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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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March 19, 2017

11:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #111 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (verses 1, 3, and 6)

*Call to Worship:

Come near to one another and to our God.
Be still before the one who fulfills our hearts' desires.
This is a time for meeting and greeting.
This is the hour for quieting life's stresses and worries.
Wait patiently, for God will be revealed to us.
God is our refuge, in whom we trust.
We are here to receive life in all its abundance.
God is providing for us and has a purpose for us.
God raises us up and sends us forth.
Surely God will help us wherever we go.
Let us worship God.

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

Sacrament of Baptism

*Unison Reading:

Religion can hide us as nothing else from the face of God.

-Martin Buber

Your face, God, do I seek.

-Psalm 27:8

*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture: Matthew 8: 18-22 (NT, pg. 7)

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 (NT, pg. 156)

*Hymn: #172 "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

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.

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

*Hymn: #112 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Sermon: "YOUR GOD IS TOO BIG"

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #177 "He Comes to Us"

Benediction

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.

This morning we are pleased to celebrate the baptism of Andrew Francis and Matthew Alexander Edgar, sons of Anabel Astudillo and Chad L. Edgar, and grandsons of Dencie and Jerry Guindon.

The flowers this morning are given by Barbara Campbell in loving memory of Dr. Robert Campbell.

The deacon on duty is Karen Harris.

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.

The Rev. Christine Caton serves this church as minister of the South Lyme Union Chapel.

Large print versions of this bulletin are available from the ushers.

Forums TODAY: No forum. **March 26: Bill Dunbar,** “Hurricane Sandy and Its Implications for Shoreline Communities.”

Bible Study Thursdays at 10:45 am in the Library In March, as part of our studies of early Christian heresies, we will study the Acts of John (apocryphal text) written in the early 3rd century A.D. Class meets next on **Thursday, March 30** from 10:45 to 11:45 am. We will take a break and meet again on **May 4 and May 11** to study the Letter of James. Bible study is led by Becky Crosby.

Hymn Sing Join us for an old-fashioned hymn sing on **TODAY at 4:00 pm** in the Sheffield Auditorium. Bring your requests! No musical experience required! Light refreshments will follow and, we can promise you'll learn some new tunes and be entertained.

CONCERT: On Saturday, March 25th, 5:00 pm, Tom McDermott, a piano virtuoso who plies his trade in the clubs and on the streets of New Orleans, will be visiting our community in Old Lyme. He'll play a concert at FCCOL on Saturday (at 5:00 pm) and then he'll be with us on Sunday morning as well. Tom was regularly featured in HBO's series *Treme*, about post-Katrina New Orleans, and his recorded work has brought considerable acclaim (check out *All the Keys and Then Some*). We're incredibly fortunate to be able to welcome Tom to Old Lyme. You should totally come hear him. Your ears will thank you. Your heart will too.

Less than two weeks before the show - Your tickets are waiting in the church office!

Shorug Debka and Hip Hop Performance. Join us *Friday, March 31st, 7:00 PM* at the Artists collective in Hartford. Purchase tickets now from Joan in the church office, or online through the link on TOLEF.org - \$15 for adults, \$5 for students. **If you want to carpool, be at the church by 5:15 - we will leave at 5:30.** If you're willing to volunteer in some way for the event, please email your interest to Wendy Knight wendyknight@gmail.com. Wendy will keep a list of volunteers and Mary will follow up when she returns from the Journey.

Journey to the Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota Explore the beauty of the Black Hills and invest in a mutually beneficial relationship with our Lakota friends in Green Grass, SD. *Trip dates are June 20th – June 28th.* Please contact Stephanie Kenny at 860-884-3875 or by email Stephanieckenny@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us. We will need a commitment by April 9th. Please join us on *Sunday, April 2nd* to learn more about the trip. We will meet in the church Library at 12:30 pm, after the 11am service.

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

SAVE THE DATE! April 1st
Syrian family benefit dinner at Christ the King at 6:00 pm in the community room.

Join us as we break bread with our neighbors the Hamou Family and enjoy a meal of delicious Syrian food prepared by Yaldiz Hamou. Learn about the experience of refugees entering the country, and help us raise funds to open our doors to a second family. Volunteer help is needed to prepare food at Yaldez's direction (to be determined whether we will all cook at Christ the King or in our homes).

We also need help with set up and clean up.

Please call or email Louise Lynch, 860-434-7062 or louise053@aol.com.

FCCOL reservations for the dinner can be made by calling the FCCOL office at 860-434-8686.

Church World Service Blanket Drive In the United States, when disasters strike, CWS works with partners on the scene to provide shelter, food, water, blankets and recovery kits. CWS also dispatches disaster response specialists where needed in order to provide assistance to local interfaith groups, assessing and responding to the material and spiritual needs of their communities. In 2016, aside from blankets, CWS also distributed Hygiene Kits, School Kits, Cleanup Buckets and Baby Care Kits domestically and overseas. The blanket drive continues until the end of March. Each blanket costs \$10. Please make checks payable to CWS, indicating in the memo space "Blanket Drive." Special envelopes are available in the pews and may be put on the collection plate or sent to the Church c/o LBS. The money collected for the blanket drive is used for that purpose only.

Sewing Group We meet every Monday from 10:00-2:00 in the Sheffield Auditorium. We make things for the church (pillows, napkins, place mats, tote bags, baby blankets, clothes for Haiti, etc.), as well as items for purchase—available during our Monday working hours, at the LBS luncheons, and at the White Elephant Sales. In addition to our other projects, we are currently making very large tote bags to donate to the New London Homeless Hospitality Center. Donate to us anything that is 100% wool, and we will recycle it. We might even be able to create something special for you out of your donation. Questions? Email: eunicetaylor@me.com or call Eunice at 860.447.3025.

American Red Cross CPR/First Aid Class will be available on *March 25, from 1-5 p.m.* in the teen room at FCCOL. The cost is \$27. This is a good course for anyone working with elderly persons, children or in any job where it is required. Please contact Cathy Mathis at 860-399-7714 to register.

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.)

God's Neighborhood Sunday School During March our Sunday School is celebrating the Fruit of the Spirit, Gentleness.

JPF and SPF help is needed to set up for the Syrian Dinner on *April 1* at Christ the King starting at 3. Please email LisaDoggart@gmail.com if you are available to help.

On *Wednesday, April 12* we will be headed to New York City to see the matinee performance of *Come From Away*. We will take the train out of New Haven to get to the city and may add an extra day on Tuesday to see Ellis Island. Please RSVP to LisaDoggart@gmail.com for details.

Youth in Grades 4 through 12 are headed up to the Heifer Farm in Rutland, Massachusetts on *May 13*. RSVP's to LisaDoggart@gmail.com are needed early for this (April 16) and the cost is \$15 per person. We will be leaving Old Lyme at 8:00 a.m. and attending the Seeds program. In this program we will visit the Global Village and then eat a cultural meal there. We will also visit the barns and meet the animals and find out about their importance and then visit the organic gardens. We will return to Old Lyme about 4 p.m.

Save the Date: LBS luncheon on April 11th! Join us to hear a Tattoo historian, an author, (and several others). On *Tuesday, April 11th*, at 12:00pm listen to a yacht jockey, a commercial fisherman, dock worker, historian, college professor, and tattoo researcher—**all in one package!** Wick Griswold, from a family whose roots go back to the earliest days at Black Hall in Old Lyme and the founding of this church, speaks about his recent book on GRISWOLD POINT (2014), and the site of our traditional Easter Sunrise services (coming again on April 16). Griswold has also written books on A HISTORY OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER and TREASURE AND TREACHERY IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL STATE: CT PIRATES AND PRIVATEERS. 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. Bring a general history question about the people gathering at the mouth of Connecticut River that stumps our guest to enjoy a free lunch!

EASTER SEASON SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday 4/13/17

6:30 pm Concert, Soup Supper & Informal Communion

“Requiem” by John Rutter with FCCOL Sr. Choir with orchestra

Good Friday 4/14/17 Meetinghouse open for prayer and meditation.

Walk for The Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries at 9:45 am. We will meet at St. Ann’s Episcopal Church and walk past Christ the King Church to FCCOL and back again -- about 3 miles. Please join us and walk for world hunger. All ages are welcome.

Easter Sunrise Service 4/16/17

6:00 am at Griswold Point (if you need directions, call the church)

Easter Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am Worship Services

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast/coffee hour between the 9&11 services.

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday. No coffee hour following the 11:00 am service.

Easter Memorial Music

As in years past, you can make a donation to our Easter Memorial Music by calling or stopping by the church office. Any amount would be appreciated, but it is important to call 860-434-8686, and to be specific about the names you wish to have listed. We will need all information by *Friday, March 31*, in order to print the Easter bulletins.

Easter Flowers

This year we will have a collection of Easter lilies and spring flowers as our altar arrangement (rather than all lilies). These flowers will be distributed to those who are homebound or in nursing homes following Easter morning. If you would like to make a contribution to this effort in honor of a loved one, please make a donation of \$10.00 and call us to let us know the name you would like in the memorial list. As with Memorial Music, we must finalize this list of names on *Friday, March 31*. Thank you.

Calendar of Events & Meetings for This Week

God’s Neighborhood Sunday School *TODAY*.

Hymn Sing *TODAY* at 4:00 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Sewing Group *Monday, March 20th* at 10:00 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Poetry Group *Wednesday, March 22nd* at 4:00 pm in the Hoag Parlor.

Running Group *Wednesday, March 22nd* at 5:00 pm, meets in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Children’s Choir *Wednesday, March 22nd* at 5:00 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, March 22nd* at 7:30 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Tom McDermott Concert *Saturday, March 25th* at 5:00 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.