

First Congregational Church of Lyme

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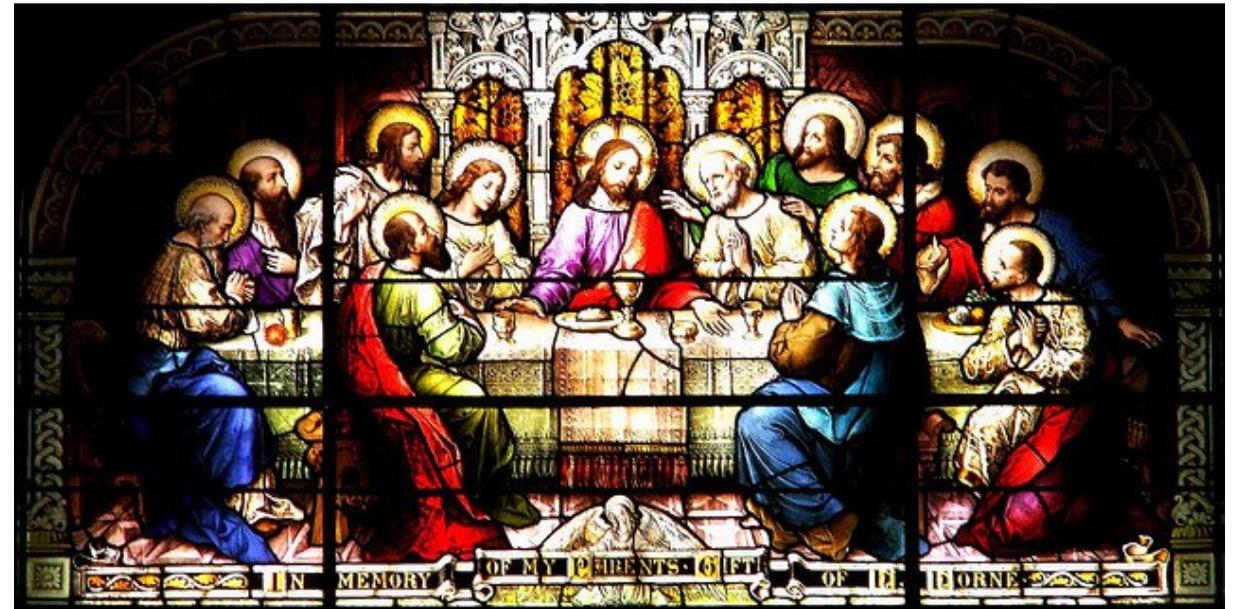
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Maundy Thursday

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret & Frank Skwarek; Francis Rand; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton; and Dr. Bill.



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

Thursday, April 2, 2015 ~ Maundy Thursday

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Jesus said,

People: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I loved you, you should also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another."

*Hymn

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

All: **Holy and gracious God, our sin is too heavy to bear. Trusting in your mercy, we lay before you the truth of who we are. We confess our failure to love as Christ loved. We confess our covetousness and greed. We confess our weakness before temptation. We confess our frailty before the challenges of this world. Merciful God, forgive us. Heal us, and make us whole, for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hymn or anthem

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Meditation

Rev. Susan Olson

Communion

Hymn or Anthem

Stripping of the Church ~ It is a Maundy Thursday custom to leave the church stripped of its ornamentation for the days between Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. If you are able, please help us silently remove candles and offering plates, flowers and vases from this place of worship. We will drape or remove the cross, too. During the days while we watch and wait for Christ's resurrection, the church building will wait, too. When we join together in worship on Easter Sunday, the glory of the resurrection will be reflected in the return of beauty to our worship space.

Sending Words

In keeping with the meditation nature of the service, please depart in silence, or with as few words as possible. We will greet one another with joyful exuberance on resurrection morning, but for tonight, we shall keep the silence.

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.