



**The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme**

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

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**August 30, 2026**

**Communion Sunday Worship Service**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude

\*Processional Hymn: #500      “O for a World”

\*Call to Worship:

Jesus said, “In my Father’s house there are many rooms.”

**Many rooms. Many places to belong. Many ways to encounter the Holy.**

The house of God is not built with walls that keep people out.

**It is a dwelling place of love,**

**with doors wide open and a table large enough for everyone.**

Here in this place, we make room:

**room for difference,**

room for healing,

**room for justice,**

room for new understanding,

**room for love to surprise us.**

So let us enter this time of worship

with hearts spacious enough for wonder

and hands open enough to receive one another.

**Let us worship God**

\*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: #353      “Called as Partners in Christ's Service ”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem:      **"Dona Nobis Pacem"**

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 Response: “Eat This Bread”



Scriptures: John 14: 1-4 (The Inclusive Version), Philippians 2: 3-7

Sermon: “Many Mansions”

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

\*Hymn: #382 “The House of Faith”

Sacrament of Communion (on the next page)

\*Closing Hymn: # 381 “In Christ There Is No East or West ”

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.***

## Scripture Readings

### John 14: 1-4 (The Inclusive Version)

Don't let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith in me as well. In God's house, there are many dwelling places (many mansions); otherwise, how could I have told you that I was going to prepare a place for you? I am indeed going to prepare a place for you, and then I will come back to take you with me, that where I am there you may be as well. You know the way that leads to where I am going.

### Philippians 2: 3-7

There must be no competition among you, no conceit, but everybody is to be humble: value others over yourselves, each of you thinking of the interests of others before your own. Your attitude must be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Christ, though in the image of God,  
didn't deem equality with God  
something to be clung to -  
but instead became completely empty  
and took on the image of oppressed humankind:  
born into the human condition,  
found in the likeness of a human being.

## Old Lyme Ringers Anthem

### Offertory Anthem:

### "Dona Nobis Pacem"

arr. Larry Sue

Handbell Quartet: Barbara Hack, Gary Jungkeit, Annie McCarty, Sean McCarty

"Dona Nobis Pacem" is a handbell arrangement of a Latin hymn with the simple words meaning "Give Us Peace." The hymn can be found in our hymnal as Hymn #335.

*The flowers this morning are given by Christine Darnell.*

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*The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Ellen Calkins.*

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*The nursery is open today with Miss Kristin Kennedy.*

### **This Coming Week at FCCOL**

**Shoreline Food Pantry** *Saturday, September 5th at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

**Dave Long Memorial Service** *Saturday, September 5th at 1:00 pm* in the Meetinghouse.

## COMMUNION SERVICE

### INVITATION

### PRAYER OF OPEN HEARTS

May we turn again to you, O God, in ways that move us beyond ego to wholeness, beyond judgment to healing, beyond self-serving to generosity. May we know you in the whole of life, in both the blessings and the burdens of our lives. Heal our hurts and open our hearts this day as we return to love again. Amen.

### BLESSING OF GRACE

### GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

### SHARING OF PEACE

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gathered round this table. For the food and cup of blessing which delight and nourish us and for companionship that sustains us. May we know the fullness of your presence at every meal and in all our sharing this day and always, AMEN.

*It is the practice of this church to serve grape juice in our communion service.  
The bread is gluten free.*

### **God's Neighborhood is Returning on September 13th SAVE THE DATE!**

Our Sunday School program for classes K-8 begins on Sunday, September 13th at 10:00 am. We'll host an Open House for families during the service. An Ice Cream Social will be held on the front lawn afterwards.

We're thrilled that Gavin Lodge is our new Director of Youth Education this year! Our theme is **Hi, Neighbor! Making Friends and Loving the World.**

Welcome to Jill Hartenstein the new leader of the Junior & Senior Pilgrim Fellowship.

Registration forms will be available for your child/children on our opening day or from the church office as soon as you can. If you're interested in joining our classroom volunteers or to be available as an occasional substitute when needed, please contact Laura at [fccol@fccol.org](mailto:fccol@fccol.org).

**The "All Church" Picnic** will also be on Sunday, September 13th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Camp Clair. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

### **The Benevolent Society September 8th Luncheon**

Put Tuesday, September 8th on your calendar - TBS luncheon time has returned for the fall season. Join us in the FCCOL Fellowship Hall at noon for a delicious lunch of pork chops, braised Alsatian style sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and dessert. All for a minimum donation of \$5.00 and a non-perishable item for our food pantry. In celebration of our country's 250th anniversary, highlights of the Florence Griswold Museum's juried art show by CT artists will be presented by Gary Comstock and Nancy Mol. Come and learn how the Museum is showcasing works by CT artists reflecting on their current perspectives of this country. Please call the office to RSVP at 860-434-8686 so we know how many people to cook for. Thank you!

### **SAVE THESE DATES: The 4th Annual Women's Jeans and Sweaters Sale!**

During the White Elephant Sale intake, women's jeans and wool sweaters are set aside because there is no room to sell them. The *Ladies Who Stitch* will again be offering these jeans and sweaters for \$5 and \$10 in September. We have an even greater selection this year. Mark your calendars! The first sale days in the Sheffield Auditorium will be:

**Saturday, September 12th from 10 - 2 pm**

**Sunday, September 13th from 12 - 3 pm**

**Monday, September 14th from 10 - 2 pm**

**Saturday, September 19th from 12 - 3 pm**

### **Adult Forum September 13th**

Julie Martel - REVE Kandale: Community Development in Western Congo. REVE Kandale Foundation supports self-help initiatives in rural Democratic Republic of the Congo. Partnering with a strong local community organization, they help the people realize their dreams of a better life.

### **The TransFamilies and Friends Support Group**

For Parents, Caregivers and Family Members of Trans Youth/Young Adults: Our group provides conversation, support community and education for parents and caregivers around the issues of transgender, nonbinary, and gender-diversity. Meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of every month 5:30-6:30. The next meeting is Wednesday, September 16th.

### **Grief Group**

Our monthly support group is for those who have lost a loved one and those struggling with other losses. We meet the fourth Wednesday of every month at 5:00 pm in the Hoag parlor. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 23rd.

## **Weekly Bible Study Starting Sept 24th**

**“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” Psalm 90:2**

Join us at 11:00 am, Thursday, September 24th in the Library as we continue our weekly journey through the first five books of the Bible (known as the Torah). We'll resume our study of the Book of Numbers and continue from there. Whether it's your first time or you've been a regular reader with us, bring a bible and your curiosity! Fresh coffee and lots of questions await us!

## **Writing at the Well**

Join us on Friday, September 25th at 10 am in the Hoag Parlor as we meet to write pages together and share our spiritual journeys as we go. Using informal writing prompts, participants give voice to memories and the stories that make up our lives. No writing experience necessary...just a willingness to pay attention and tap into the wellspring.

**Calling all Handbell Lovers!** If you love the sound of handbells and would like to encounter the pure joy of ringing bells, but you have little or no experience in reading and/or playing music, here is an opportunity for you: Gary Jungkeit is starting a bell choir for adult beginners. If you can count to FOUR, you qualify! An organizational meeting for interested individuals will meet briefly on Sunday, September 13, in the Hoag Parlor, right after the 10:00 worship service. We will discover who is planning to ring and at what day and time the group will decide for their practices. Already seven people have expressed an interest. We need a minimum of 8 people and a maximum of 11 to make this new endeavor work. Please consider and join us!

## **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. Ladies Who Stitch (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 Auditorium stage in the blue bin, marked “IRIS.” (<https://irisct.org>). With ongoing heartfelt gratitude for your continued generosity and kindness to our neighbors.

## **Flowers for Sunday Worship Services**

Would you like to donate flowers for the Sunday worship services? It can be flowers that you have grown and arranged yourself, or you could order flowers and have them delivered, or a plant that you have and could take home after the service. Dedications in honor of or memory of are printed in the Sunday bulletin. Please call Jill Harned (603) 398-9004 to reserve a date or reach out to the office at (860-434-8686) or email at [fccol@fccol.org](mailto:fccol@fccol.org). Thank you!



## **The Call to Churches—In an Age of Gaza, Christian Nationalism, & the Cry of Palestinian Christians.**

**A free, online series of lectures by Dr. Mark Braverman. *All are welcome!***

With the resurgence of Christian Nationalism and Christian Zionism, churches are called to speak and act in faithfulness to Christianity's core values of universal love and compassion.



Mark Braverman, PhD, is an author, speaker, and longtime advocate for justice in Palestine and Israel.



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

The Legacy of Colonialism: Understanding the Context for October 7th

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

The Bible, God's Promises & the Challenge of Christian Zionism: Whose Land, Whose Covenant?

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

Christian-Jewish Relations & the Weaponization of Antisemitism: The Challenge to Interfaith Relations Today

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

The Meaning of the Palestinian Call for American Christians: The Challenge of the Gospel

*This series is brought to you by St. John's Holy Land Committee. All sessions will be held over Zoom. Click or scan to register.*

*Visit <https://stjohnsnorwood.org> for more information.*

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[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_DTBbj6qoRqmCyH4zaKybgA#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DTBbj6qoRqmCyH4zaKybgA#/registration)

[Link to register for Mark Braverman lecture series.](#)

**You've built with Habitat for Humanity, now you're invited to golf with Habitat!**

The Habitat Classic – Fore the 65 is happening at [Mohegan Sun Golf Club](#) on **Monday, September 28th**. Registration opens at 8am, shotgun start at 10am. Golfers welcome. Win a car for a hole-in-one!

Details are available at [habitatect.org](http://habitatect.org), scroll to golf.

Support the Habitat mission by bringing your foursome or consider sponsoring a hole.

Contact Habitat Director of Development Melissa Kibler at [development@habitatect.org](mailto:development@habitatect.org) or call (860)442-7890 ext. 204.

Thanks for building a better future, one swing at a time.....

**register here**

