

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!!! Mike Sutton 3rd; Bruce Grey 4th; Jay Fogle 29th; and Rich Clippinger 29th.

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

Get your baskets ready!!!! Tina Santiago will organize the annual Easter Egg Hunt following service today.

The next New London Community Meal Center is next Sunday, April 12. Please let Rich know if you can help with food prep, serving at the Center or providing desserts. Rich 860-861-3672.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

Sun. Apr 5	10 AM	EASTER, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Sun. Apr. 12	10 AM 4 PM	Worship, Guest pastor: Elizabeth Gleich NL Community Meal Center (see Rich)
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

Communion Sunday

First Congregational Church of Lyme

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April 5, 2015



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.

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

Sunday, April 5, 2015 at 10 AM

**Asterisk means please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Sisters and brothers, you have heard the good news.
Brothers and sisters, you hold firmly to this faith.

ALL: Christ appeared to the disciples.

Woman & Girls: Sisters and brothers, it has already been proclaimed.

Men and boys: Brothers and sisters, you have already received this promise.

ALL: Christ appears to us.

Woman & Girls: Sisters and brothers, this is the hardest claim in our faith.

Men and boys: Brothers and sisters, the good news is not ancient history.

ALL: Christ will appear again.

Woman & Girls: Sisters and brothers, this is the mystery that we share.

Men and boys: Brothers and sisters, this is the good news that we proclaim.

ALL: Christ appears to us now.

Leader: We have waited through the night. We have wondered what good can come from tragedy. O Christ, come. Come to us again. Appear in our hearts. Appear in our hands. Appear to us now. Remind us again of the faith we proclaim:

Leader: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*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

Chalice RED #46

Offering Prayer

Scripture: John 20-1-18 & Acts 34-43

Sermon: "Indeed"

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.
