acknowledgement in a sentence or paragraph is not enough. And so we at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme commit to listen to Native voices who can remind us and teach us how to live in balance and reciprocity. We commit to a continual process of discernment, asking what is to be done, seeking to include voices that have not been heard. We confess that, in such a great task, we are always at the beginning, and that acknowledgment is but the first step in a long process of self-education and relationship building.

With our Nehantic friends, as well as Lakota and other Indigenous partners, we affirm that we are all in this together, brothers and sisters of Spirit, dwelling under the same sky. What shall we do with the many gifts we have been given?