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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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February 4, 2018

9:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *O God, Our Help In Ages Past*

Alan Hovhanness

*Processional Hymn: #18 "Praise to the Living God"

*Call to Worship:

Let us praise God, who gives living water,
through which we flourish.

**Like trees planted by the water
are those who trust in God.**

Like trees with deep roots
are those who place their faith in the one called Jesus of Nazareth.

**Like trees in winter
are those who receive their life from the living Spirit.**

We praise you, God of life, for deep roots
through this, the life of faith.

Let us worship God.

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

*Hymn: #400 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Psalm 121*

John Ness Beck

*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

God's Neighborhood Children

Hymn: #364 "This Little Light of Mine"

(First verse only, as children leave. Congregation can remain seated.)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Eat This Bread*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Eat This Bread". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

Scripture: Luke 2: 25-38 (NT, pg. 55)

Philippians 1: 3-11 (NT, pg. 184)

Communion Meditation: INTEGRITY BLUES

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #311 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Sacrament of Communion (back page)

*Hymn: #318 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *The Garden Hymn*

Ronald Perera

Postlude

*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 Stephen and Diane Hart in loving memory of Diane’s father, Matthew Digiacommo, and Stephen’s mother, Jane Hart.

The hosts for fellowship hour are Sharon and Alan Howell.

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.

Thomas Burke (4th year Yale Divinity School student) serves as minister to the South Lyme Union Chapel.

**Join us on Sunday, February 11th, at 10:00 am
for Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager’s
Candidating Sermon**

followed by a short congregational meeting and
then a welcoming reception in Fellowship Hall.

We will be holding only one service that day, at 10:00 am,
so the entire congregation can affirm Laura together.

Adult Forums: TODAY: No Forum, Communion Sunday. **February 11:** No Forum, Laura's Candidating Sermon and reception.

Ash Wednesday Service of Meditation and Reflection *Wednesday, February 14th, at 7:00 pm* in the Meetinghouse. Ashes will be distributed for those who desire.

Winter Pot-Luck Gatherings March 17 A few years ago we instituted a "Winter Potluck" night, which proved to be a lot of fun. Our objective is to find several host homes where folks would be willing to offer hospitality around their dining room table. Also we're looking for people who would enjoy attending these dinner events! We would gather in groups to fend off the winter blues and enjoy an easy night of fellowship. It's a chance to get to know one another better in small group gatherings. If you have any questions about participating as a host or guest, please call the church office at 860-434-8686.

Haiti Trip 2018 for Senior Pilgrim Fellowship Our 5th annual SPF trip to Deschapelles Haiti is scheduled for *April 13 to April 20*. The experience includes a wide variety of activities from learning about the culture and history of Haiti, to engaging with young children through arts and crafts projects, and older youth through soccer games and tutoring English. The youth will also experience Haitian life through walks to the market and visiting Haitian artists' homes. The trip is fun and emotionally challenging, and we recommend travelers be at least 15 years old to travel with us. The trip cost is around \$1,350.00 per child. If you or your child is interested in joining us this year, **please contact Becky Crosby by email <rtcros@ftcrosby.com>**. **The next meetings will be *February 25th and March 25th* at 12 noon in the Sheffield Auditorium.**



Partnership Room Valentine's
Day Sale

*Looking for unique and beautiful gifts for your loved ones?
Stop by the Partnership Room after both services Sunday,
February 4th and after the 10am service Sunday,
February 11th, to support three great organizations and
receive 20% off beautiful art, jewelry and other select
goods.*

Tribalcrafts.org ♥ *crosbyfund.org* ♥ *lolef.org*

God's Neighborhood This morning in God's Neighborhood we are learning about the Parable of the Sower through music, stories, crafts and activities. Everyone Welcome! Come join the fun!

On February 11, from 8:45-9:45 a.m., the SPF and JFP will host a Mardis Gras breakfast before the 10:00 am service. Pancakes, eggs, sausage and fruit will be served. A free-will offering to support Pilgrim Fellowship service projects will be taken. During our one service at 10 am the children will be celebrating and learning about Mardis Gras in the Sheffield Auditorium after the Children's Sermon. Please join us!

JPF and SPF Skiing at Powder Ridge will be after church on *February 25*.

Midnight Run and Sleep-in will be held on *March 24*.

Confirmation Classes for High schoolers will held on *March 18, April 8 and April 29 from 4-5:30 pm in the church library*. We will explore some ways in which we may apply our faith to our lives and discover how our church functions through discussion and activities. On May 13th confirmands will be received into the church as adult members and ring the bells in the bell tower!

Bible Study Becky Crosby will continue the study on the life and teachings of the Apostle Paul this winter and spring. We will read his letters and the Book of Acts and explore how Paul shaped Christianity and transformed Jesus in to the Messiah. To accompany and guide our study, we are reading A.N. Wilson's book, "Paul: The Mind of the Apostle." The book can easily be purchased on-line. **Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 10:45 in the church library on the following dates: February 22, all Thursdays in March and April 5th. It is not too late to join our group.** Please bring your own Bible (all translations are welcome). If you don't own a Bible, we have plenty to share.

The Ladies Who Stitch We meet in the Sheffield Auditorium on *Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.* Anyone is welcome to stop in to see what we're doing, make a special request, and/or shop from our inventory. Currently, we are requesting donations of boy's and girl's underpants and tee-shirts - small sizes, elementary school age, - to send to Haiti in April with the Crosby Foundation's student trip. These will be added to the things we are making for the children. Donations can be brought in during our Monday working hours, or labeled and left on our storage shelves in the Sheffield, or dropped into the labeled basket in the connector. Questions? Contact Eunice via email: eunicetaylor@me.com.

LBS COOKBOOK PRESERVES THE WISDOM OF THE AGES LBS has collected more than 300 tested and cherished recipes from members and friends. Some come from Grandma's table; some are almost as new as yesterday. One of the great treasures of our church family is a very deep reservoir of remarkable cooking wisdom accumulated over decades, centuries even. Cookbooks, \$10, available at the church office.

Care-giver's Support Group, Friday, February 9, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor While sharing ways to bring peace and comfort to those we are caring for, we also discuss ways to bring meaning and purpose to the lives of those who have lost so much in the way of disability, illness, disease or addiction; and ways we can care more for ourselves. Come join our Care-giver's Support Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting is Friday, February 9. If you would like to meet one-on-one or have any questions, feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest, 860-434-4629.

Chris George, Executive Director of Integrated Refugee and Immigrant services (IRIS) will speak on "US Immigration Policy: Refugee Resettlement in Connecticut" on February 6 at 6:00 pm at the Saybrook Point Inn in Old Saybrook preceded by an informal reception at 5:30pm. The talk is being presented by the Southeast Connecticut World Affairs Council (SECWAC). <http://secwac.org>. Attendance is free for those new to SECWAC, \$20 for those who have previously attended a lecture. IRIS coordinated and supported FCCOL's adoption of the Hamou family into our community. Please call the church office if you would like assistance with transportation to and from the Saybrook Point Inn.

Church World Service Blanket Drive 2,755 blankets were distributed domestically from June - October 2017. The woolen blankets are made by Northwest Woolen Mills. Some were sent to Appalachia where winters can be cold and brutal, especially if the home isn't well insulated and has broken windows. For many families, a CWS blanket is an important barrier to keep out the cold. The blankets were also distributed to people affected by hurricanes. Each blanket costs \$10. Envelopes are available in the pews. Please make checks payable to CWS, indicating in the memo space "Blanket Drive." The envelopes may be put in the collection plate or sent to the church c/o LBS.

Sunday Memorial Flowers The third week in October and the second week in March are available for Sunday Memorial flowers. Please call Gisele Perry at 860-382-3115 for more information.

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

Sunday School *TODAY at 9:00 am.*

Ladies Who Stitch *Monday, February 5th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium..

Writing Group *Wednesday, February 7th at 4:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Old Lyme Ringers *Wednesday, February 7th at 6:30 pm* in the Meetinghouse.

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

Care-giver's Support Group *Friday, February 9th at 10:00 am* in the Hoag Parlor.

JPF&SPF Mardis Gras Breakfast *at 8:45 am on February 11th* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Laura's Candidating Service & Reception *Sunday, February 11th at 10:00 am.*

COMMUNION SERVICE

INVITATION

GENERAL CONFESSION

Merciful God, we have often wandered far from your intention for us. We have lived for our own momentary pleasure, forgetting our kinship with your hurting children and with all of creation. You call us to be a justice-seeking people, bringing light to the world. Instead, Your light is too often extinguished in our hearts because we fear what it might reveal. We become prisoners of our own shortsighted desires. Redeem us, O God, and redirect us in your new and living way. Shine a light in our hearts, and enable us to be a light for others in a fractured and broken world. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

GIVING OF THE BREAD

GIVING OF THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, O God, for the sustenance we have been offered in this bread and wine. We give thanks for the ongoing presence in the world of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith in you, O God, and help us to keep finding new ways to love one another. We pray these things in the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

*It is the practice of this church to serve grape juice in our communion service.
Bread is gluten-free.*