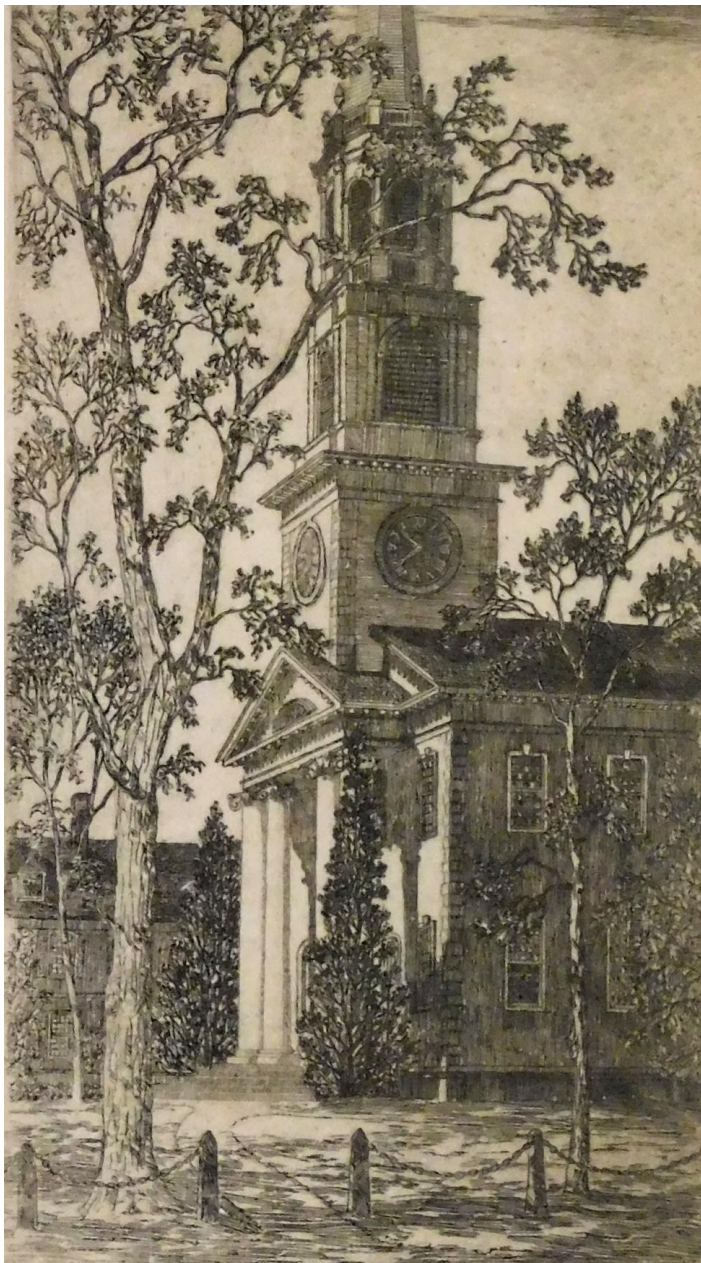




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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister
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Carleen R. Gerber, Associate Minister
Simon Holt, Director of Music

September 28, 2025

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **“The Gift of Love”**

arranged by Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)

Soprano Soloist: Lisa Feltes

Processional Hymn: #253 “God is Here”

Call to Worship:

God of abundance, you provide every good thing!

In gratitude we thank you.

Loving Christ, you walk alongside us with wounded hands and a generous heart.

In gratitude we praise you.

Holy Spirit, you fill us with your love and courage, and with a deep desire
for justice and mercy.

In gratitude we offer ourselves to you.

With our hearts, our minds, our resources, our very lives...

Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Stewardship:

Candy Stanberry

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

Children’s Message

Clarissa Mock

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

(Children and youth proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated)

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: **“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

by John Rutter (born 1945)

*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 image shows a musical score for the hymn "As We Are Gathered". It is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score 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 music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30: 11-14, Philippians 1: 1-11

Sermon: “Some Churches I Have Loved”

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

*Closing Hymn: #378 “God, We Thank You for Our People”

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 Reading

Deuteronomy 30: 11-14

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Philippians 1: 1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus - To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God’s grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Choir Anthems

Introit: “The Gift of Love”

arranged by Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)

Soprano Soloist: Lisa Feltes

Text: Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

Offertory Anthem: “For the Beauty of the Earth”

by John Rutter (born 1945)

Text: For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and above us lies: *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For each perfect gift of thine unto us so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven: *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

The flowers this morning are given to celebrate Stewardship Sunday.



*The hosts for the Fellowship hour this morning are the members of the
Board of Stewardship.*



The nursery is open today.



*If you would like to contribute flowers for our communion table,
please call Jill Harned at 603-398-9004 to reserve a date. Thank you.*

Events Today

Stewardship Sunday Fellowship at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Forum on “AI” with Marc Zimmer at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School Open House after the service in the Sunday School area.

Upcoming Events

Ladies Who Stitch Monday, September 29th at 10:00 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Board of Missions Meeting Wednesday, October 1st at 4:00 pm the Library.

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, October 1st at 7:30 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.

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

Thursday, October 2nd, 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.

Youth Group Trip Preparation Friday, October 3rd 3:00 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.

God’s Neighborhood Breakfast Run to NYC Sat, October 4th departs at 6:00am.

Shoreline Food Pantry and Diaper Bank Sat, Oct, 4th at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Musical Masterworks Concerts Sat, Oct 4th at 5:00pm and Sun, Oct 5th at 3:00 pm in the Meetinghouse.

1. God is here! As pil - grim peo - ple met to of - fer
 2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4. Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us, as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain
 I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,
 to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

This Little Light of Mine

1. This lit-tle light of mine, (of mine) I'm gon-na let it shine; (Oh __)

(of mine) (Oh __)

This lit-tle light of mine, (of mine) I'm gon-na let it shine; (Oh __)

This lit-tle light of mine, (of mine) I'm gon-na let it shine;

(of mine)

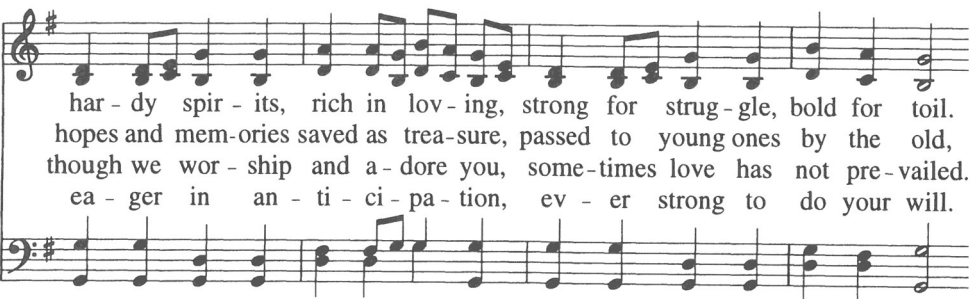
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (oh, let it shine.)

st. 1-4

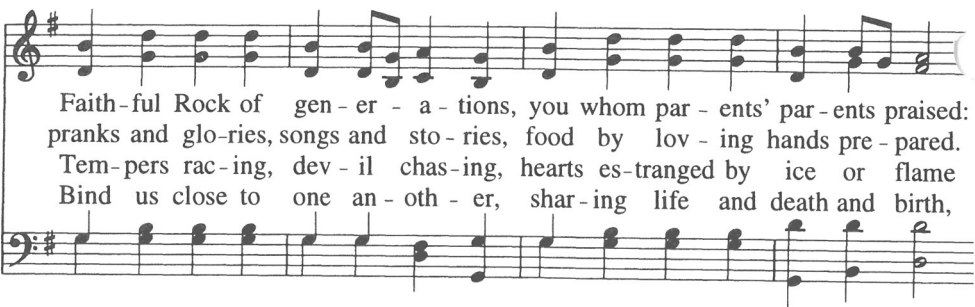
2. This great joy I have, I'm gon-na let it shine . . .
3. Ev-'ry-where I go I'm gon-na let it shine . . .
4. All- through the night I'm gon-na let it shine . . .
5. repeat st. 1



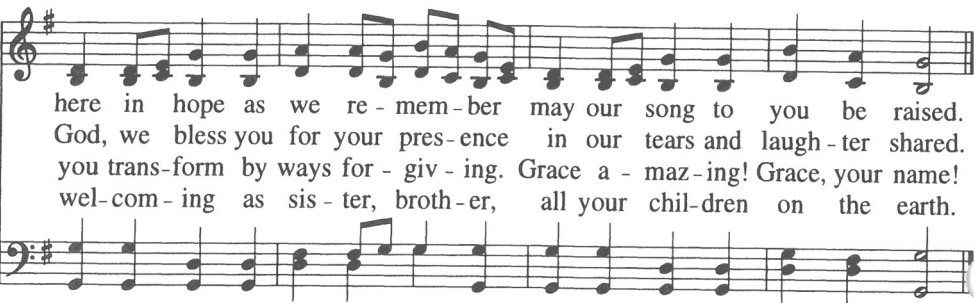
1. God, we thank you for our peo - ple, roots dug deep with - in the soil,
 2. Thank you, God, for gen - tle plea - sure: les - sons learned and se - crets told,
 3. Still we must con - fess be - fore you, some - times, Sav - ior, we have failed
 4. By your Spir - it of cre - a - tion keep us bold for risk - ing still,



har - dy spir - its, rich in lov - ing, strong for strug - gle, bold for toil.
 hopes and mem - o - ries saved as trea - sure, passed to young ones by the old,
 though we wor - ship and a - dore you, some - times love has not pre - vailed.
 ea - ger in an - ti - ci - pa - tion, ev - er strong to do your will.



Faith - ful Rock of gen - er - a - tions, you whom par - ents' par - ents praised:
 pranks and glo - ries, songs and sto - ries, food by lov - ing hands pre - pared.
 Tem - pers rac - ing, dev - il chas - ing, hearts es - tranged by ice or flame
 Bind us close to one an - oth - er, shar - ing life and death and birth,



here in hope as we re - mem - ber may our song to you be raised.
 God, we bless you for your pres - ence in our tears and laugh - ter shared.
 you trans - form by ways for - giv - ing. Grace a - maz - ing! Grace, your name!
 wel - com - ing as sis - ter, broth - er, all your chil - dren on the earth.

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1986

MUSIC: William Moore, *The Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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Written, by request, for a family reunion, this text speaks of the memories, joys and sorrows shared by those bound together by family and community ties.

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Winter Clothing Drive ends on October 3rd: The Youth Group is collecting Winter Clothing to donate to the homeless in NYC for their Breakfast Run Trip on 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.

FCCOL Moth Potluck Dinner! It is getting to be that time of year again, and we are planning another Moth storytelling night for November 3rd! We have had wonderful turn-outs, but as always, the evening only works with some valiant storytellers. If you have a fun, 5-minute story you could share, we would love to hear from you (youth group members also welcome). Contact Tom Sherer (tesjr299@outlook.com) and we can discuss.

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 October 7th– November 4th. 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. There will be a Glazing workshop soon, stay tuned!

Writing at the Well: Join us on October 10th at 10:00 am in the Hoag Parlor as we meet to write pages together and share our spiritual journeys as we go. Using informal writing prompts, participants give voice to memories and the stories that make up our lives. No writing experience necessary...just a willingness to pay attention and tap into the wellspring. Meeting in the Hoag Parlor. Copies of our last Poetry book available in the Narthex or the Church office.

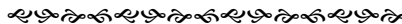
Faith-Based Community Organizing in Southeastern CT: Sunday, October 19th
For the past year, five members of FCCOL have been meeting with other congregations across Southeast Connecticut (SE CT) to learn a form of faith-based-community-organizing that is grounded in relationship building and storytelling. These conversations, both internal and external, are the building blocks to create a power-base for systemic change in Southeastern CT. To learn more about this exciting initiative, come to our Sunday, October 19th Adult Forum after the 10:00 am Worship Service.

TODAY! At the Adult Forum our speaker will be Professor Marc Zimmer from Connecticut College. His presentation will be "The Duality of AI: Tutor, Collaborator and Creative Ally, but also Hallucinator, Intellectual Thief and Environmental Polluter."



Marc Zimmer is the Jean C. Tempel '65 Professor of Chemistry at Connecticut College and the author of "The State of Science – What the future holds and the scientists making it happen" (Prometheus, 2020), "Illuminating Diseases" (Oxford, 2015); and four books for young adults. His YA book "Solutions for a Cleaner, Greener Planet" has been longlisted for the 2020

AAAS/Subaru SB&F Prize for Excellence in Science Books. His writing has appeared in USA Today and the Los Angeles Times, and he has been interviewed and quoted in the Economist, Science and Nature. His research group uses computational methods to study bioluminescent proteins.



**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



To paraphrase that old favorite hymn, WE love to tell the story of this church! Why?

We welcome everyone, including those of every race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression, economic circumstance and faith background into the full life of our church.

We encourage each person to grow on their own journey of faith according to their own conscience.

We have six vibrant ministries of Worship, Christian Education, Music, Pastoral Care, Community Support and Mission Outreach.

We are committed to social justice both here and around the world.

We nurture mutually enriching partnerships with Native Americans, the people of Haiti, Palestine and the churches of South Africa.

We actively support immigrants in need.

We minister to the local community supporting the Homeless Hospitality Center, the Community Meal Center, the Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries, and more ...

We have a benevolence giving budget that extends our ministries locally and worldwide.

And our story continues to inspire. Is it any wonder we love telling it?

Sustaining this story needs the financial support of all our members and friends. Your support accounts for over 75% of our annual needs.

We are grateful for all your generous support,

The Board of Stewardship