

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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May 17, 2026

Youth Sunday Worship Service

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **“A Hymn of Praise”**

by Lani Smith (1934-2015)

*Processional Hymn: **“For Everyone Born a Place at the Table”**

(see insert)

*Call to Worship:

Lucy Byers and Lucy Hartenstein

Good morning, FCCOL!

Everyone is welcome from the North and the South

Everyone is welcome from the East and the West

Let justice and joy roll down like everlasting streams

We’re so glad you are here with us.

Mitakuye Oyasin, We are all family!

Let us worship God and give thanks together!

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer: Connor Rice, Abby DaPonte, and Zoe Dowd

The Lord’s Prayer (The Just Love Story Bible version)

Our Parent in heaven, may your name be considered holy. May your reign come.

May your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today the bread we need.

And forgive us our trespasses as we also forgive others. And do not bring us to
times of trial, but rescue us for all evil. Amen!

Welcome and Announcements

Overview of Service

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

Youth Announcements

Devon Kiem and Auggie Jungkeit

“What We Did in Sunday School”

Grades K-1’s & 2-3’s

*Hymn: #98 “God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”

Presentation of Bibles:

Jolene Brant and Mary Bradford

“What We Did in Sunday School”

Grades 4-5’s

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: **“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”** by John Carter (born 1930)
The Choir will be joined by the Youth Choir

Dedication of Gifts: Allie Mock

Joys and Concerns: Ellison Lodge and Spencer Barnet

Scripture Reading: Amos 5:24, Matthew 5 (from the Just Love Bible) Ace Bairos

Youth Group Slide Show Presentation: **“Georgia on My Mind: Koinonia Farm”**
Naomi Cameron, Finn Barrett, Joe Kazadi, Lucy Hartenstein,
Anna William Fitzpatrick-Nager, Jill Hartenstein, Lisa Feltes, Stephanie Webster,
Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager, Trent Cameron

Special Music: “Georgia on My Mind” by Ray Charles Simon Holt

*Closing Hymn: # 364 “This Little Light of Mine”

Benediction

**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 Readings

Amos 5:24

“Let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

Matthew 5: (from the Just Love Bible)

Jesus reminds the crowd of the blessings of life in the Sermon on the Mount:

“Happy and blessed are those whose spirits need God; the realm of God belongs to them.

Happy and blessed are those who grieve losses; they will be comforted.

Happy and blessed are the humble; they will take care of the earth.

Happy and blessed are those who thirst and hunger for justice; they will be satisfied.

Happy and blessed are those who are kind; kindness will come back to them.

Happy and blessed are those with pure hearts; they will see God everywhere.

Happy and blessed are those making peace; they are God’s children.

Happy and blessed are those who are bullied while doing God’s work;

the Realm of God belongs to them.

If people are mean to you or misunderstand you when you are trying to love like Jesus, it’s OK. Deep happiness, great joy and amazing blessings are coming your way...”

Choir Anthems

Introit: “A Hymn of Praise”

by Lani Smith (1934-2015)

Text: All nature's works his praise declare, to whom they all belong; there is a voice in every star, in every breeze a song. Sweet music fills the world abroad with strains of love and power; the stormy sea sings praise to God, the thunder and the shower. To God the tides of ocean cry, and birds upon the wing; to God the powers that dwell on high their tuneful tribute bring. Like them, let man the throne surround, with them loud chorus raise, while instruments of loftier sound assist his feeble praise. Great God, to thee we consecrate our voices and our skill; we bid the pealing organ wait to speak alone thy will. Lord, while the music floats may earth-born passions die; O grant its rich and swelling notes may lift our souls on high!

Offertory Anthem: “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

by John Carter (born 1930)

Text: Holy Spirit, Light divine, shine upon this heart of mine; chase the shades of night away, turn my darkness into day. Holy Spirit, Power divine, cleanse this guilty heart of mine; long has sin without control held dominion over my soul. Holy Spirit, Joy divine, cheer this saddened heart of mine; bid my many woes depart, heal my wounded, bleeding heart. Holy Spirit, all divine, dwell within this heart of mine; cast down every idol throne, reign supreme, and reign alone. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me, melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Holy Spirit, fall on me.

The flowers this morning are given to honor of all the students of God's Neighborhood, the Youth Group, and to all the teachers, helpers and coordinators, mentors and volunteers who work with our children.

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*The hosts for the Fellowship Hour this morning are Lee Whitaker and the Board of Youth Education.*

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The nursery is open today with Miss Kristin Kennedy.

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*We give special thanks this morning to Gavin Lodge and Jolene Brant for organizing today's service and to the Board of Youth Education and parents for hosting the Ice Cream Social.*

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Today at FCCOL

Ice Cream Social

The Board of Youth Ed is hosting an Ice Cream Social in Fellowship Hall after the service. Everyone is welcome!

Adult Forum Today in the Sheffield Auditorium.

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 today after the 10:00 am service. .

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Ladies Who Stitch *Monday, May 18th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Yoga with Isabelle *Tuesday, May 19th at 5:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

TransParent Group Meeting *Wednesday, May 20th at 5:30 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Choir rehearsal *Wednesday, May 20th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Summer Newsletter Deadline *Wednesday, May 20th.*

Bible Study *Thursday, May 21st at 11:00 am* in the Library.

Blood Drive *Thursday, May 21st at 1:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Board of Stewardship Meeting *Thursday, May 21st at 4:00 pm* in the Library.

Writers at the Well *Friday, May 22nd at 10:00 am* in the Hoag parlor.

Food Pantry *Saturday, May 23rd at 8:30 am* in Fellowship Hall.

Weekly Bible Study

Please join us as we continue to discuss The Book of Leviticus on Thursday, May 21st at 11:00 am and continue every Thursday in the Library. Call or email the church for the Zoom link.

God's Neighborhood Beach Clean-up

Sunday, May 24th: Beach Clean Up at White Sands Beach. In lieu of the service at church at 10 am, we will meet at White Sands Beach to pick up litter. Bring bags and gloves. Donuts, coffee and cider, and hand sanitizer will be provided.

Confirmation Retreat on Cape Cod: Will be postponed to a later date.

Confirmation and God's Neighborhood: Confirmation and the last day of Sunday School will be celebrated on Sunday, June 14th at the 10:00 am service.

White Elephant Sale is Coming Soon!

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.***

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

Church World Service Blanket Drive

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.

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.



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