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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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March 26, 2017

9:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #33 “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

*Call to Worship: (from Psalm 98):

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.**

Let the floods clap their hands;
**let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.**

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Let us worship God, with music in our hearts.

*Invocation

*The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

Moment for Stewardship

Mike Long

Down by the Riverside

Traditional

Commentary by Tom McDermott and Steve Jungkeit

*Hymn: #308 “If Anybody Asks You Who I Am”

Offertory Invitation

Heavy Henry

Tom McDermott, for Henry Butler

Commentary by Tom McDermott and Steve Jungkeit

*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

Carleen Gerber

*Hymn: #500 "O for a World"

(children proceed to classes during the 1st stanza)

Danza

Louis Moreau Gottschalk, 1829-1869

Commentary by Tom McDermott & Steve Jungkeit

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 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: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in - cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The first system ends with a fermata over the word "in -".

Scripture: Psalm 29 (OT, pg. 487)

Isaiah 51: 1-5 (OT, pg. 646)

D Major Piano Sonata Movement

Beethoven

Commentary by Tom McDermott & Steve Jungkeit

*Hymn: #7 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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 welcome Tom McDermott, a piano virtuoso who plies his trade in the clubs and on the streets of New Orleans. 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.

At the 11 AM service this morning we are pleased to celebrate the baptism of Emma Madison Boehm, daughter of Amanda Russ and Garrett Boehm, granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Russ and great granddaughter of the late Maitland & Romona McNamara.

The flowers this morning are given by Penny Reneson in loving memory of Christopher Reneson.

The hosts for fellowship hour are the Clark family.

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.

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

Forums TODAY: Bill Dunbar, “Hurricane Sandy and Its Implications for Shoreline Communities.” **April 2: Becky Crosby**, “The Passion of Christ in the Visual Arts.”

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.

CELEBRATION FELLOWSHIP HOUR – Sunday April 2nd 10:00 Please join the Board of Stewardship as we celebrate the results of our 2017 Stewardship Campaign!

THIS FRIDAY- get your tickets today from Mary!!!!

Shorug Debka and Hip Hop Performance

Join us Friday March 31st, 7PM 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, please email mary@tolef.org or call 860-391-5384. Hope to see you there!!

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 speaks about his recent book on GRISWOLD POINT (2014), and the site of our traditional Easter Sunrise services (coming again on April 16). 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!

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.

**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 Yaldiz'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 434-8686.

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.)

Church World Service Blanket Drive CWS works together with church alliances and related organizations in over 30 countries. Blankets are urgently needed for homeless shelters, newly arrived immigrants, migrant workers, refugee camps, and people who have suffered from disasters like tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and fire. Each blanket costs \$10. Please make checks payable to CWS.

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

Sewing Group We are in need of a replacement steam iron as one of our older ones quit last week. If you have one in good working condition that you were going to donate to the White Elephant Sale anyway, we could use it now. Thanks! Questions? Email: eunicetaylor@me.com or call Eunice at 860.447.3025.

**The Requiem of John Rutter
our own 40 voice choir
18 piece orchestra, directed by Simon Holt
6:30 pm in the Meetinghouse
Maundy Thursday, April 13th**

Growing Through Grief Group, Friday, April 7, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor Henri Nouwen once wrote, “When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving much advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a gentle and tender hand.” Come join our Growing Through Grief Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be *Friday, April 7*. 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.

God’s Neighborhood Sunday School During March the Fruit of the Spirit in our Sunday School is Gentleness. All children are invited to join us! Please remember to look at the bulletin board on the way to Fellowship Hall for new pictures.

JPF and SPF Youth News

Today — sorting clothes for distribution to Food Pantry 10:30 to 12 pm in the PF room.

On **April 12** there is a group traveling to New York City to see **Come From Away** for the matinee performance. This is for all ages. Please email LisaDoggart@gmail.com or allisonghine@gmail.com for details if you are interested.

April 15, 3pm, Griswold Point. The SPF and JPF join together as we get ready for Easter Sunrise Service. Meet at the church at 3 pm and we will be back at the church by 4:30 for a quick snack.

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. We will visit the Global Village and then eat a cultural meal there. We will also visit the barns and meet the animals. We will return to Old Lyme about 4 p.m.

Calendar of Events & Meetings for This Week

God’s Neighborhood Sunday School *TODAY*.

Sewing Group *Monday, March 27th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

LBS Board *Tuesday, March 28th at 10:00 am* in the Library.

Board of Deacons *Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

Writing Group *Wednesday, March 29th at 4:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Running Group *Wednesday, March 29th at 5:00 pm*, meets in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Children’s Choir *Wednesday, March 29th at 5:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, March 29th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study *Thursday, March 30th at 10:45 am* in the Library.

Shorouq Debka and Hip Hop Performance *Friday, March 31st at 7:00 pm* in Hartford.

Syrian Dinner *Saturday, April 1st at 7:00 pm* at Christ the King Church.

Green Grass Meeting *Sunday, April 2nd at 12:30 pm* in the Library.

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.***

One Great Hour of Sharing

This year we will once again dedicate our Easter offering to the work of One Great Hour of Sharing, a fund collected through the United Church of Christ and dispersed through the National Council of Churches. This fund can be accessed for any emergencies world-wide, such as relief in times of natural disaster or critical health or social crises. Last year we received word from the UCC that, in terms of the OGHs collection, we were among the 100 most generous churches in the nation! That is a testimony to the generosity of our congregation, and a real honor. We have set our goal for the 2017 collection at \$10,000 once again. Please help as much as you are able.

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.