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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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April 2, 2017

11:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #258 "Morning Has Broken"

*Call to Worship:

With steadfast love, Jesus calls our names.
Come to find refuge in the shelter of his ways.

We long to be recognized and affirmed.

We are eager for a place of shelter and grace.

Reach out to claim the gifts that God offers each one of us.

The Spirit is eager to inspire and empower us all.

When the God shown to us in Jesus calls, we cannot remain silent.

When that broken and gentle God becomes real to us, we accept the summons.

Let us worship God.

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

*Unison Reading:

**The God of curved space, the dry God, is not going to help us.
But the son whose blood spattered the hem of his mother's robe...**

-Jane Kenyon, Looking at Stars"

*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture: Mark 1: 9-11 (NT, pg. 33)

John 3: 1-10 (NT, pg. 89)

*Hymn: #302 "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *As We Are Gathered*

The musical score is written for voice and piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'As we are gath-ered, Je - sus is here; one with each'. The second system is labeled 'Fine' and contains the lyrics: 'oth - er, Je - sus is here. Joined by the Spir - it'. The third system is labeled 'to Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'built up in love, part of the bod - y, the church of God.' The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Selection

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn: #303 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

Sermon: "YOUR GOD IS TOO BIG, PART II: THE HUMAN JESUS"

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #442 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Benediction

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

Large print versions of this bulletin are available from the ushers.

We thank you for worshipping with us. Following the life and teachings of Jesus, we are a church that strives to be a place of grace, welcoming all regardless of theological expression, age, race, gender, sexual identity, national origin or financial means. In our Church Constitution we recognize that “each member shall have the undisturbed right to follow the word of God according to the dictates of his or her own conscience, under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.” The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, established in 1665, cherishes this proud Pilgrim tradition.

We are honored by your presence among us, and we invite you to help us become what we endeavor to be.

The flowers this morning are graciously provided by the Board of Deacons.

The deacon on duty is Karen Harris.

If you are visiting us for worship this morning, we welcome you, and invite you to pick up a “Welcome” packet, which can be found in the vestibule.

We hope this information will be helpful in acquainting you with our church and its activities and programs.

Quiet Activity Bags for young children are in the vestibule.

They are colorful bags with quiet projects for our youngest members.

Please feel free to offer these bags to your children.

The Rev. David W. Good serves as our Minister Emeritus.

The Rev. Rebecca T. Crosby is our Minister for Haitian Outreach.

The Rev. Christine Caton serves this church as minister of the South Lyme Union Chapel.

TODAY: CELEBRATION FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Please join the Board of Stewardship
as we celebrate the results of our 2017 Stewardship Campaign!

Haiti Trip We have 16 travelers on our annual SPF trip to Haiti. The group will depart Thursday evening, April 6 at 7:30 pm and will return Friday, April 14th. Becky and Ted will stay an additional week. Please keep the following travelers in your thoughts and prayers: Casey and MacKenzie Blue, Daisy Colvin, Lily Cox, Becky and Ted Crosby, Eli Doggart, Conrad French, Elyza Learned, Haley Mahon, Finn McGannon, Brynn McGlinchey, Judd and Julie O'Brien, Cori Pasquale and Chase Wilson.

Forums TODAY: Becky Crosby, “The Passion of Christ in the Visual Arts.”
April 9: Palm Sunday, no Forum.

Bible Study Thursdays at 10:45 am in the Library We will take a break and meet again on **May 4 and May 11** to study the Letter of James. Bible study is led by Becky Crosby.

Save the Date: LBS luncheon on April 11th! Join us to hear a Tattoo historian, an author, (and several others). On *Tuesday, April 11th*, at 12:00pm listen to a yacht jockey, a commercial fisherman, dock worker, historian, college professor, and tattoo researcher—all in one package! Wick Griswold speaks about his recent book on GRISWOLD POINT (2014), and the site of our traditional Easter Sunrise services (coming again on April 16). The cost of the Luncheon is \$5 plus canned goods for the Shoreline Food Pantry, or a package of disposable diapers for the Diaper Bank. Please call the Church Office at 860-434-8686 by Friday, April 7, to reserve a place at the Luncheon. Bring a general history question about the people gathering at the mouth of Connecticut River that stumps our guest to enjoy a free lunch!

Growing Through Grief Group, Friday, April 7, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor Henri Nouwen once wrote, “When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving much advice, solutions, or cures, haven chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a gentle and tender hand.” Come join our Growing Through Grief Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be *Friday, April 7*. And if this day or time does not work for you but you are still interested in the group or if would like to meet one-on-one, contact the Rev. Joan Priest, 860-434-4629.

The Requiem of John Rutter
our own 40 voice choir, 18 piece orchestra, directed by Simon Holt
6:30 pm in the Meetinghouse, Maundy Thursday, April 13th

This is a great opportunity for all young people
to sit “up close” to a fantastic orchestra!

Journey to the Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota Explore the beauty of the Black Hills and invest in a mutually beneficial relationship with our Lakota friends in Green Grass, SD. *Trip dates are June 20th – June 28th.* Please contact Stephanie Kenny at 860-884-3875 or by email Stephanieckenny@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us. We will need a commitment by April 9th. Please join us **TODAY**, to learn more about the trip. We will meet in the church Library at 12:30 pm, after the 11am service.

Refugee Resettlement Project Update With the US State Department’s announcement that it is proceeding with refugee admissions through the month of April, we are gearing up for the possibility of a new refugee family by the end of the month. Thanks to Bob McCracken, Russell Learned, Mo Anctil, Allison and Jack Hine and their team of enthusiastic volunteers and local contractors, the refugee house on Rogers Lake Trail should be ready for occupants by the last week of April. Please be thinking about furniture or household goods you might want to donate – nothing new, but gently used items that will help turn the house into a welcoming home. Next week’s update will include a list of what’s needed. And although the timing is uncertain, if you’d like to help when we are assigned a new family please leave your name, phone number and e-mail address in the church office. Thanks to all for your support and prayers.

Stay in Touch We have email addresses for many in our congregation, but we are moving toward building a bigger email database so that we can send out church announcements in the future. If you would like to receive personal reminders about special events and church services, please share your email address with us, so we can keep in touch. Send your email address to FCCOL at FCCofOldLyme@gmail.com and we’ll add you to our email list. (The church does not share the email addresses of its congregation members with anyone.)

Care-giver’s Support Group, Friday, April 14, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor Come join our Care-giver’s Support Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting is *Friday, April 14*. If you are interested in this group but this day or time does not work for you, or if you would like to meet one-on-one, please feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest., 860-434-4629.

Communications Committee A member of the Communications Committee will be at the Fellowship after the worship service today. They can answer questions on the new website and can help you navigate through it

MusicNow Showcase at Sheffield Auditorium on Saturday, April 8, 7:00 pm MusicNow and Nightgale's Cafe will be hosting two accomplished singer/songwriters at the Sheffield Auditorium on *Saturday, April 8 at 7pm*. Appearing will be Joe Holt (son of Music Director Simon Holt) and Sidney Whelan Jr. (son of Sid Whelan Sr.). Joe Holt has been described as "a smart songwriter with a rich voice," and his literary songs have been compared those of Leonard Cohen. Joe has been performing in prestigious venues throughout the East Coast and has opened for internationally touring acts. Sid Whelan is a blues-inspired Americana guitarist and songwriter who is becoming known for his well-crafted lyrics and his harmonically-rich guitar voicings. Both artists will be presenting a songwriting workshop and Nightingale's Acoustic Cafe on Saturday afternoon before the show. Suggested donation is \$15 at the door, \$5 student and net proceeds benefit the youth initiatives of MusicNow.

God's Neighborhood Sunday School The Fruit of the Spirit for April is Faithfulness. All children are welcome to join us for Sunday School!

JPF and SPF Youth News

April 15 at 3 p.m. The SPF and JPF join together as we get ready for Easter Sunrise Service at Griswold Point. Meet at the church at 3:00 pm and we will be back at the church by 4:30 for a quick snack. RSVP to LisaDoggart@gmail.com if you can join us.

Calling all young musicians! Please let Lisa Doggart know if you are in Elementary School, Middle School or High School and you play an instrument for a special Children's Day song.

April 30— Table Building Project for Homeless Hospitality Center—all middle (JPF) and High School (SPF) youth are invited to help. Leaving the church at 11:00 am to work on the project (carpooling available) and finishing by 2:00 pm. Please email LisaDoggart@gmail.com to RSVP.

Youth in Grades 4 through 12 are headed up to the Heifer Farm in Rutland, Massachusetts on *May 13*. RSVP's to LisaDoggart@gmail.com are needed early for this (*April 16*) and the cost is \$15 per person. We will be leaving Old Lyme at 8:00 a.m. and attending the Seeds program. In this program we will visit the Global Village and then eat a cultural meal there. We will also visit the barns and meet the animals and find out about their importance and then visit the organic gardens. We will return to Old Lyme about 4 pm.

Book Group - Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance. In this compelling book, a Yale law school graduate looks at the struggles of the white working class through the story of his own childhood in the "Rust Belt of America." This book has received a great deal of attention as a way of understanding the disempowerment and frustrations of America's impoverished working families. Join us for a discussion *following the 11:00 worship on April 23*. We'll meet in the library. Martha Beaudoin and Carleen will lead the discussion.

EASTER SEASON SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday 4/13/17

6:30 pm Concert, Soup Supper & Informal Communion
“Requiem” by John Rutter with FCCOL Sr. Choir with orchestra

Good Friday 4/14/17 Meetinghouse open for prayer and meditation.

Walk for The Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries at 9:45 am. We will meet at St. Ann’s Episcopal Church and walk past Christ the King Church to FCCOL and back again -- about 3 miles. Please join us and walk for world hunger. All ages are welcome.

Easter Sunrise Service 4/16/17

6:00 am at Griswold Point (if you need directions, call the church)

Easter Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am Worship Services

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast/coffee hour between the 9&11 services.
No Sunday School on Easter Sunday. No coffee hour following the 11:00 am service.

Save the date, April 23rd ~ Its Indian taco night! On Sunday, April 23rd at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, the Green Grass Partnership Committee will be hosting an **Indian taco dinner & open discussion with photographer Tim Yakaitis** who spent four months at Standing Rock. Tim, who specializes in aerial drone photography, will be sharing reflections and photographs of the events that took place. **\$10 at the door gets you a delicious taco with all the trimmings!** Made with a fry bread base and stacked with plenty of meat and veggies, it is one of our favorite meals when we visit our friends on the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota (vegetarian options will be available). Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Green Grass Partnership, celebrating 32 years! Please RSVP to stephanieckenny@gmail.com or by calling the church office 860-434-8686.

Calendar of Events & Meetings for This Week

God’s Neighborhood Sunday School TODAY.

Green Grass Meeting TODAY at 12:30 pm in the Library.

Sewing Group Monday, April 3rd at 10:00 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Poetry Group Wednesday, April 5th at 4:00 pm in the Hoag Parlor.

Running Group Wednesday, April 5th at 5:00 pm, meets in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Children’s Choir Wednesday, April 5th at 5:00 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Choir Wednesday, April 5th at 7:30 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Grief Group Friday, April 7th at 10:00 am in the Hoag Parlor.

Daniel Cone Pease, Jr. Memorial & Reception Saturday, April 8th at 1:00 pm.

Dan Stevens Concert Saturday, April 8th at 7:00 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Palm Sunday Services April 9th at 9:00 and 11:00 am.