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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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January 28, 2018

11:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Whence Is That Goodly Fragrance Flowing?*

Mack Wilberg

*Processional Hymn: #30 "Praise Our God, All Glories Show (verses 1 and 4)

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 118):

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.**

With the Lord on my side I do not fear.

What can mortals do to me?

**Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us worship God!

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

*Unison Reading:

**If only we arrange our lives according to that principle which counsels us
that we must always hold to the difficult,
then that which now still seems to us the most alien will become
what we most trust and find most faithful.**

**How should we be able to forget those ancient myths about dragons
that at the last moment turn into princesses;
perhaps all the dragons of our lives are princesses
who are only waiting to see us once beautiful and brave.**

**Perhaps everything terrible is in its deepest being something helpless
that wants help from us.**

-Rainer Maria Rilke, Fear of the Inexplicable

*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture: Matthew 14: 22-27 (NT, pg. 15)
I John 4: 16b-21 (NT, pg. 224)

*Hymn: #386 “We Are One in the Spirit”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer*

The image shows a musical score for the Pastoral Prayer Response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -
cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace."

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Behold A Star From Jacob Shining*

Felix Mendelssohn

*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: “FAITH AGAINST FEAR”

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #422 “Have Faith in God”

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Almighty God, Who Hast Me Brought*

Thomas Ford

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.

*The flowers this morning are given by the family in loving memory of
Sylvia Marsh and the spirits of creative women everywhere.*

*The deacon on duty is Elizabeth Nocera.
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 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: John Urchik, who will talk about his travels in the remote eastern Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan. **February 4:** No Forum, Communion Sunday. **February 11:** No Forum, Laura's Candidating Sermon and reception.

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.



“Giving liberates the soul of the giver.”

-Maya Angelou

We depend upon one another – and there are those who depend upon us. Our 2018 Stewardship Campaign results are now within 87% of our \$630,000 goal, but we still need to raise over \$83,000 to meet that goal. Our 2018 Stewardship Campaign ends on March 25th. 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!

God's Neighborhood This morning in God's Neighborhood we will be learning about the Parable of the Lost Sheep through Music, stories and arts and crafts. We will also be working on planning our service projects. Everyone welcome to join in the fun!

On February 11, 2018 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! **On February 11, 2018 from 8:45-9:45 a.m. the SPF and JFP will host a Mardis Gras breakfast before the 10 am service.** Pancakes, eggs, sausage and fruit will be served. A free will offering to support Pilgrim Fellowship service projects will be taken.

JPF and SPF—tonight we will be bowling at the Coast Guard Academy from 6-8 pm. Please RSVP to Lisadoggart@gmail.com if you can attend—parents and friends welcome!

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 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 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.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING
IS TODAY
AFTER THE 11:00 AM SERVICE.**

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.

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.

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 know if you would like assistance with transportation to and from the Saybrook Point Inn.

Church World Service Blanket Drive During February and March, the Ladies Benevolent Society collects the annual offering for the Blanket Drive. CWS has been around for 60 years and has provided blankets and other services to a multitude of people all over the world. Blankets are distributed to people when they lose power, to the homeless and economically disadvantaged, to newly arrived refugees and people affected by hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes or fires. CWS supports blanket purchases closer to the area where they will be distributed, which saves processing and shipping and supports the local economy. 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. Your donations will be sincerely appreciated!

Refugee Resettlement Committee 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.

Growing Through Grief Group, Friday, February 2nd, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor The holidays are past, a new year is upon us. All of us have experienced loss this past year, and we know one of the best ways to cope and heal is to be with and share with others who have also experienced such loss. Come join our Growing Through Grief Group. New members are always welcome. If you would like to meet one-on-one or have any questions, feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest, 860-434-4629.

Care-giver's Support Group, Friday, February 9th, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor "Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react" (Charles Swindoll). While many forms of communication in ordinary life can seem recreational, (commonly called "sharing"), caregiving is not ordinary life. Communicating one's feelings and listening to others is a wonderful way of caring for oneself. Come join our Care-giver's Support Group. New members are always welcome. If you would like to meet one-on-one or have any questions, feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest, 860-434-4629.



Save the Date: On February 11, 2018 from 8:45-9:45 a.m. the SPF and JFP will host a Mardi Gras breakfast before the 10 am service.

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

Sunday School *TODAY at 9:00 am.*

ANNUAL MEETING *TODAY at 12:15 pm in the Meetinghouse.*

Ladies Who Stitch *Monday, January 29th at 10:00 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

Poetry Group *Wednesday, January 31st at 4:00 pm in the Hoag Parlor.*

Handbell Choir *Wednesday, January 31st at 6:30 pm in the Meetinghouse.*

Senior Choir Rehearsal *Wednesday, January 31st at 7:30 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

Bible Study *Thursday, February 1st at 10:45 am in the Library.*

Grief Group *Friday, February 2nd at 10:00 am in the Hoag Parlor.*

Communion Sunday, *February 4th at both services.*