

Caravaggio's The Incredulity of Thomas

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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April 23, 2017

9:00 AM

Prelude

Julius Kyakuwa

*Processional Hymn: #204 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

*Call to Worship:

Life has been revealed to us in this Easter season.

Gather once more to testify to life.

We declare to each other what we have experienced.

In community, we discover God, ourselves, and one another.

Early followers of Jesus were of one heart and soul.

We too, are called to find common ground in Christ.

We are here to testify to God's grace.

We will share our story and ourselves.

Peace be with you as we celebrate resurrection.

Let us join our hearts in worship.

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

*Hymn: #208 “Now the Green Blade Riseth”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Selection

Julius Kyakuwa

*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

Children's Sermon

Julius Kyakuwa

*Hymn: #213 "On the Day of Resurrection"

(children proceed to classes during the 1st stanza)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *As We Are Gathered*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn in 4/4 time, key of D major. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. 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 features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Scripture: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (OT, pg. 764)

John 20: 19-31 (NT, pg. 110)

Sermon: "WITNESSING WOUNDS"

Dr. Shelly L. Rambo

*Hymn: #220 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Benediction

Postlude

Julius Kyakuwa

*Congregation Standing

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 given by Steven Ames in loving memory of Edward and Robert Ames and all who have died at war.

This morning at the 11:00 am service we are pleased to celebrate the baptism of Mary Catherine Wizeman, daughter of Kate and John Wizeman, and great granddaughter of Matthew and Shirley Ely.

*The host for fellowship hour is Bob Beaudoin.
The deacon on duty is Lee Whitaker.*

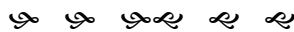
*Childcare is available every Sunday morning in the nursery downstairs at the 9 AM service.
If you need help finding it, please ask the ushers to assist you.*

*If you are visiting us for worship this morning, we welcome you, and invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall for fellowship and refreshments.
We 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.*

It is a delight to welcome Shelly Rambo as our guest preacher for the morning. Shelly is Associate Professor of Theology at Boston University School of Theology. She is author of Spirit and Trauma: A Theology of Remaining (Westminster John Knox, 2010) and the co-edited volume, Post-Traumatic Public Theology (Palgrave MacMillan, 2016), which reflects ongoing commitments to strengthening the capacities of religious leaders to respond to violence and trauma. Her forthcoming book, Resurrecting Wounds: Living in the Afterlife of Trauma (Baylor University Press, 2017) examines the figure of resurrection wounds as it meets contemporary expressions of post-traumatic life.

This week we're honored to welcome Julius Kyakuwa back to Old Lyme. Many of us got to know Julius last year when he visited with the University of Pretorius African Ensemble. Born in Uganda, East Africa, Julius Kyakuwa is a PhD graduate student of Music Education at Louisiana State University (LSU). He recently moved from South Africa in 2016 where he was a Music Education Master's student at the University Pretoria. He was also an African and World music part time lecturer, and also artistic director of UP OVUWA the University of Pretoria's African Ensemble. As a music educator, African folklorist, story teller, and orator, Julius is a master African drummer, percussionist, and a versatile performer on several African indigenous instruments.



Adult Forum TODAY: The speaker at today's adult forum is **Tom Ortoleva** of Hope Partnership in Old Saybrook. Hope Partnership is committed to raising public awareness of the severe need for more affordable housing for working shoreline families with limited means. **April 30: Carolyn Wakeman**, one of our church historians, will talk about "Progressives in the Pulpit" and share her discoveries about early efforts to promote social justice at FCCOL.

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 TODAY*. We'll meet in the library. Martha Beaudoin and Carleen will lead the discussion.

Its Indian taco night! TONIGHT at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall the Green Grass Partnership Committee will be hosting an **Indian taco dinner and 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.

The first-ever Lyme Volunteer Open House will be held TODAY from noon till 3 p.m. at the Lyme Fire House in celebration of National Volunteer Week! Come mingle with your neighbors! Enjoy FREE picnic food, including delicious donations from Four Mile River Farm and Deep River Snacks! Make new friends! Learn about the groups working to keep Lyme safe, beautiful and healthy! Find out how you can donate your time and talents to benefit our community! (Sponsored by the Town of Lyme and the Lyme Committee on Volunteerism.) Participating groups include Friends of the Lyme Public Library, Lyme Consolidated School PTO, Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation, Lyme Farmers Market, Camp Claire, Hamburg Fair Committee, Lyme Land Conservation Trust, Lyme Garden Club, Lyme Fire Company, High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc., Lyme Parks and Recreation, Friends of Whalebone Cove and many more.

The LBS sewing group has so far completed 20 large tote bags for the New London Homeless Hospitality Center. We sent 70+ articles of handmade clothing including sundresses, skirts, and shorts, as well as fabric, t-shirts, sandals, sewing notions and school supplies to Haiti with the Crosby's and our student travelers. We are now building our inventory for the upcoming White Elephant Sale and continuing charity projects. A selection of our creations will be available at the May LBS luncheon, and you can shop with us and make donations during our Monday working hours in the Sheffield Auditorium from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Questions: Email eunicetaylor@me.com or call Eunice at 860.912.8164.

Non-Citizens Rights Workshop A workshop will be held on *Saturday, April 29th, at 9:30am in Sheffield Auditorium* regarding Immigration in the United States. Attorney Meghann LaFountain will discuss non-citizens' rights. This workshop offers practical information for immigrants who may have concerns regarding their immigration status as well as community members who would like to know more regarding non-citizens' rights. Please feel free to contact Lina Tuck (lina.tuck@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Join the People's Climate March in Washington, D.C. and around the nation, April 29. As the U.S. government is debating pulling out of the international Paris Agreement on Climate Change, environmental groups across the nation are calling for a massive march to support the achievement of the Agreement. This as the Paris Agreement Working Group in Bonn, Germany organizes to meet the week following the People's Climate March. To get on a bus to the Climate March search 350CT.org climate march or call Cynthia Willauer, in Ministry for the Care of Creation, 860-434-8315.

Sunday Memorial Flowers The first week in April is available for Memorial flowers. Please call Susan Griggs at 860-434-7660, for more information.

Refugee Resettlement Project Update Call Susan Mountz, 860-339-5589, or email waynesue@comcast.net. Strong bodies needed! If you are able to help pick up and move furniture to the new refugee home in Rogers Lake the weekend of *April 29 and 30*, please call Mariette Brown at 860-388-9194. The new house is in need of a refrigerator. Let us know if you have one to give!

Tree of Life Film series at the Westbrook Public Library

From the Jordan to the Sea: Israel-Palestine in Film

Thursday nights at 7:00 pm | from *April 27 – May 18, 2017*

These films offer a human face to the relationship between Israelis and Palestinians in the land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. The film series strives to educate and inspire dialogue. The films offer different perspectives not often seen or discussed in our area. We hope to raise questions, challenge some common myths and jumpstart candid discussion about the complexities of working for peace and justice in the Middle East and in our own country as well.

When I Saw You | Thursday April 27 – 7:00 pm

It is 1967. The world is alive with change: brimming with reawakened energy, new styles, music and an infectious sense of hope. In Jordan, a different kind of change is underway as tens of thousands of refugees pour across the border from Palestine. Having been separated from his father in the chaos of war, Tarek, 11, and his mother, Ghaydaa, are amongst this latest wave of refugees. Placed in “temporary” refugee camps until they would be able to return, they wait, like the generation before them who arrived in 1948. With difficulties adjusting to life in Harir camp and a longing to be reunited with his father, Tarek searches a way out, and discovers a new hope emerging with the times. The film is the story of people affected by the times around them, searching for something more and yearning to be free. A story of the human spirit that knows no borders.

Sunday School, JPF and SPF The Sunday School is learning about Faithfulness, a Fruit of the Spirit. Come Join Us!

April 30 - The SPF and JPF will be making tables for the Homeless Hospitality Center at the Hine’s house from 11 to 2pm. Please RSVP LisaDoggart@gmail.com.

April 23 and 30 - Youth who play strings are invited to practice together to play a song on **June 3** . Please RSVP LisaDoggart@gmail.com

May 13 - Heifer Farm “Seeds” trip for grades 4 and up. Please RSVP LisaDoggart@gmail.com

May 21 - Peace Pole Project for JPF and SPF 11-2 pm. Please RSVP LisaDoggart@gmail.com.

81st White Elephant Sale

Get out your calendars out and mark these dates:

Friday, July 14th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, July 15th from 8:00 am - Noon

This is a good time of the year to sort through the cellar and attic to put aside some of those treasures for this year's sale. Hold those goodies until first intake day, ***Thursday June 29th.***

**We are in need of new department heads this year
as folks have prior commitments or retired.**

Co-chair and tri-chairs are welcomed -- please step up and help.

Worker refreshments (drinks) during sale days

Christmas Packing of intake for Winter sale

Baked Goods

Flowers and baskets

Toys (2 more needed)

Pots and pans - co chair: Share responsibility to stage, price and sell pots and pans

Toy department - two more to help share sorting, pricing & sale days

TODAY Con Brio presents a sparkling, 20th Anniversary Spring Concert with a joyous concert featuring Beethoven's Mass in C and a rich tapestry of music. Soloists Patricia Schuman, Clea Huston, Steven Humes and Matthew Cossack join the chorus and Con Brio Festival Orchestra in this celebratory concert today at 4:00 pm at Christ the King Church, Old Lyme! Tickets are \$30, \$15 for students.

Calendar of Events & Meetings for This Week

God's Neighborhood Sunday School *TODAY.*

Book Group *TODAY after the 11:00 am Service* in the Library.

Indian Taco Dinner *TODAY* at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Sewing Group *Monday, April 24th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

LBS Meeting *Tuesday, April 25th at 10:00 am* in the Library.

Board of Deacons *Tuesday, April 25th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

Writing Group *Wednesday, April 26th at 4:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Running Group *Wednesday, April 26th at 5:00 pm*, meets in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Children's Choir *Wednesday, April 26th at 5:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, April 26th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

TOL Film at Westbrook Public Library *Thursday, April 27th 7:00 pm.*

Endowment Meeting *Thursday, April 27th at 7:00 pm* in Steve's Office.

Church Council Meeting *Thursday, April 27th at 7:30 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Non Citizens Workshop *Saturday, April 29th at 9:30 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.