



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

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister  
Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager, Senior Associate Minister  
Carleen R. Gerber, Associate Minister  
Simon Holt, Director of Music

**June 7, 2026**

**Sunday Worship Service**

**10:00 AM**

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Prelude

Introit: **“Your Voice My God Calls Me by Name”** by Erik Routley (1917-1982)

\*Processional Hymn: #427 “My Life Flows On in Endless Song “

\*Call to Worship:

We come from many places, traditions, and ways of understanding.

**We gather in a spirit of openness and respect.**

Many languages are known among us; many stories are carried within us.

**May we listen with curiosity and speak with compassion.**

In our differences, may we discover wisdom.

**In our shared humanity, may we find connection.**

Let us open our hearts to one another and to the sacred among us.

**Let us worship God.**

\*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Sacrament of Baptism for Joseph Theodore Muench

\*Hymn: #327 “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

Children’s Message:

Jolene Brant

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

*(Children and youth proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated)*

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: **“Psalm 121”** setting by John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

\*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"



Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -  
cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Scripture Readings: Judges 12: 1-6, Acts 2: 1-12

Sermon: "Exophony: On the Borderlands of Language"

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 Readings

### Judges 12: 1-6

The men of Ephraim were called to arms, and they crossed to Zaphon and said to Jephthah, “Why did you cross over to fight against the Ammonites and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house down over you!” Jephthah said to them, “My people and I were engaged in conflict with the Ammonites who oppressed us severely. But when I called you, you did not deliver me from their hand. When I saw that you would not deliver me, I took my life in my hand and crossed over against the Ammonites, and the Lord gave them into my hand. Why then have you come up to me this day, to fight against me?” Then Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead and fought with Ephraim, and the men of Gilead defeated Ephraim, because they said, “You are fugitives from Ephraim, you Gileadites, in the heart of Ephraim and Manasseh.” Then the Gileadites took the fords of the Jordan against the Ephraimites. Whenever one of the fugitives of Ephraim said, “Let me go over,” the men of Gilead would say to him, “Are you an Ephraimite?” When he said, “No,” they said to him, “Then say Shibboleth,” and he said, “Sibboleth,” for he could not pronounce it right. Then they seized him and killed him at the fords of the Jordan. Forty-two thousand of the Ephraimites fell at that time.

### Acts 2: 1-12

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

## Choir Anthems

**Introit: “Your Voice My God Calls Me by Name”** by Erik Routley (1917-1982)

**Text:** Your voice, my God, calls me by name; your joy awaits me in your home. Dearest Lord, your kindly word fails me never, stands for ever. Your death, my Jesus, sets me free, your life has risen again in me. Dearest Lord, your vital Word activates me, captivates me.

Spirit of love, repeat that sign which makes anew this heart of mine: dearest Lord, now is your Word shining o'er me, praying for me.

**Offertory Anthem: “Psalm 121”** setting by John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

**Text:** I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not hold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord shall shade thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from evil; He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

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*We are grateful for the gift of flowers this morning given by Christine Darnell.*

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*The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Cathy Mathis, Barbara Smith and friends.*

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*The nursery is open today with Miss Kristin Kennedy.*  
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**This morning we are pleased to celebrate the baptism of Joseph Theodore Muench  
son of Becky Snelson and Joseph D. Muench.**

### Today at FCCOL

**Confirmands Meeting (Mentors are invited)** today from 4-6 pm  
in the Sheffield Auditorium. Pizza and salad will be served.

*(On the cover: print by Robert T. Brooks)*

## Events at FCCOL This Coming Week

**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.

**Yoga with Isabelle** *Tuesday, June 9th at 5:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Board of Trustees Meeting** *Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

**Choir Rehearsal** *Wednesday, June 10th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

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

**ARC Blood Drive** *Thursday, June 11th from 1:00 - 6:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Board of Stewardship Meeting** *Thursday, June 11th at 4:00 pm* in the Library.

**Food Pantry** *Saturday, June 13th at 8:30 am* in Fellowship Hall.

**Confirmation Sunday** *June 14th at 10:00 am* in the Meetinghouse.



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

### **Weekly Bible Study**

Please join us as we discuss The Book Numbers on Thursday, June 11th at 11:00 am. This will also 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.

### **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

## 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.

Jane Marolda            860-608-0257  
 Mike Gentry            860-608-3223  
 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  <b>SALE 9-2 PM</b>	JULY 11  <b>SALE 8-12 PM</b>  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](mailto:steven@jungkeit.net).