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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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April 30, 2017

11:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Holy Spirit, Light Divine*

John Carter

*Processional Hymn: #108 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

*Call to Worship:

Like people long in exile, we look to God for hope.

**Your word, O God, is not empty;
it is full and accomplishes your purpose.**

We open the treasure of our heart, asking God to fill us.

**Your word, O God, is not empty;
it is full and accomplishes your purpose.**

In the mystery of life and death, we listen attentively.

**Your word, O God, is not empty;
it is full and accomplishes your purpose.**

Let us join our hearts, minds, and voices in the worship of God.

*Invocation

*The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

*Unison Reading:

**Don't expect to arrive at a place of knowing.
You are on the road of discovering, and the flame in your heart
will only inconstantly let you know that there also walks the Beloved,
who yearns only for this one passionate delight above all the glories in heaven:
every moment, even the least memorable,
the least noticed of all, simply to be with you.**

-Steven Garnaas-Holmes

*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture: Luke 4: 16-29 (NT, pg. 58)

Luke 15: 1-10 (NT, pg. 74)

*Hymn: #356 “Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Lead Me Lord*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-cous-ness, make thy way
plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord,
on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lead Me Lord'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *How Lovely Is The Dwelling Place*

Johannes Brahms

*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: #480 "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child"

Sermon: "AN EXTENDED GRACE"

Steve Jungkeit and Lina Tuck

*Hymn: #102 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Blessed Are They*

S.S. Wesley

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 given by Jean and Jack Schaaf in loving memory of our parents Ken and Helen Dolph and John George Schaaf.

This morning we welcome to the pulpit Lina Tuck, liaison of our Resettlement project. Lisa and her family are members of FCCOL and a former Deacon of our church.

The hosts for fellowship hour are Leslie Anderson and Kendall Perkins. The deacon on duty is Lecia Harbison.

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.*

Adult Forum TODAY: 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. **May 7: Maryam Elahi**, president and CEO, Community Foundation of Eastern CT, “The Challenges Facing Our Community and How Our Community Foundation Is Trying to Address Them”.

Ladies’ Benevolent Society Luncheon on May 9th! Get ready for Memorial Day with a festival of popular song from WWI and WWII. On *Tuesday, May 9th, at 12:00 pm* enjoy *Songs from the Homefront*, a festival of popular song from WWI and WWII with performer and historian Faye Ringel. She will accompany herself on the piano, and encourages luncheon participants to sing along on some of the more familiar tunes (aided by song-sheets provided). Faye Ringel, Ph.D., Professor Emerita of English, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, is the author of *New England's Gothic Literature: Folklore and History of the Supernatural* and many articles in reference books and scholarly journals. A lifelong resident of Eastern Connecticut, she is active in music and theater. She plays keyboard and sings with the traditional Klezmer band Klezmenschen and performs musical and historical programs for libraries, senior centers, and other organizations. Our Ladies’ Benevolent Society has resumed its long tradition of monthly Spring and Autumn luncheons. (NOTE: The traditional luncheon is now being held on the SECOND Tuesday of the month in order to better coordinate with other community calendars.) The Luncheon begins at noon in the Fellowship Hall of the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme; the program will start around 1 pm after dessert. Programs last about 45 min., including a closing Q&A. *The Sewing Group will also have recent work on display and for sale.* 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.*

Annual Haitian Dinner on Sunday, May 21st at 5:00 pm The Ladies Benevolent Society will once again sponsor a Haitian dinner to benefit the work of The Crosby Fund for Haitian Education. Becky Crosby, our former Associate Minister and co-founder of The Crosby Fund, will offer a 'PowerPoint' presentation of their on-going work in Haiti. On January 22, the Crosby's opened their new Education Center with a great fanfare and celebration. The presentation will show a video of that opening and talk about the established programs and their dreams for the future. *Sandra's Next Generation* from New Haven, CT will provide the delicious Haitian meal. **Suggested cost per person is \$10.00 (donations are gratefully received!). Door will open at 5 pm for Haitian art shopping. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm followed by the presentation. Call the church office (860-434-8686) for reservations.**

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

Bible Study: On Thursday, May 4 and May 11 we will study the Letter of James. James is traditionally believed to be the brother of Jesus. He became the leader of the Jerusalem Church after Jesus' crucifixion. Please join us at 10:45 am in the church library for this two-week study of James. Bring a Bible. If you don't have one, we have one you can borrow! Led by Becky Crosby.

Growing Through Grief Group, Friday, May 12, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor There are many myths which surround grief and loss: "Getting angry at God or asking God difficult questions means you have a weak faith, resolving your grief means putting your loved one out of your mind and moving on, or a strong person should be able to deal with loss alone." Don't believe these myths; believe loss is real and sharing is life-giving. Come join our Growing Through Grief Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be *Friday, May 12*. And if this day or time does not work for you but you are still interested in the group or if you would like to meet one-on-one, contact the Rev. Joan Priest at 860-434-4629.

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.

Care-giver's Support Group, Friday, May 19, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor No matter what level of care you are providing, you have made a conscious decision to help and care for your loved one, and your efforts need to be recognized, and caring for yourself through sharing with others is an essential part of that. Come join our Care-giver's Support Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting is *Friday, May 19*. 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 at 860-434-4629.

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.)

Tree of Life Film series at the Westbrook Public Library

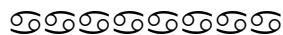
From the Jordan to the Sea: Israel-Palestine in Film

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.

Five Broken Cameras (2011) | Thursday May 4 – 7:00 pm

A documentary film co-directed by Palestinian Emad Burnat and Israeli Guy Davidii. It is a firsthand account of protests in Bil'in, a West Bank village affected by the Israel West Bank barrier. The documentary was shot almost entirely by the Palestinian farmer who bought his first camera in 2005 to record the birth of his youngest son. Structured around the destruction of Burnat's cameras, it follows one family's evolution over five years of turmoil. The film won a 2012 Sundance Film Festival award, and was nominated for a 2013 Academy Award.



Sunday School, JPF and SPF

Our Fruit of the Spirit for the month of April is Faithfulness. Come join in the fun! The Children in the Sunday School have been getting ready for the Environmental Day Fair. Please stop by Fellowship Hall on May 7 to see what we have been learning about this year.

Carry the Future Project:

On **May 14**, the Sunday School program will be creating care packages to support overseas refugee families with young children, through the Carry the Future organization. Donations of the following items would be helpful: New or gently used Toddler carriers (must be soft structured or Mei Tai style and carry up to 30 lbs, i.e. Ergo, Tula, Infantino brands); small toys, baby/toddler socks/hat/mittens, high protein snacks, baby food pouches, pacifiers and/or vitamin packets.

Pilgrim Fellowship News:

May 13 -Heifer Farm "Seeds" Program for grades 4 and up. RSVP LisaDoggart@gmail.com.

May 21 - Peace Poles for JPF and SPF from 11-2, in Sunday School area. Let's finish making the Peace Poles! 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* and *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 years sale. Hold those goodies until the first intake day, *Thursday, June 29th*.

Help wanted

- **Books** - need help sorting, pricing and on sale days.
- **Toys** needs co-chairs and department help - please volunteer.
- **Flowers, Pots& Pans and Baked Goods** all need co-chairs - please volunteer.
- **Small Furniture** - needs workers - lots of items to sort & price Thursday 7/13 - then sell Friday and Saturday 7/14 & 7/15.
- **Intake** needs a daily staff of 6-8 folks to unload cars and sort donations 6/29 to 7/8 from 9-2pm (except for 7/2-7/4). Please call the office 434-8686, press the WES line #5 and volunteer - it will help us to ensure daily staffing needs. All are welcome for as long as you can stay, even if you just drop in and help. Great way to meet folks and see what the WES is all about. Thank you in advance.
- **Parking** - big crew needed to manage two parking lots both days.

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 *TODAY*, 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!

We need household goods for our new refugee house. Contact Beth Hamilton if you have donations. She has a list of what is needed. Her cell is 860-306-3972 and her email is ehamilton50@comcast.net.

SPF Trip to Haiti On Sunday, *May 7th*, Becky and several SPF members will offer reflections on our recent SPF trip to Haiti. Afterward, there is a sale in the Fellowship Hall of newly acquired Haitian art. Please be supportive of the Haitian artists. Food insecurity has worsened in Haiti and hunger is everywhere. Every purchase of art helps put food on a family's table. Thank you!

Calendar of Events & Meetings for This Week

God's Neighborhood Sunday School *TODAY*.

Sewing Group *Monday, May 1st at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Board of Youth Ed *Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

Poetry Group *Wednesday, May 3rd at 4:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Green Grass Meeting *Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

Bible Study *Thursday, May 4th at 10:45 am* in the Library.

TOL Film at Westbrook Public Library *Thursday, May 4th 7:00 pm*.

SPF Reflections from Haiti at the 9 & 11 Services *Sunday, May 7th*.