

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!

**James Dahlke 7th; Francis Rand 13th;
Charles Montesanto 16th; and Ellie
Sutton 19th.**

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

Many thanks to Flora for substituting on
the organ this week!

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

Sun. Sept 20	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Sept. 27	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Jacob Stubbs or his wife
Sun. Oct. 4	10 AM***	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Oct. 11	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Emily Bjornberg
Sun. Oct. 18	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Wed. Oct. 21	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
Sun. Oct. 25	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Jacob Stubbs or his wife

Communion Sunday

**If there is an emergency, please contact
Connie Hurtt at
Cell: 860-917-7102 or Home: 860-434-8445**

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September 20, 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.

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

Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 10 AM
**Asterisk means please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Our world offers many wide avenues
and beautiful boulevards to walk;

**People: Our God invites us to walk the road
of service and sacrifice.**

Leader: Our society suggests we put down our roots
in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

**People: Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope,
watered by the rivers of joy and grace.**

Leader: Our culture promotes achievement, success,
climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

**ALL: Our God tells us if we want to be first
we need to go to the end of the line.**

*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: Mark 9:30-37

Sermon: "Just a Child"

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: Norma Courville and grandson Oliver Snow (Linda House's
sister and grandnephew); Francis Rand; Jack Leonardo; Michael
Sutton; and Dr. Bill.
