



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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October 11, 2026

Sunday Worship

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **“O Lord, Increase My Faith”** by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

*Processional Hymn: “For Everyone Born a Place at the Table” (pages 6 and 7)

* Call to Worship:

God of Life, you are as near to us as our breath.

Touch our eyes, that we may see you in one another. Open our ears, that we may hear your voice in the cries of those being oppressed.

Enter our hearts, that we may be filled with your love toward all people.

Come, O God of Life and Breath and Wholeness. Be with us now.

Show us the way to new life and grant us the courage to be people of compassion.

Come, let us worship God together.

Prayer of Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Stewardship: Simon Holt

*Hymn: #452 “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

Children’s Message: Karen Barnett, Rachael Jungkeit

Children’s Song: “Make New Friends” lyrics taught by Rachael Jungkeit

A four-part round

Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold.
A circle’s round, it has no end. That’s how long I want to be your friend.

(Children and youth proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated)

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: **“Grant us Thy Peace”** by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*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.

Scriptures: Isaiah 55: 3, Matthew 5:1-12 (The Inclusive Version), Luke 10:37

Sermon: “Get Up, Go Ahead, Do Something, Move: The Gospel of Compassion”

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

*Closing Hymn: #445 “Be Thou My Vision”

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

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55: 3

Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.

Matthew 5:1-12 (from The Inclusive Bible)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the mountainside, and after he sat down and the disciples had gathered around, Jesus began to teach them:

Blessed are those who are poor in spirit: the kin-dom of heaven is theirs.

Blessed are those who are mourning: they will be consoled.

Blessed are those who are gentle: they will inherit the land.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice: they will have their fill.

Blessed are those who show mercy: they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are those whose hearts are clean: they will see God.

Blessed are those who work for peace: they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of their struggle for justice: the kin-dom of heaven is theirs.

Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; they persecuted the prophets before you in the very same way.

Luke 10:37

He said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Choir Anthems

Introit: “O Lord, Increase My Faith”

by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Text: O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in Thy true faith; endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience, in all my adversity, teach me to say Amen.

Offertory Anthem: “Grant us Thy Peace”

by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Text: Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord, Thou Source of every blessing! Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word, all things in Thee possessing. In Thee is our hope and safety.

The flowers today are given in honor of the Fogg Family.

The hosts for the Fellowship hour this morning are Barbara Smith, Sandra & Dean Eubank.

The nursery is open today with Miss Kristin Kennedy.

Events Today at FCCOL

Reading the Bible in One Year Discussion at 11:30 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.

SAIL Meeting (Southeast Alliance for Interfaith Leadership) at 11:30 am
in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Group Hike at 1:30 at Hoffman Evergreen Preserve, 578 N. Stonington Rd (Rt 201)
for a hike followed by apple cider donuts from the B.F. Clyde's Cider Mill! Carpooling from
church about 12:30. Weather permitting!

Musical Masterworks Concert at 3:00 pm in the Meetinghouse.

Upcoming Events this week at FCCOL

Ladies Who Stitch Monday, October 12th at 10:00 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.

TBS Luncheon Tuesday, October 13th at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Boys Bell Ensemble Tuesday, October 13th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 pm in the Library.

ReBELLion Rehearsal Wednesday, October 14th at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Old Lyme Ringers Rehearsal Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study Thursday, October 15th at 11:00 am in the Library.

New Adult Handbells Rehearsal Thursday, October 15th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Choir Rehearsal Thursday, October 15th at 7:30 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Food Pantry Saturday, October 17th at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Yoga Class Saturday, October 17th at 8:00am in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Adult Forum with David Rubino Sunday, Oct. 18th at 11:30 am in the Sheffield Aud.

Youth Group Meeting Sunday, Oct. 18th at 4:30 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium with pizza.

Boys Bell Ensemble Sunday, October 18th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Youth Group Breakfast Run Clothing Collection

It's not too early to start collecting for our winter clothing drive for the Youth Group Breakfast Run (scheduled for Saturday, October 24th) to New York City. We are hoping that you can help by dropping off winter clothes to FCCOL by October 20th. Coats, hats, gloves, new socks, boots, sweatshirts and hoodies and personal hygiene items that are in good shape are needed to keep our neighbors warm! Thank you!!!

Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, October 18th at 4:30 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium, pizza will be served!

Weekly Bible Study Thursday, October 15th

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

Join us at 11am, Thursday, October 15th 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!

"Loss of a Loved One" Support Group

The support group will meet the second Wednesday of each month. Next meeting Wednesday, October 14th, in Hoag Parlor, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Share your feelings for someone you've lost with others who will share theirs with you. Safe, comfortable, confidential space and conversation.

Transgender Awareness Group

All are invited to attend this open discussion led by four parents of trans daughters and sons. Ask your questions, listen to what transgender and nonbinary people and their families face today, and share suggestions as to how we can understand and learn from each other. Wednesday, October 21st, 5:30 p.m., Library. Pizza will be served.

Moth Storytelling is Back! Sign up now to tell your story!

A storytelling potluck dinner is planned for October 23rd at 6:00 pm in the FCCOL Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us for this fun-filled evening of great stories, delicious food, and hearty fellowship (no reservation required). We are looking for about 7-8 storytellers to offer a few tales. If you have a 5-minute story you would be willing to share, please contact Tom Sherer (tesjr299@outlook.com).

Flowers for Sunday Worship Services

Would you like to donate flowers for the Sunday worship services? 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. Thank you!

Southeast Alliance for Interfaith Leadership (SAIL)

Friends, The Southeast Alliance of Interfaith Leadership — SAIL — is officially launching as an organization on **Wednesday, October 28th** at St. Paul's Catholic Parish, 170 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. FCCOL clergy and members have been instrumental in the formation of this interfaith community organizing group, whose purpose is to create a



collective power-base for systemic social justice change in SE Connecticut. Please register so we know you're coming by using the QR code. Or use this link: <https://cljct.org/sail-registration/> (But if you can't pre-register, come anyway.)

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. 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.

Upcoming Adult Forums in October (held on Sundays at 11:30 am)

Sunday, October 18 - David Rubino - The 2026 Midterm Elections: What to Watch and Why

It Matters David Rubino is an attorney and international rule of law expert with nearly three decades of experience advancing democratic governance, election integrity, and the rule of law in the United States and abroad.

Sunday, October 25 - Parillo/Harrington Duo

The Parillo/Harrington Duo is a critically acclaimed musical collaboration featuring jazz pianist, Joe Parillo, and classical cellist, Christine Harrington.

Saturday, October 31st at 6:30 pm Halloween Silent Movie Night and Organ Music

The 1928 silent movie “Phantom of Opera” will be playing in the meetinghouse with live accompaniment on the organ by Robert Humphreville! **Not to be Missed!** Trick or treating on the lawn starting around 5pm. Free and open to the public; bring a friend!

Update on Bill Slivinski As some of you may know, our faithful and beloved property overseer Bill suffered two very serious medical events in May and June. After two hospitalizations and rehab treatments, Bill is now a long-term resident at the Bayview rehabilitation and care facility in Waterford. He is adapting well to his new situation, but he misses his church family. Cards and/or visits to Civita Care Bayview, 301 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford 06385 are always welcome.



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2027 Stewardship Campaign

**Please join the FCCOL 2027
Financial Campaign,
now underway.**

But they who wait
upon the Lord
shall renew
their strength;
they shall mount
up with wings
as eagles;
they shall run,
and not be weary;
they shall walk,
and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

**Your pledge will help strengthen
our six ministries — worship,
youth and adult education,
music, pastoral care, and
hands-on mission outreach
and community support.**

**Our Church is very grateful
for each pledge!**

**Thank you from the Board of
Stewardship!**

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