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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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January 21, 2018

11:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #8 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

*Call to Worship

Your love, O God reaches to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the skies.
**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
Your justice like the great deep.**
Earth's children, high and low,
take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
**We feast on the abundance of your house;
You give us drink from your river of delight.**
For with you is the fountain of life;
In your light, we see light.
Let us worship God.

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

*Unison Reading:

**I'm not interested in who suffered the most.
I'm interested in people getting over it.
Each of us carries a tender spot: something our lives forgot to give us.
A man builds a house and says, "I am native now."
A woman speaks to a tree in place of her son. And olives come.
A child's poem says, "I don't like wars, they end up with monuments."
There's a place in my brain where hate won't grow.
I touch its riddle: wind, and seeds. Something pokes us as we sleep.
It's late, but everything comes next.**

-Naomi Nye, Jerusalem"

*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture: Luke 19: 41-42 (NT, pg. 79)

Revelation 22: 1-5 (NT, pg. 241)

*Hymn: #244 “Like a Tree Beside the Waters”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response:

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me; Spir - it of the

liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,

use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

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

Sermon: “BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE”

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit and Shelly Altman

*Hymn: #504 “God of Justice, God of Mercy”

Benediction

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

Large print versions of the 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.

We are pleased to welcome Shelly Altman to the pulpit this morning. Shelly is the co-chair of Jewish Voice for Peace, New Haven, and he traveled on our Tree of Life journey this year. It is a pleasure to have both Shelly and his wife Susan with us this morning.

The flowers this morning are given by Sam and Marianne Baez in loving memory of members of the Baez and Magnuson families.

The deacon on duty is Lecia Harbinson. 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 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 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:** Joe Standart, highly acclaimed photographer, will show slides of his upcoming project in New Haven, "Portrait of America, WE ARE: A Nation of Immigrants." **January 28:** John Yrchik, travels to Burma.

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>**. **Our first meeting will be TODAY, at 12 noon in the Sheffield Auditorium at FCCOL.**



"We Depend Upon One Another!"

"No one has ever become poorer by giving."

-Anne Frank

We depend upon one another – and there are those who depend upon us. Our 2018 Stewardship Campaign results are now within 86% of our \$630,000 goal, but we still need to raise over \$95,000 to meet that goal. Please faithfully consider how your investment can sustain and grow the extraordinary ministries and missions of this church – and strengthen the blessings of interdependence that we receive from our Mission partnerships. If you have not yet submitted your pledge, we urge you to do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

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 into 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: January 25, February 1, 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.

Old Lyme Ringers We are looking for a few good ringers for our newly formed handbell choir, the Old Lyme Ringers. We will meet for seven rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:25 pm in the Meeting House, *January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 21 and 28.* We will be ringing in worship several times during the seven week season. Ability to read music is helpful but not necessary. If interested, please contact Gary Jungkeit at gjungkeit@charter.net.

The Ladies Who Stitch are back at work - sewing, knitting, and repairing - 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. A few of our creations are now also available at the **Women's Exchange/The Lyme Tree in Old Lyme.** 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.

Winter Pot-Luck Gatherings 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. We will be choosing a *Saturday night in March.* Stay tuned for the date. If you have any questions about participating as a host or guest, please call the church office at 860-434-8686.

Refugee Resettlement Committee News! The Refugee Resettlement Committee of Lyme/Old Lyme has welcomed Adrian and Maria Colon to the home in Rogers Lake. We are pleased to have them in our community. They have two sons, Gustavo, age 2, and Adrian Jr., age 12.

God's Neighborhood Today in God's Neighborhood we will be learning about The Parable of the Talents through stories, arts and crafts and other activities. All are welcome! Please Join Us!

Next Sunday, *January 28, 2018*, JPF and SPF will go bowling at the Coast Guard Academy from 6:00-8:00 pm. Join us there. Parents welcome to bowl. Please RSVP today!

Receive Our e-Newsletter in Your Inbox Are you receiving the church's monthly **email** communication? If you'd like to receive our monthly **e-Newsletter**, please send us your email address at **FCCofOldLyme@gmail.com**. Thank you! This is smaller and separate from our monthly printed 16-page Newsletter.

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.

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.

2018 Offering Envelopes have arrived and are available for you to pick up from the cart in the connector. If you desire envelopes and do not see a box with your name, please write your name on the clipboard and they will be available next Sunday. Thanks, Bob McCracken.

**The deadline for the February Newsletter is Friday, January 26th.
Please send articles by e-mail as a Word document, fccol@fccol.org.**

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

Sunday School *TODAY at 9:00 am.*

Haiti Group Meeting *TODAY at 12:00 pm* in the Library.

Partnership Co-op Meeting *TODAY at 12:30 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Sewing Group *Monday, January 22nd at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

LBS Board Meeting *Tuesday, January 23rd at 10:00 am* in the Library.

Board of Deacons *Tuesday, January 23rd at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

Writing Group *Wednesday, January 24th at 4:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Senior Choir Rehearsal *Wednesday, January 24th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study *Thursday, January 25th at 10:45 am* in the Library.

ANNUAL MEETING *Sunday, January 28th at 12:15 pm in the Meetinghouse.*

**THE ANNUAL MEETING
IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018,
AFTER THE 11:00 AM SERVICE.**

**NOTICE OF FCCOL ANNUAL MEETING
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF
OLD LYME WILL BE HELD ON
THE 28th DAY OF JANUARY, 2018
AT 12:15 PM IN THE MEETING HOUSE
AT 2 FERRY ROAD, OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT.**

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING SHALL BE:

- TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE MINISTERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, AND THE CHURCH OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2017;
- TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE;
- TO ELECT OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE COMING YEAR;
- TO APPROVE THE CHURCH BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2018;
- TO APPROVE 2 ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCH BY-LAWS;
- AND TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER OLD OR NEW BUSINESS AS SHALL PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.