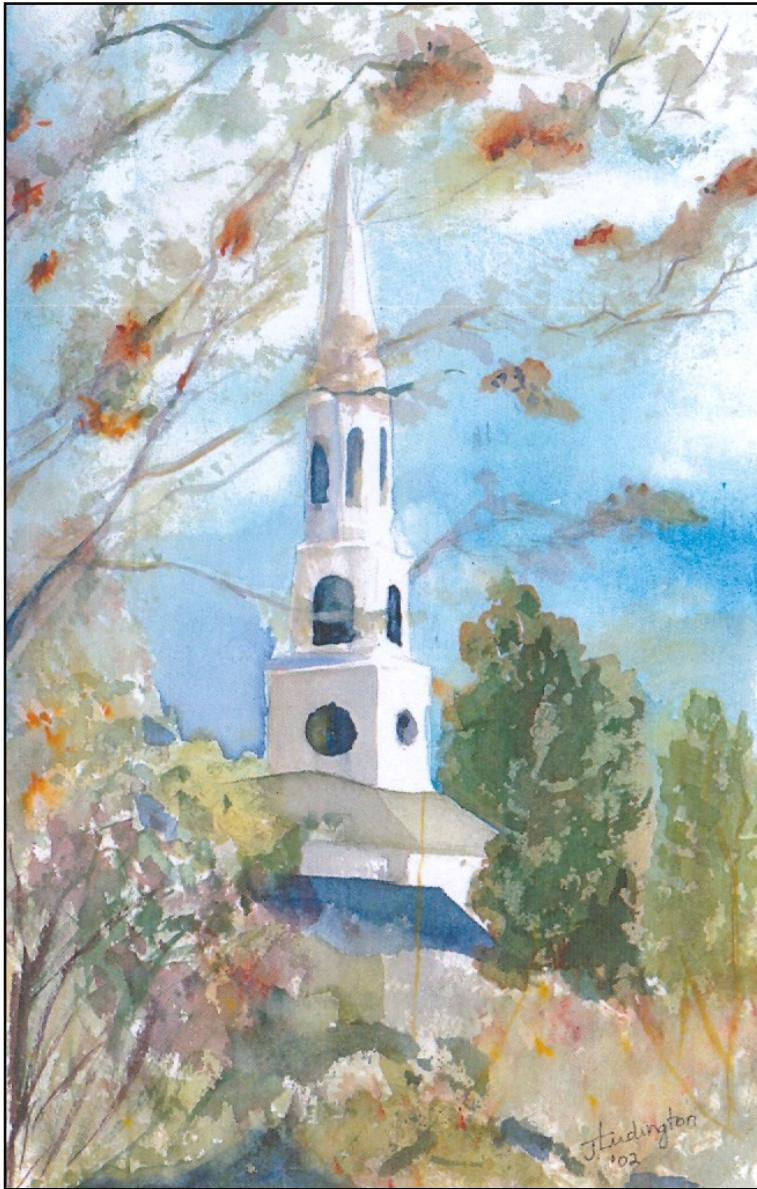




The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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May 31, 2026

Sunday Worship Service

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **“Locus Iste”** by Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

*Processional Hymn: #30 “Praise Our God, All Glories Show”

*Call to Worship:

Come, all who are weary.
Come, all who are carrying too much.
Come, all who have been told your worth depends on your productivity.
**We arrive seeking rest for our bodies,
quiet for our minds,
and renewal for our spirits.**
Sabbath is not a reward for finishing everything.
It is a sacred reminder that we are more than what we produce.
**Here, there is permission to breathe deeply.
Permission to release anxiety.
Permission to be fully human.**
May this hour be a sanctuary from striving.
**Let us worship the One who calls us not only to justice and love,
but also to rest, delight, and peace.
Let us worship God!**

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #275 “Dear Lord, Who Loves All Humankind”

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: **“Great and Glorious”** by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

*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”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Spirit of the Living God". It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the bass line providing a steady accompaniment.

Scripture Readings: Leviticus 25: 1-5, 8-10; Matthew 11: 28-30

Sermon: “Come Away With Me: Visions of Rest and Jubilee” Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

*Closing Hymn: #352 “Go Forth for 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

Leviticus 25: 1-5, 8-10

The Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying, “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you, the land shall observe a Sabbath for the Lord. Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in their yield, but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of complete rest for the land, a Sabbath for the Lord: you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. You shall not reap the aftergrowth of your harvest or gather the grapes of your unpruned vine: it shall be a year of complete rest for the land.

You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the Day of Atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family.

Matthew 11: 28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Choir Anthems

Introit: “Locus Iste”

by Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Text: Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaeestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.

This is God's house, a temple he has made, O holy covenant beyond all telling, worthy of his glorious name.

Offertory Anthem: “Great and Glorious”

by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Text: Great and glorious is the Lord in majesty, glorious in power eternal, mighty and loving Father; praise Him for His greatness, praise Him for all His exceeding greatness. Great and glorious, mighty in awful majesty, let all extol Him evermore. Praise ye the Lord, for it is good to sing praises unto our God. Praise to Thy Name, Thy holy Name for evermore. God is nigh to all that call truly upon Him; the Lord upholdeth all who fall and gently He upraiseth those who are bowed down. Great and glorious; the mighty and loving Father in power eternal. Great and glorious; call upon Him, mighty and loving, glorious ever in majesty.

The flowers this morning are given in honor of our immigration ministry volunteers.

The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Barbara Hack.

The nursery is open today with Miss Kristin Kennedy.

Today at FCCOL

God's Neighborhood and the Youth Group are meeting this morning at White Sands Beach for their annual beach clean-up.

Events at FCCOL This Coming Week

Ladies Who Stitch *Monday, June 1st at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Yoga with Isabelle *Tuesday, June 2nd at 5:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Board of Missions Meeting *Wednesday, June 3rd at 4:00 pm* in the Library.

Choir Rehearsal *Wednesday, June 3rd at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study *Thursday, June 4th at 11:00 am* in the Library.

Cup-of-Joe Café *Saturday, June 6th at 8:15 am* in the Library

Food Pantry and Diaper Bank *Saturday, June 6th at 8:30 am* in Fellowship Hall.

Confirmands and Mentors Meeting *Sunday, June 7th from 4-6 pm* in the Sheffield Aud.

Ladies Who Stitch *Monday, June 8th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Tommy Starkweather Memorial *Monday, June 8th at 11:00 am* in the Meetinghouse.

Weekly Bible Study

Please join us as we discuss The Book Numbers on Thursday, June 4th at 11:00 am. June 11th will be our last Bible study until September 17th. Call or email the church for the Zoom link.

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.

Confirmands and Mentors will be meeting on Sunday, June 7th from 4:00 - 6:00 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium. Pizza will be served!

Confirmation, High School Graduates and the last Sunday School Class will all be celebrated on Sunday, June 14th at the 10:00 am service.

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

The Brooklyn Youth Chorus and the Chorus of Westerly Performance - One night only!

The Brooklyn Youth Chorus will be joined for a special appearance by the Chorus of Westerly’s Junior and Full Choristers, members of SMO Children’s Program for one night, **Saturday, June 6th at 7pm** in Westerly at the George Kent Performance Hall, 119 High Street, Westerly, RI. Visit: saltmarshopera.org, to purchase tickets!

Upcoming Events to Save to your Calendar:

Juneteenth Sunday Worship Service will be Sunday, June 21st.

Pride Sunday Worship Service will be on Sunday June 28th.

Summer Sings this year are July 19th and August 9th.

(on the cover: watercolor by Jane Ludington)

White Elephant Sale—Volunteers Needed!

In prior years more than 200 folks have helped in some way or another..... sorting, organizing, outside setup, selling or cleanup after the sale. Even a few hours of your time will be greatly appreciated. You will have a great time, meet new friends and have a rewarding experience.

For those of you who would like to help, please call one of the department heads listed below and volunteer to work in an area that interests you, or just show up during intake days and give us a few hours in any area you would like.

Thank you in advance.

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Scott Mahon 860-949-5422
Deb Heminway 860-625-3144

Jayne Brundage 860-918-1321
Rick Strickhart 860-304-4132
Marianne Baez 860-608-8321

FCCOL'S 88th ANNUAL WHITE ELEPHANT SALE



DONATION INTAKE DAYS 9:00 am till 2:00 pm, see the dates on the calendar below.

Please contact Jane Marolda (860-608-0257) or Deb Heminway (860-625-3144) for more information or to volunteer.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				JUNE 18 Pre-setup inside Hang signs, move tables, etc.	JUNE 19 Pre-setup inside Milk crates, tubs, etc.	JUNE 20 INSIDE SET UP 9-2 pm
				JUNE 25 INTAKE 9-2 pm	JUNE 26 INTAKE 9-2 pm Workers Lunch	JUNE 27 INTAKE 9-2 pm
	JUNE 29 CLOSED SORT & PRICE	JUNE 30 INTAKE 9-2 pm	JULY 1 INTAKE 9-2 pm	JULY 2 INTAKE 9-2 pm Workers Lunch	JULY 3 CLOSED Sort and Price	JULY 4th CLOSED
	JULY 6 SORT & PRICE 9-2 pm Move Art to Narthex Clean up & Finalize inside set-up	JULY 7 SET UP OUTSIDE 8-12 pm Big tents, sport goods, coffee, plant, baked goods, Toy Fly, Empty tables from garage	JULY 8 CLOSED SORT & PRICE FINALIZE ANY REMAINING OUTSIDE SET-UP.	JULY 9 SET UP OUTSIDE 8 AM>>> WORKERS LUNCH	JULY 10 SALE 9-2 PM	JULY 11 SALE 8-12 PM Clean up & Snacks 12 pm

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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.