



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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October 12, 2025

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10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **“Peace Be with You”**

by Eugene Butler (1935-2024)

*Processional Hymn: #250 “Here in This Place”

*Call to Worship:

We quiet our minds and our hearts in this time of uncertainty,
full of unknowns, as worry presses down upon us.

**We come to this Meetinghouse in order to ignite a flame that connects us
with those we love, cutting through the darkness of isolation;**

We are warmed by the fires of our ongoing interconnection.

**For this moment, we find a certainty within the knowable
bonds of love and community.**

We are not alone. We are held in the embrace of a love that is greater than us all.

Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #223 “Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me”

Children’s Message

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

(Children and youth proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated)

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: **“Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise”** by Eugene Butler (1935-2024)

*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: “Hear Our Prayer”



Scripture: Psalm 1: 1-3, Exodus 20: 1-21

Sermon: “Improvisation and Change in a World of Laws”

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

*Closing Hymn: #1 “We Limit Not the Truth of God”

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

Psalm 1: 1-3

Happy are those
 who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread
 or sit in the seat of scoffers,
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees
 planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
 and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

Exodus 20: 1-21

Then God spoke all these words,

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.” Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Choir Anthems

Introit: “Peace Be with You”

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I rejoiced when they said unto me, "Let us go up to the house of God!" Our feet are standing within your gates, a house built on peace and love. Peace be with you my friends, sisters and brothers in the Lord. And for the sake of the house of God, I will seek your good. The house of God is firmly built; it firm and strong does stand. Unto that place all peoples go, pilgrims of every race and land.

Peace be with you my friends, sisters and brothers in the Lord. And for the sake of the house of God, I will seek your good. Therefore I pray that peace may still within your walls remain, and for all people of the world love and peace retain. Peace be with you my friends, sisters and brothers in the Lord. And for the sake of the house of God, I will seek your good.

Offertory Anthem: “Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise” by Eugene Butler (1935-2024)

Hymns of glory, songs of praise, blessed Father to You we raise. Jesus, glory unto you with the spirit ever true. Songs of praise the angels sang, heaven with alleluias rang, when creation was begun, when God spoke and it was done. Songs of praise awoke the morn when the Prince of Peace was born. Songs of Praise arose when He conquered death in victory. Heaven and earth shall pass away, songs of praise shall crown that day, God will make new heaven and earth, songs of praise shall hail their birth. Hymns of glory, songs of praise, blessed Father to You we raise. Jesus, glory unto you with the spirit ever true. Amen.

The flowers this morning are given by Sandy D'Esopo in loving memory of his wife Cheryl.

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*The hosts for the Fellowship hour this morning are Susan and Wayne Mountz.*

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The nursery is open today.

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*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.*

### **Upcoming Events this Week**

**Ladies Who Stitch** *Monday, October 13th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**The Benevolent Society Luncheon** *Tuesday, October 14th at 12 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Walt's Pottery Class** *Tuesday, October 14th at 6:00 pm* in the Pottery Studio.

**Immigration Ministry Training** *Tuesday, Oct. 14th at 6:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Choir Rehearsal:** *Wednesday, October 15th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

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

*Thursday, October 16th, 11:00 am* in the Library. Email the church at [fccol@fccol.org](mailto:fccol@fccol.org) or call 860-434-8686 for the link to the zoom Bible Study.

**Women's Retreat** *Friday, October 17th from 10:00 till 2:00 pm* at Ender's Island in Mystic.

**Shoreline Food Pantry** *Saturday, October 18th at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Adult Forum: Faith Based Community Organizing** *Sun, Oct, 19th at 11:15* in the Fellowship Hall.

**The Benevolent Society Luncheon Tuesday, October 14th:** We invite you to come join us for fellowship, delicious food, and an entertaining program at The Benevolent Society's luncheon on October 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon.

At 1 pm James Meehan will present the History of the Stars and Stripes. He will show examples of some of America's earliest flags and explain the symbolism and history behind these designs. The timeline presented will begin on June 14, 1777, and feature the flag's role in historical events through the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Suggested donation for the luncheon and program is \$5 per person, plus a nonperishable food item for our food bank or a package of disposable diapers for our diaper bank. If you plan to join us at the luncheon, please call the FCCOL office (860-434-8686) by Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> to make a reservation so we can be sure to have enough food prepared for all to enjoy.

*(on the cover painting by Childe Hassam)*

**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. All volunteers, even those of you who were not at the August 4<sup>th</sup> session, are encouraged to attend.

**Fall Women's Retreat at Ender's Island in Mystic Friday, October 17th:** Savoring the Sacred: Body, Mind and Spirit. Join us for a day to enjoy the beauty of Enders Island, share stories, experience gentle movement and mark the changing seasons of our lives. \$30 offering. Lunch provided. Location: St. Edmunds Retreat Center, Enders Island, Mystic. (Scholarships available!) Bring a pillow for your chair. Carpooling from church. For more information and to rsvp: [fccol@fccol.org](mailto:fccol@fccol.org). Checks should be made payable to "FCCOL."

**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. To learn more about this exciting initiative, hear from Rev. Bill White, Simsbury UCC, on how they're doing it in Hartford, and meet Ms. Amber Moye, the new SE CT community organizer. Come to our Sunday, Oct. 19 Adult Forum. Grab some coffee after church and join us!

**FCCOL Moth Potluck Dinner Friday, November 7th:** We still are looking for a couple of storytellers for our Moth storytelling night scheduled for November 7th (note that the date has been corrected from the 3rd to the 7th). Everyone has a fun story or two... please share! If you think you can cobble together a 5-minute story, we would love to hear from you (youth group members this also means you). Contact Tom Sherer. ([tesjr299@outlook.com](mailto:tesjr299@outlook.com)) and we can discuss.

**The Salt Marsh Opera presents "The Pirates of Penzance"** directed by Simon Holt and featuring our FCCOL members Lisa Feltes, John Delmhorst and Sean McCarty.

- The United Theater in Westerly, RI, Sunday, October 12th at 3:00 pm.
- The Kate in Old Saybrook, CT, Friday, October 17th at 7:00 pm; Sunday, October 19th at 3:00 pm. For more information visit: <https://saltmarshopera.org/>.

**Tree of Life Educational Fund & FCCOL presents a concert in celebration of Tree of Life's late founder, The Reverend David W. Good.**

Featuring Ramzi Aburedwan & The Dal'Ouna Ensemble in Concert with guest violinist Michael Dabroski. ~ **Michael Dabroski will premiere his "Violin Suite No. 5 ~ A Prayer for David"** as a tribute to Tree of Life's late founder Rev. David W. Good.

**Sunday, November 2, 2025 at FCCOL. 5:30 pm Palestinian Dinner, 7:00 pm Concert.**

Suggested donation for the dinner and concert \$30. Reservations are required for dinner. Call 860-434-8686 to rsvp. To attend the concert only, the suggested donation is \$10, no rsvp needed. Donations will be collected at the event. **To help volunteer for this event, please contact Becky Crosby at 860-575-5687 or [rtcros@ftcrosby.com](mailto:rtcros@ftcrosby.com).**





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.

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