



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 28, 2026

Pride Sunday

10:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: “For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table” bulletin pages 6 & 7

Call to Worship:

We are each God's beloved, created in the divine image and called by name.

We carry within us the beauty, strength, and truth of who we are.

We gather on this Pride Sunday remembering those who refused to hide,
those who resisted oppression, and those who dreamed of a more just world.

**Today we give thanks for the courage of LGBTQ+ people whose lives
and witness have expanded freedom for us all.**

We worship a God who hears the cries of the marginalized,
who stands with the rejected,
and who calls people into abundant life.

**With pride, gratitude, hope, and joy - let us worship
the One whose love sets us free.**

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #372 “Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Selection: **“For the Beauty of the Earth”** arr. Larry Sue
Handbell Quartet: Barbara Hack, Gary Jungkeit, Annie McCarty, Sean McCarty

*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

Rev. Dr. Gary Comstock

Pastoral Prayer Response: "Spirit of the Living God"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Spirit of the Living God". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. 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."

Scriptures: Matthew 15: 21-28 (The Inclusive Version)

Rev. Rebecca Crosby

Sermon: "How Great Is Your Faith"

Rev. Reilly Paige

*Closing Hymn: #386

"We Are One in the Spirit"

Benediction

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 or her 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.

Today we welcome The Rev. A. Reilly Paige, Associate Minister at the New Guilford First Congregational Church UCC. They received a Masters of Divinity from New Brunswick Theological Seminary. Originally ordained in the Reformed Church in America in 2013, Reilly moved into the UCC in 2020. Their ministry is primarily focused on preaching and teaching through practical application of the Biblical narrative, humor, play, and ritual making. Reilly's call to ministry is centered around being the pastor they needed growing up. They work hard to practice trauma-informed, anti-racist community care.

Announcement About Summer Staffing

As summer sets in, we wish to let you know about our pastoral coverage for the months of July and August. As many of you know, Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager has taken a leave of absence that will continue through the end of the summer, as her husband Paul recovers from a major surgical procedure. To get us through this period, Rev. Becky Crosby and Rev. Dr. Gary Comstock will be joining our staff, helping with pastoral care as well as providing leadership on Sunday mornings. Becky is well known to most of the congregation, having served as an associate minister at FCCOL for many years, prior to stepping down to run the Crosby Center for Haitian Education in 2014. Gary has been worshiping with us for the past several years, having recently retired from Wesleyan University, where he was the campus chaplain for seventeen years. He is an experienced preacher, liturgist, and pastoral counselor, and we can be grateful for his presence among us. Indeed, we can be grateful to both Becky and to Gary for their willingness to help during these summer months. Please help them to feel welcome on Sunday mornings, or whenever you see them.

Both Steve and Carleen will be around for much of the summer. If there are any immediate needs, don't hesitate to get in touch. And please keep Laura, Paul, and Anna in your prayers throughout the coming months, as they all come through a challenging season together.

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. With on going heartfelt gratitude for your continued generosity and kindness to our neighbors. Please leave donations on the 2nd floor in the office clearly marked "IRIS" during the WES.

Grief Group and TransParent Group

During July and August, when the grief support group and the transgender parents support group will not hold regular meetings, the Rev. Dr. Gary Comstock has offered to be on call to offer support if folks would need that. Please call Anne in the church office and give her your contact information and Gary will get in touch with you!

For Everyone Born

E A2

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

E A2 B sus4 B

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

F#m7 E/G# A2 B sus4

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

E B sus4

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver -
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's
 for young and for old, the right to be -
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be

head.
fair.
long.
free.

And God will de-light when we are cre-

A2 Bsus4 E E/G# A2 Bsus4 B

a-tors of jus-tice and joy, com-pas-sion and peace: yes,

C#m7 E/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus4 B E Bsus4 B

last time
E

jus-tice and joy.

The WES SALE days are:

Friday July 10th from 9 am till 2 pm and Saturday July 11th from 8 am till noon.

White Elephant Sale—Volunteers Still Welcome!

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. 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! Especially needed days are intake days (June 25, 26, 27, 30 and July 1 and 2 from 9 -2pm) and set-up outside days (July 7th and 9th starting at 8am.) and Clean-up on Saturday from 12:30—4pm! Even a few hours in any area you would like would be appreciated and it's fun too! Thank you in advance.

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Mike Gentry 860-608-3223
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Jayne Brundage 860-918-1321
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Marianne Baez 860-608-8321

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS! THE WHITE ELEPHANT IS COMING UP

Between now and then please set aside a couple of hours to bake your favorite pie, cake, cookies, scones, muffins—whatever suits your mood — for the Bakery Booth. It's fine to bake now and freeze for delivery later. We're out to beat our 2024 record-setting sales, so every brownie and lemon bar helps! Please mark your contributions with *nuts or no nuts* and drop them off at the church kitchen on Thursday afternoon, July 10, or between 7:30 and 9:00AM at the Bakery Booth on sale day, July 11. Questions? Please call Faye Richardson (860) 434-3349. **Thanks!!**

