



Thank you for joining us today. We look forward to seeing you again. If you would like to be on our mailing list, please let us know at 860-434-0220 or lymechurch@sbcglobal.net. More information about us can be found on our website at www.lymechurch.com and you can follow us on Twitter at @lymepastor.

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Reverend Carolyn Johns, Acting Pastor

November 17, 2013

Thanksgiving Praise Service



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. Carolyn Johns, Acting pastor
Rebecca M. Blomgren, Organist**

Sunday, November 17, 2013 at 10:00 AM

THANKSGIVING PRAISE SERVICE

With guest musician, Michael Brelsford

**Please stand if you are able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

**HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!
Sharlie Barringer 4th; Connie Hurtt
19th; Carol Dahlke 23rd; Barbara
Gustafson 25th; Jason Lathrop 28th.**

Adult Education will resume again soon.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS: We will be meeting twice a month. Children will come to Church at 10 AM and remain until after the children's sermon, then go to the Sunday School room for the remainder of the time. Each week the children will read a bible story & create a craft. Juice & snacks are provided. All are welcome!
Schedule for Church School:
November: 3 (Brunch) & 10
December: 1, 8, 15 (Pageant & Brunch)
January: Break
More dates to be added for Feb to May.

Prelude: Glorify Thy Name Choir
Spirit Song
We are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)

Welcome, Time of Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship: (Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**People: Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us,
and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

Leader: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.
Come let us worship our Lord!

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

Today	10 AM	Thanksgiving <i>Praise Service!!</i> <i>Featuring Michael Brelsford!</i>
	5 PM	Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
Wed. Nov. 20	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
Sun. Nov. 24	10 AM	Worship & Communion
Sun. Nov. 24	7 PM	Grassy Hill Church Thanksgiving Service
Thurs. Nov. 28		Thanksgiving
Sun. Dec. 1	10 AM	Worship, Church School (pageant practice), Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager, guest preacher
Sun. Dec. 8	10 AM	Worship, Church School (pageant practice) Emily Bjornberg, guest preacher
Sun. Dec. 15	10 AM	Worship, Pageant, Brunch
Sun. Dec. 22	10 AM	Worship
Tues. Dec. 24	5 PM	Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship
Wed. Dec. 25		Christmas Day
Sun. Dec. 29	10 AM	Worship

Meditation

Rev. Carolyn Johns

*Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Chalice RED #2

*Benediction

Postlude: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Beethoven

Please stay after church for coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

PRAYERS: Family and friends of Carroll Johnston; F & f of Jeffrey Peloquin; Lorrie King; Frank Sutton (stroke); Helen Younger; Jack Leonardo; Michael Sutton (recurrence of cancer); Francis Rand (fall); Dr. Bill; Phyllis Keel; Cindy Fogle and Cindy's mom (Harrington Court, Colchester).

<p>Reverend Carolyn Johns Emergencies & Home Office Phone: 203-453-3325 Carolyn's email: carolyn.f.johns-emp@snet.net Rev. Johns' church office hours: Thursday's 10 AM to 3 PM <i>Regular Office Hours Tues & Thurs. 11:30 to 2:00 PM Wed & Fri.: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM</i></p>
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*Hymn: "Sing for Joy" Led by Michael Brelsford

Sing for joy to God our strength
Sing for joy to God our strength, our strength

If we call to Him, He will answer us
If we run to Him, He will run to us
If we lift our hands, He will lift us up
Come now praise his name, all you saints of God.

Draw near to Him, he is here with us
Give Him your love, He's in love with us
He will heal our hearts, He will cleanse our hands
If we rend our hearts He will heal our land.

Thanksgiving Prayer *by Keren Michael Stein*

ALL: I thank you, Lord...

P: For having a warm place to stay.

L: For having an abundance of clothing.

P: For giving me friends.

L: For giving me kind words to say.

P: For peace in the knowledge I belong to you.

L: For loving me unconditionally.

P: For your patience with me.

L: For the assurance that I'm going to heaven.

P: For the courage to not look at things as they are, but instead to look at things from God's perspective.

L: For your assurance that I can give all my cares and burdens to you.

P: For always being there to hear my prayers.

L: For answering some I haven't even said yet.

P: For making my cup to runneth over with joy when there's absolutely no natural reason for it.

ALL: Thank you, Lord. Amen

Comments: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

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*Hymn: "Mighty to Save" Led by Michael Brelsford

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

[Chorus:]

Saviour he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again

I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

[Chorus 2x]

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen king Jesus *[2x]*

Offering: Love Song

Michael Brelsford

*Doxology

Chalice RED #46

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.**

Comments: Phillipians 4: 4-9

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*Hymn: "You Are Worthy of My Praise" Led by Michael Brelsford

I will worship, with all of my heart
I will praise you, with all of my strength
I will seek you, all of my days
I will follow, all of your ways

I will give you all my worship
I will give you all my praise
You alone, I long to worship
You alone, are worthy of my praise

I will bow down, and I'll hail you as king
I will serve you, I will give you everything
I will lift up my eyes to your throne
I will trust you, I will trust you alone