



## **The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme**

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

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Simon Holt, Director of Music

**April 12, 2026**

**Sunday Worship Service**

**10:00 AM**

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Prelude

Introit: **Hymn Anthem on the tune "Marion"** by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

\*Processional Hymn: #386 "We are One in the Spirit"

\*Call to Worship:

The spiritual life is not a life before, after,  
or beyond our everyday existence.

**The spiritual life can only be real when it is lived  
in the midst of the pains and joys of the here and now.**

Therefore, we need to become more fully aware of our hunger for the Spirit.

**Let us open our minds and hearts to God  
and let the Spirit live and move within us.**

**Come Holy Spirit come, we are in need of your healing grace and infinite love.**

(Henri Nouwen- first 3 lines)

\*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: #218 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

Children's Message:

Julie Martel

Children's Song: "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: “Spirit of the Living God”



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me; Spir - it of the  
liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,  
use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Scripture Readings: John 20: 1, 11-16

Sermon: “Mary!”

The Rev. Catherine Zall

\*Closing Hymn: #224 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart ”

Benediction

Benediction Response: “May the Longtime Sun”

by Sara Thomsen

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

*Sermon Book Reference: Finding Your Hidden Treasure: The Way of Silent Prayer*

by Benignus O'Rourke

***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:

### John 20: 1, 11-16

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

## Choir Anthems

### Introit: Hymn Anthem on the tune "Marion"

by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing; your festal banner raise on high, the Cross of Christ your King. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maidens meek, raise high your free exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Your clear Hosannas raise, and Alleluias loud; whilst answering echoes upward float, like wreaths on incense cloud. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise, send forth the hymns our fathers loved, the psalms of ancient days. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Praise him who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God for evermore. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Amen.

### 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 Bob McCracken in loving memory of Sally McCracken on the sixth anniversary of her passing.*

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*The hosts for the Fellowship Hour this morning are  
Barbara MacGregor and Candy Stanberry.*

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*The nursery is open today.*

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We are very grateful and happy to welcome the **Reverend Cathy Zall** to the pulpit this morning. Cathy served as our Associate Minister from 2002-2007 and is currently the Executive Director of the Homeless Hospitality Center in New London. Her work there is courageous and complicated. Her outreach ministry at HHC is broad beyond description. Our church works closely with HHC, and we are grateful to her for helping us share in this critical work serving those most in need.

The **Reverend Becky Crosby** has been a part of our congregation in one form or another for much of her adult life – singing in the choir, being sponsored for ordination during her Divinity School studies, and finally moving into ordained ministry. For 8 years she was our Associate Minister, and we were blessed by her many gifts, from running our children’s and youth ministries to leading our stewardship efforts, from preaching and pastoral care to her work on behalf of the vulnerable in Haiti, in Palestine, and beyond. She has been a source of compassionate care, infectious energy, and prophetic insight for our entire community. Today we are honored to welcome her to the pulpit.

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Our travelers left for Georgia on Saturday, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers:  
Finn Barrett, Joe Kazadi, Jill and Lucy Hartenstein, Trent and Naomi Cameron,  
Anna William Fitzpatrick-Nager, Lisa Feltes, Stephanie Webster, and Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager.

### **Today at FCCOL**

**Adult Forum: TODAY** after the 10:00 am service with Becky Crosby will offer a power point presentation on The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme's art collection and its connection to the Old Lyme Art Community: The Florence Griswold Art Colony, The Lyme Art Association, and The Lyme Academy of Fine Arts. The talk will feature 28 paintings and sculpture. Come learn about the art and the artists who made them.

## Upcoming This Week

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

**Walt's Pottery Classes** *Tuesday, April 14th at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.*

**TBS Luncheon** *Tuesday, April 14th at 12:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Board of Trustees Meeting** *Tuesday, April 14th at 4:00 pm* in the Library.

**ReBELLion Rehearsal** *Wednesday, April 15th at 4:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Yoga Class** *Wednesday April 15th at 4:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**TransParent Group** *Wednesday, April 15th at 5:30 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

**Handbell Ringers Rehearsal** *Wednesday, April 15th at 6:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall

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

**Bible Study** *Thursday, April 16th at 11:00 am* in the Library or on Zoom.

**Blood Drive** *Thursday, April 16th from 1 - 6 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Shoreline Food Pantry** *Saturday, April 11th at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Yoga Class** *Saturday, April 18th at 10:30 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**SECT Faith Based Community Organizing Project and Lunch**  
*Sunday, April 19th from 11:30 am till 1:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Weekly Bible Study**

Please join us as we continue to discuss The Book of Leviticus on Thursday, April 16th and continue every Thursday from 11:00 -12:00 pm in the Library. Call or email the church for the Zoom link.

### **New London Soup Kitchen: DINE**

Our church serves at the New London Soup Kitchen (DINE) one Sunday each month. If you would be willing to help us by baking or occasionally cooking, please call Anne in the office at 860-434-8686.

### **SECT Faith Based Community Organizing Project Lunch**

Sunday, April 19th at 11:30 am. Come and share what you would like to see changed in Southeastern CT. We're living in challenging times right now. Many of us want to take action to create lasting positive change. To weigh in, join us for lunch following worship. Share a story of the pressures you/your family are under, of what you care most deeply about, of what stirs you to do something, of an issue we might act on together. All are welcome! Childcare to be provided.

## **White Elephant Sale**

It's that time of year again and the White Elephant Sale committee is hard at work preparing for the 88th sale, being held this year on July 10th and 11th. This is the beginning of the committee's annual request for volunteers to tackle multiple tasks; including a coordinator of the operation, people to receive, sort, price and sell donations, someone to run the food court, and more people with the time and interest in being a part of an incredibly effective team.

Please contact Jane Marolda at (860) 608-0257 or Deb Heminway at (860) 625-3144 to let us know how you would like to contribute. In the meantime, keep cleaning out your closets and filling boxes with your donations. Many thanks and we look forward to hearing from you.

## **Flowers Needed for the Sunday Worship Services**

We are in need of people to donate flowers for the Sundays worship services. It can be flowers that you have arranged yourself, or you could order flowers and have them delivered, or a plant that you could take home after the service. Please call **Jill Harned (603) 398-9004** to reserve a date and then call the office (860-434-8686) or email at [fccol@fccol.org](mailto:fccol@fccol.org), to let us know the dedication you would like to be printed in the bulletin on the date you picked. Thank you!

## **IRIS (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services)**

**IRIS** is helping the homeless and is especially in need of twin-sized bedding, personal care items, kitchen items (including dishes, glassware, baking pans, cookware) and diapers. Gift cards (e.g. to Walmart) are also welcome. A FCCOL volunteer regularly travels to New Haven to deliver collected items. LWS will help by accepting new and gently-used donations for IRIS and for the New London Homeless Hospitality Center. Please leave donations on the Sheffield Stage clearly marked "LWS." (<https://irisct.org>) With on going heartfelt gratitude for your continued generosity and kindness to our neighbors.

## **New Additions to the Church Library**

Bible scholar Bart Ehrman's latest book, *Love Thy Stranger: How the Teachings of Jesus Changed the Moral Conscience of the West*, about the impact of Christianity on the Roman Empire's understanding of charity; Toni Morrison's novel about healing, *Home*, which Steve quoted from in a recent sermon; and some plays by the foremost African-American playwright, the late August Wilson (including *Radio Golf*, to be performed at Hartford Stage next season). Free for borrowing.

## **Confirmation Class**

The Confirmation class and mentors will be meeting on Sunday April 26th, at 4:00 pm in the Library.

## **Kitchen Helper**

We are looking for someone who enjoys keeping a "tidy" kitchen, who would be willing to come into the church periodically and organize and clean it up "as if it were their home." This would be a job *FOR PAY*. Please stop by the office and see Bob if you are interested.

## All This Sainted Difference: A Spiritual Pilgrimage to Brazil, August 10-20, 2026

In her poetry collection *The Cachoeira Tales*, Marilyn Nelson writes of a contemporary group of pilgrims, each with a story to tell, traveling together not to Canterbury, but to Cachoeira,



Brazil. There, the pilgrims encounter the Sisters of Our Lady of the Good Death, who blend African, Indigenous, and Catholic ritual elements. Founded by those who had been enslaved during the 19th century, the sisterhood was established to serve the poor, while keeping alive the sacred traditions of Africa, handed down as a precious inheritance from one generation to the next. Every year in Cachoeira, the

Sisters offer a three-day celebration of music and of dance, where the Orixas (African divinities who bear a striking resemblance to Christian saints) come in order to bless, heal, chasten, and encourage contemporary people. It is in Cachoeira that the pilgrims in Marilyn's poems converge. And it is in Cachoeira that pilgrims from FCCOL shall converge this coming August.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to explore the African ritual traditions of Brazil. Visiting not only Cachoeira, but locating ourselves in and around the city of Salvador, we'll encounter the rituals, music, dance, foodways, and visual art that have sheltered and protected human lives through generations of hardship. We'll visit *terreiros* (house temples) around the city and throughout the surrounding countryside. And we'll discover how these dynamic and aesthetically charged spiritual systems (Candomblé and Umbanda) have evolved across time. The centerpiece of our journey will be the Feast of Our Lady of the Good Death, where we shall witness how the Sisters become a living bridge between this world and the other.

Designed to resonate and to link with our travels to Haiti, Cuba, New Orleans, and West Africa, our pilgrimage to Cachoeira and Salvador will be organized with the help of our friend Ned Sublette, and his vast network of contacts in Brazil. It is a fabulous opportunity to explore a beautiful part of Latin America (it will be winter in Salvador, meaning we can expect temperatures in the 70's and 80's), together with the history and spirituality of the African descended peoples of Bahia.

Contact Steve Jungkeit for more information, at [steven@jungkeit.net](mailto:steven@jungkeit.net).