

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!!!
Holden Leonardo 4th; Ashley Santiago
12th; Samantha Beers 13th; Frank &
Peggy Skwarek anniversary 20th;
Charlotte & Howard Beers anniversary
22nd.

Communion will be the first Sunday of the month. See Len or Shirley if you would like to help.

There will be a brunch TODAY . Please join us after service in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Please mark your calendar to attend the Maundy Thursday service here on Thursday, April 2nd at 7 PM. Rev. Susan Olson will lead the service.

The Annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held on Sunday, April 5 at 7 AM at Gillette Castle. The 8 AM breakfast follows at the First Church of East Haddam. If you would like to donate to the breakfast, please call Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick Nager at 860-873-9084.

Get your baskets ready!!!! Tina Santiago will organize the annual Easter Egg Hunt following service on Easter Sunday, April 5

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

TODAY	10 AM	PALM SUNDAY, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson <i>Brunch</i>
Thur. Apr. 2	7 PM***	Maundy Thursday service: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Apr 5	10 AM***	EASTER, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Sun. Apr. 12	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Elizabeth Gleich
Wed. Apr. 15	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
Sun. Apr. 19	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Apr. 26	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Stacie Vos
Sun. May 3	10 AM***	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. May 10	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Stacie Vos
Sun. May 17	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. May 24	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Stacie Vos
Sun May 31	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Jacob Stubbs
Sun. Jun 7	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Jun 14	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Jacob Stubbs
Sun. Jun 21	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson

If there is an emergency, please contact
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Welcome!

We, the members of the First Congregational Church of Lyme, CT, interpreting the Bible in the context of its times and our time and following the teachings and example of Jesus, declare our church to be an Open and Affirming church, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people. We acknowledge God's acceptance of every individual and Jesus' commandment to love one another. Therefore, this church welcomes heterosexual, gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender individuals to worship and enter into the full life and ministry of our church. In our community of faith, all people are encouraged to participate and share their talents and energy in worship and sacraments, leadership positions, ordained ministry, lay ministry, learning, service, mission, and fellowship. Further, persons of every gender, mental and physical ability, age, race, nationality, economic and social status, faith background, marital standing, and family structure are welcome in our church community; and the First Congregational Church of Lyme invites all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings, and joys of our congregation.

The First Congregational Church of Lyme
United Church of Christ
Rev. Susan Olson, Guest pastor
Garrett Artman, Organist

Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 10 AM
**Asterisk means please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: The Lord is God; the Lord has given us light.

People: ~Lead the procession with branches waving, all the way to the altar.~

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

*Hymn

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Hymn

Offering Invitation:
*Doxology
Offering Prayer

Chalice RED #46

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon: "Ready or Not"

Rev. Susan Olson

*Hymn

*Benediction

*Response: "Go in Peace"

Chalice RED # 445

"Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always. Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life! Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always."

Postlude

Please welcome to the pulpit, our guest pastor:
Rev. Susan Olson is Assistant Dean of Students at Yale Divinity School. Her previous calls include serving as chaplain to Wilson, Wesley, Connecticut College and Yale University. She is ordained to the Presbyterian Church, USA and lives in New Haven with her 8 year old daughter, Selam.

Prayers: Margaret & Frank Skwarek; Francis Rand; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton; and Dr. Bill.
