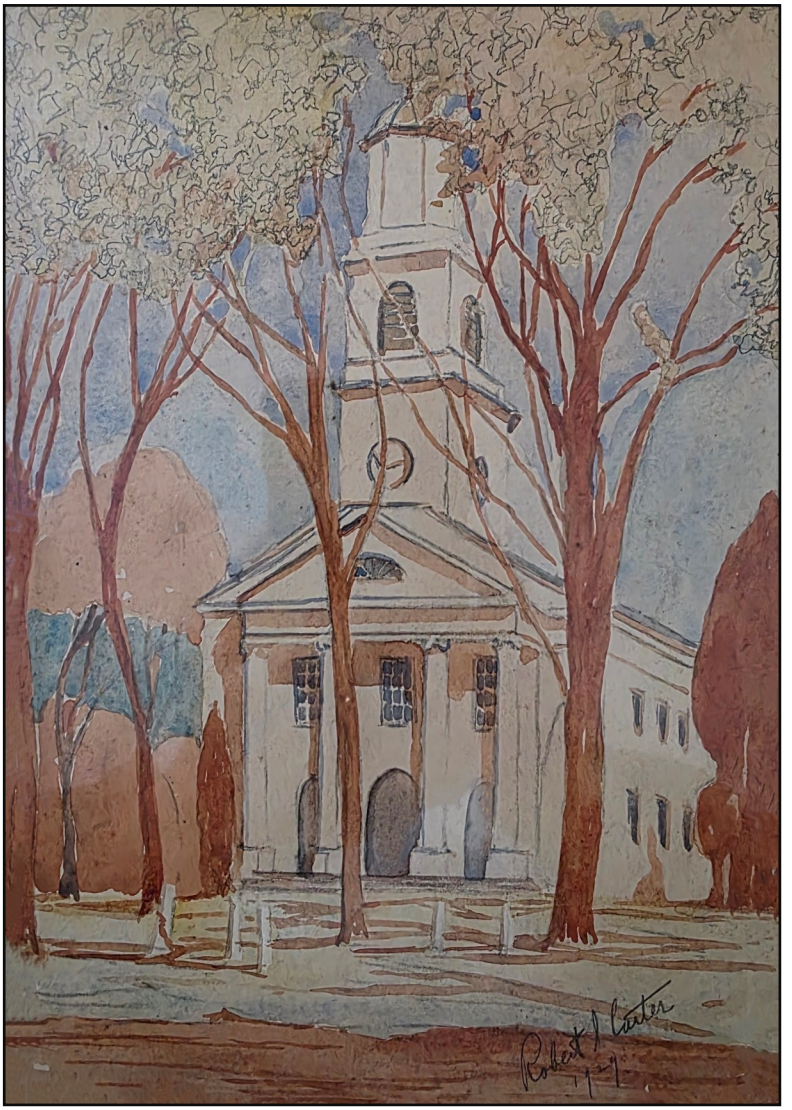

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager, Senior Associate Minister - Carleen R. Gerber, Associate Minister
Rebecca Crosby, Parish Associate Minister - Gary Comstock, Parish Associate Minister
Simon Holt, Director of Music

November 15, 2026 Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: "**The Peaceful Kingdom"** by Hal Hopson (1933-2025)

*Processional Hymn: #444 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

* Call to Worship:

We gather today asking what is worthy of the God who made us and freed us.
God has already shown us what is good.
To do justice, to stand with the oppressed and to speak for the voiceless.
And so we covenant to practice justice.
To love kindness, to show mercy freely and to welcome the stranger.
And so we covenant to love kindness.
To walk humbly with our God, trusting that we do not walk alone.
And so we covenant to walk humbly with our God.
Gather us in, O God, as a people of justice, kindness, and humility.
Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Stewardship Kristen Clark

*Hymn: #509 "What Does the Lord Require for Praise"

Children's Message

Children's Song: Children's Song: "This Little Light of Mine"

(Children and youth proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated)

Offertory Invitation

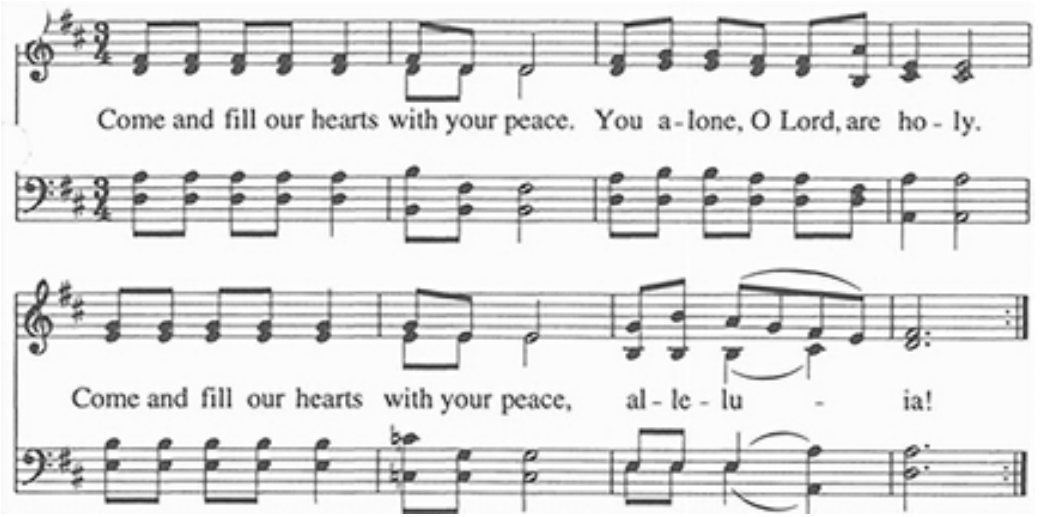
Offertory Anthem: "**Peaceable Kingdom"** by Donald Lamond

*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: "Come and Fill Our Hearts"



Scriptures: Numbers 13: 25-33, Deuteronomy 34: 1-9, Matthew 4: 8-11

Sermon: "The Kind of World We Are Creating" Rev. Dr. Steve Jungkeit

*Closing Hymn: #505 "Let Justice Flow Like Streams"

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.

Scriptures:

Numbers 13: 25-33

At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the Israelites in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation and showed them the fruit of the land. And they reported to him and said, “We came to the land to which you sent us; it flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. Yet the people who live in the land are strong, and the towns are fortified and very large, and besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the land of the Negeb; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites live in the hill country, and the Canaanites live by the sea and along the Jordan.”

But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.” Then the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against this people, for they are stronger than we.” So they brought to the Israelites an unfavorable report of the land that they had spied out, saying, “The land that we have gone through as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great size. There we saw the Nephilim (the Anakites come from the Nephilim), and to ourselves we seemed like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.”

Deuteronomy 34: 1-9

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Matthew 4: 8-11

Again, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Choir Anthems:

Introit: "**The Peaceful Kingdom"** by Hal Hopson (1933-2025)

Text by Kathleen Moore: We wait the Peaceful Kingdom, when wolf and lamb shall lie in gentleness and friendship without a fear or sigh, when lion shall be grazing, when snake shall never strike; a little child shall lead us both strong and weak alike.
Where is the Peaceful Kingdom? When will this new day start? We long for peace and comfort to reign within each heart. Yet not in our lives only, nor simply in our home - we pray that all Creation will one day find Shalom.
When wars of desolation and hate come to an end, when nation meets with nation and call the other "Friend," still peace in all its fullness will only have begun: Shalom for all Creation begins with justice done.
That little child shall lead us to walk the Chosen Way, to share the Peaceful Kingdom, to greet God's newborn day. The child born in a stable
is sent to break our chains, to bring through Word and Table the Day when justice reigns.

Offertory Anthem: "**Peaceable Kingdom"** by Donald Lamond

Text: Someday we will come to the peaceable kingdom as Isaiah promised us once long ago with the spirit wisdom and understanding from the stem of Jesse a tender shoot would grow. He shall come to judge for the meek and the poor and to be a sign of justice and peace to all nations. He shall act to bring an end to oppression and lead a strife torn world to harmony and liberation. The wolf shall dwell with the kid, the leopard lie down with the lamb, the lion will walk with the calf and a little child shall lead them. Then none will hurt or destroy, none shall come to harm on all the holy mountain when we come to the peaceable kingdom.

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The flowers today are given are to honor all of the hard workers of the Elephants-in-Winter and Partnership Store sales whose proceeds support our missions and partnerships.

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The host for the Fellowship hour this morning is Kathy Sugland.

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The nursery is open today with Miss Kristin Kennedy.

Today at FCCOL

Elephants-in-Winter SALE TODAY from 9–1 pm.

Varsity Bells Rehearsal at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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This Week at FCCOL

LWS *Monday, November 16th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.
Board of Deacons Meeting *Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.
ReBellion Rehearsal *Wednesday, November18th at 4:00 pm* in Fellowship Hall.
Trans Support Group *Wednesday, Nov. 18th at 5:00 pm in* the Hoag Parlor.
Old Lyme Ringers Rehearsal *Wed, Nov. 18th at 6:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.
SAIL Meeting *Wednesday, November 18th at 3:30 pm* in the Library.
Choir Rehearsal *Wednesday, November 18th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.
Bible Study *Thursday, November 19th at 11:00 am* in the Hoag Parlor.
Nouvelle Bells Rehearsal *Thursday, November 19th at 5:30 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.
December Newsletter Deadline Friday, November 20th.
Food Pantry *Saturday, November 21st at 8:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.
Adult Forum with Ron Sabatelli Sunday, Nov. 22nd at 11:30 am in the Shefield Aud.
DINE New London departing FCCOL at 3:30 pm.
Varsity Bells Rehearsal *Sunday, November 22nd at 6:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

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Weekly Bible Study Thursday, November 19th

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

Join us at 11am, Thursday, November 19th 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!

November Adult Forum

November 22, 2026 - Dr. Ronald Sabatelli - Parenthood…What now?
Exploring the contemporary views of parenthood and grandparenthood; addressing the modern stresses parents face and the rising levels of anxiety tied to preparing children for the future.

Discover FCCOL: New Member Orientation

Are you new to our church community or curious to learn more about what we do? Please join us for our **New Member Orientation** on **Sunday, November 29th**, held in the **Sheffield Auditorium** immediately following the church service.

This informal gathering is the perfect opportunity to ask questions, learn about FCCOL's history and vision, and discover what makes this the place where love rolls up its sleeves! We'll have fresh coffee ready and plenty of time to chat and get to know one another. Whether you are ready to join or just want to see what we are all about, everyone is welcome.

Science Discussion Forum & Potluck

Please join us on Friday, November 20th at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck dinner and lively discussion on the *Mysteries of Human Consciousness.* Our November forum will discuss this topic that has bedeviled science for millenniums, and that still eludes some of our greatest thinkers. While we are at it, we can discuss the possibility that AI may be soon approaching this cryptic threshold!
Please mark your calendar and join us for what promises to be an exciting evening!
Questions? Please contact Tom Sherer at: tesjr299@outlook.com.
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Contribution Check received: We have gratefully received a check from Asset Mark for $4,100 on 11/3/2026. We do not know who sent in this gift. Kindly contact the church office at (860) 434-8686 and leave a message for Bob or Julie to let us know if you made this contribution so we can give you the proper credit. Thank you.

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!

SAIL has Launched! (Southeast Alliance for Interfaith Leadership)
On Wednesday, October 28, **three hundred and sixty** people, from Norwich to New London and from Groton to Old Lyme, gathered at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Waterford to ratify the organizing efforts of a dozen faith institutions and to mark the official launch of SAIL. (Southeast Alliance for Interfaith Leadership). To learn more, join the next Orientation on November 17th from 6-7:30 pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 15 Pearl Street, Mystic, and/or join one of the issue working teams. To join FCCOL's SAIL Team, email Rev. Susan Switzer at sswitzer790@gmail.com or text her at (917) 951-6078. All are welcome!

ReBellion Attention 4th - 7th graders!
ReBellion is looking for 3 more ringers to join our children's handbell choir. Please contact Gary Jungkeit for more information and to join: (427) 782-6308 or gjungkeit@gmail.com.

Interested in Joining the Choir?
Good morning, everyone. I'm here today to talk about something very close to my heart, and hopefully, soon to be close to yours. I'm not going to talk about giving or pledging your money, but I am going to talk about how you might give our Church some of your talent. I want to invite you to join our choir.

You see, the Bible says to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord." It does not say it has to be a rhythmically sound, perfectly pitched, Grammy-award-winning noise. It just says *joyful*. If your current singing is strictly limited to the acoustic perfection of your shower, or if you only sing in the car where the roll of the windows can muffle the high notes, we want you.

Think about the perks of joining us up here. First, you get the absolute best seat in the house every single Sunday. You never have to scramble for a spot or wonder if someone is sitting in your unassigned, officially assigned pew.

Second, we have a section for everyone. If you have a high voice, you're a soprano. If you have a low voice, you're a bass. If you have a voice that wanders around looking for the key and occasionally gets lost in the parking lot, you're……what we affectionately call "choir glue." You hold the rest of us together. And if you happen to hit a wrong note, you just look instantly to your left or right with a shocked expression, and everyone blames the person next to them. It's a perfect system.

But the real reason to join us isn't just about the music. It's about the community. We laugh, we support each other, and we have a lot of fun.

So, if you can breathe, you can participate. Come to our rehearsal this week. Bring your voice, bring your sense of humor, and let's make some joyful noise together.
Thank you! Simon Holt



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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!

To make your 2027 pledge point you camera at the QR code for a direct link to the FCCOL giving page.