

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

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 9 year old daughter, Selam.

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

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!!! Puchita Ely 2nd; Selam Olson 4th; Charlotte Beers 13th; Brittany Santiago 16th; Frank Sutton 25th.

Today's altar flowers were given in loving memory of Dr. Bill by his children.

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 today.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

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
Sun. Nov. 1	10 AM***	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Nov. 8	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Emily Bjornberg
Sun. Nov. 15	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Rev. Susan Olson
Sun. Nov. 22	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: Stacie Vos
Sun. Nov. 29	10 AM	Worship, Guest pastor: open

Communion Sunday

**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, October 4, 2015 at 10 AM
**Asterisk means please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: From north and south, from east and west, we come;

**People: God's people called to the Table
where simple grace nourishes us.**

Leader: From down the street to across town,
from single households to apartment dwellers:

**People: God's people are called to community
where we live and serve one another.**

Leader: From every class, every race, every status; from little ones
with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

**ALL: God's people are called to witness to God's hope,
to offer peace to a shattered world.**

*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: Psalm 8 & John 17:20-23

Children's sermon

Sermon: "Spacious Skies"

Rev. Susan Olson

Communion ~ *Absolutely all are welcome to receive* ~

Leader: We gather around the Table in places far and near

Men and Boys: Eating Sourdough, Rye, Tortillas

Women and Girls: Crackers, Wafers, and Wonderbread—

ALL: The body of Christ.

Leader: Drinking the wine or the juice

Men and Boys: from handmade chalices and silver goblets,

Women and Girls: golden spoons and little mini cups—

ALL: The blood of Christ.

Leader: The bread and the cup unite us with all who would follow
Jesus.

Men and Boys: This meal reaches back through the centuries.

Women and Girls: This table reaches around the world.

ALL: Let us eat and drink with joy.

*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