



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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May 10, 2026

New Members Worship Service

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: "**Pendaneni (Love One Another)**"

Cathy Moglebust (b. 1958)

Old Lyme Ringers and Zak Benedetto, shekere; Debbie Froggatt, caxixi;
Augie Jungkeit, small djembe; Devon Kiem, large djembe; Connor Rice, gankokwe

*Processional Hymn: #98 "God of the Sparrow God of the Whale"

*Call to Worship:

We come into this garden of gathered souls
With dirt beneath our fingernails,
with seeds of hope and grief alike.

**The Holy meets us in the tending:
watering what is fragile,
pulling what chokes life,**

helping us to trust what we cannot yet see.

In this time we approach the One
who fashioned all of life within a garden,
the One who Mary mistook for a gardener after the resurrection.

**We draw closer to the Spirit who teaches us through roots and rain,
through compost and blossom,
that love grows where care is given.**

Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Order for the Reception of New Members

*Hymn: #89 "Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us" *(Children and youth proceed downstairs)*

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: "**A Setting of Psalm 150**"

by César Franck

*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"

The image shows a musical score for a two-part vocal setting. The top part is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom part is a bass line in bass clef. Both are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -
cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The music consists of simple, homophonic chords and single notes, suitable for a congregational or pastoral response.

Scripture Readings: **Genesis 2: 8-15** (Selected verses); **John 20: 15-16**; **Revelation 22: 1-3**

Sermon: "The Garden of Humanity"

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

*Closing Hymn: #353 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Benediction

Benediction Response: "**Pendaneni (Love One Another)**" Cathy Moglebust (b. 1958)

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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

Genesis 2: 8-15 (Selected verses)

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the human whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The Lord God placed the human in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

John 20: 15-16

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

Revelation 22: 1-3

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more.

Old Lyme Ringers with Instrumentalists and Choir Anthems

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Alleluia. O praise ye the Lord in His holy temple: O praise ye the Lord who dwelleth on high. Praise the Lord in His might, and in His noble acts: praise the Lord in His glory and in His majesty. Praise the Lord in the sound of the trumpet, praise the Lord on the lute and the harp. Praise the Lord in the dances, the timbrels and the dance: praise Him upon the strings and praise Him on the pipe. Praise the Lord on the well tuned cymbals: praise the Lord on the cymbals well tuned and loud. Every creature on earth that hath breath, praise Him, praise ye the Lord. Alleluia.

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Old Lyme Ringers and Instrumentalists

The title "Pendaneni" is the Swahili word for "Love One Another." The music requires the ringers to use several handbell techniques: martellato, martellato lift, mallets, thumb damp, and the shake. We thank Rachael Jungkeit for lending us the rhythm instruments from her school: djembe, bongos, maracas, cowbell, and shekere.

Today marks the close to the 2025-26 handbell season. We wish to thank the following people who have shared their musical talents to the Old Lyme Ringers: Lisa Feltes, Barbara Hack, Cindy Hautaniemi, Pat Jungkeit, Rachael Jungkeit, Doug Kiem, Leslie Kiem, Sean McCarty, Angela Mock, Kate Rice, and Matt Rice. Alternate ringers have been Phil Brant, Debbie Froggatt, Allison Hine, and Donna Miller.

*The flowers this morning are given by Becca Frost in joyous celebration
of the birth of Thea Hope Hamm.*

The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Leslie Rawlings.

The nursery is open today with Miss Kristin Kennedy.

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

We then, as members of this Church, gladly welcome you to take part with us in the hopes, the labors, and the joys of the Church of Christ. We promise to walk with you in love and sympathy, to join with you in the ministries of grace to neighbors near and far, and to promote, as far as in us lies, your growth in the life of faith.

This morning we are pleased to welcome as new members:

Joe and Karen Barnett (Spencer and Calvin)
Dale Griffith
Joe Jackson
Mehri Paydar
Leslie Rawlings
Julia Renaud and Peter Campbell (David)
Kate and Matthew Rice (Abigail, David and Connor)
Kate Caristo-Scalora (Gianni)
Becky Snelson (Teddy)

Please join us for an informal reception in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

Events at FCCOL This Coming Week

Ladies Who Stitch *Monday, May 11th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

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

Yoga Class *Tuesday May 12th at 5:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Board of Trustees Meeting *Tuesday May 12th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

Pottery Class *Tuesday May 12th at 6:00 pm* in the pottery studio.

Bible Study *Thursday, May 14th at 11:00 am* in the Library or on Zoom.

D. Austin Wood Memorial Service *Friday, May 15th at 12:00 pm* in the Meetinghouse.

Youth Group Trip to Chester Synagogue *Friday, May 15th departing at 6:00 pm.*

Shoreline Food Pantry *Saturday May 16th at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

Yoga Class with Isabelle *Saturday, May 16th at 10:30 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Weekly Bible Study

Please join us as we continue to discuss The Book of Leviticus on Thursday, May 7th at 11:00 am and continue every Thursday in the Library. Call or email the church for the Zoom link.

Introduction to the Potter's Wheel: New and Returning Students starting May 12th

In this four-week pottery class, you'll learn to center clay with your hands, steady your body at the wheel, and pull the walls upward into a cylinder. Then on to shaping, glazing, and firing, following the clay through each stage of its transformation. Held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, this class meets May 12, 19, 26, and June 2, and the full four-week session is \$200. No experience is necessary—just a willingness to let the clay teach you. Taught by local artist Paul Fitzpatrick Nager.

The Benevolent Society's May 12th Luncheon

Join us for the TBS May luncheon on Tuesday, May 12th. Chef Rick will have a delicious and seasonally appropriate meal prepared for you to enjoy. As always, lunch will be served at noon. Our after-meal program will introduce you to Helen Charov, author of *"Tatyana's War – Escape and Survival on the Eastern Front in World War II."* Finding her mother's diaries in the attic of her mother's Connecticut home, Helen translated them into English and composed this book. It promises to be a presentation that will inspire us all as we learn about Tatyana's strength and perseverance that will encourage us to seek and find our own grit! Books will be available for purchase following the program.

The suggested donation is \$5 per person, plus a nonperishable food item for our food bank or a package of disposable diapers for our diaper bank. Please call the FCCOL office (860-434-8686) to RSVP by Friday, so we can be sure to have enough food prepared for all to enjoy.

Youth Group Trip Friday, May 15th: The Youth Group will be traveling to Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek Synagogue in Chester CT. There will be a carpool leaving from FCCOL at 6:00 pm.

Haitian Dinner: Save this Date, May 17th!

On Sunday, May 17th at 5:30 pm join us for an authentic Haitian Dinner prepared by "Mommy's Delicious Food" in Norwich. Becky Crosby will offer a presentation on their work in Haiti that will include a special guest...Hélène Clervius, a graduate of The Crosby Fund's scholarship program. She will be speaking about her journey from rural Haiti to becoming a doctor at SUNY University Hospital in Brooklyn, NY. The suggested donation is \$15 per person. Please call the office to RSVP.

Adult Forum on Sunday, May 17th: The Preserve is set to be logged.

The Preserve in Old Saybrook is CT's largest remaining intact coastal forest and wetland system: 1000 acres in Old Saybrook with smaller tracts in Essex and Westbrook. Jointly owned by Old Saybrook and the state, this biodiversity gem is home to 38 vernal pools. Many rare or threatened plant and animal species are among the 30 mammal, 25 amphibian and reptile, and 57 kinds of birds that live in this area. The state is preparing to log in important sensitive areas. Lea Sloan, former vice president of communications at American Forests, the oldest

national conservation organization in the country, will speak on this at an adult forum on May 17th. Come learn what we can do to try to minimize the damage and disturbance to this exceptional forest.

Confirmation Retreat on Cape Cod: Friday, May 29th-Sunday, May 31st.

Confirmation students and friends will drive to Craigville Inn Retreat Center on Cape Cod for a special weekend of fun, community, hiking and beach volleyball. We leave FCCOL at 3:00 on Friday afternoon and return by 3:00 pm on Sunday. Cost is \$150.00 per student including meals and lodging. RSVP to save a spot! Contact Laura or Jolene.

White Elephant Sale is coming on Friday, July 10th from 9-2pm and Saturday, July 11th from 8-12 pm.

The 88th White Elephant Sale is fast approaching, and we are in **need of more volunteers** to assist in the gargantuan task of making the annual event successful once again. The needs vary and there are many areas requiring help, especially Sporting Goods, where someone is needed to run the department, and personnel are needed to assist in the set-up and operation during the sale itself. We are appealing to everyone, young or just young-hearted, willing to help sort, price and possibly be salespersons and helpers at the actual event. There are large and small jobs of every kind, and we need help from June 20th through the end of the sale on July 11th. Please contact Jane Marolda (860-608-0257) or Deb Heminway (860-625-3144) if you can help out or if you have any questions. **Intake days are June 25th, 26th, 27th, 30th and July 1st and 2nd. NOT July 3rd as previously printed.**

Ladies Who Stitch

Thank you for thinking of us but...

We cannot accept any further donations. We are amply supplied with fabric, yarn, notions etc... And now we are storing everything to make room for the White Elephant Sale.

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." With on going heartfelt gratitude for your continued generosity and kindness to our neighbors.

Church World Service Blanket Drive

"Your support makes moments of care possible every winter. When families receive CWS blankets, they feel God's love and know they are not forgotten."

- Belinda A. Church World Service

Thanks to your generosity FCCOL sent a check for \$3,659.00 to the Church World Service, a most worthwhile and special cause. Our highest total yet! Thank you again and again.

(On the cover: painting by Roger Dennis 1986)

Pastoral Care

Please let us know if a pastoral visit would be helpful to you or to someone you know. Years ago, hospitals and nursing homes often notified the church when a patient who said they were part of our congregation was admitted. In the post-HIPPA era, this just doesn't happen. Also, hospital stays are often remarkably short. So if you know of someone who needs our pastoral care, please call Anne in the office or one of our ministers directly. |

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.