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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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November 5, 2017

9:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Chorale Prelude on "St. Theodulph"*

Melchior Teschner

*Processional Hymn: #486 "For All the Saints"

*Call to Worship:

We gather this morning to celebrate the lives of persons we name as saints.

Some of them are living. Some of them no longer walk among us physically.

Some have touched us personally, and others have touched
and called into question the institutions and structures of our society.

**But all have shaken our being - all have been examples of lives of wholeness,
working for a peaceable world.**

We celebrate these persons and their lives in all aspects of God's creation.

And we pray for the wisdom and clarity to become such persons in a turbulent time.

Let us worship God.

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

Moment for Stewardship

*Hymn: #520 "Restless Weaver"

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord*

Anthony Piccolo

*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

Hymn: #364 "This Little Light of Mine"

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

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. 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 3/4. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." and "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!". The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style.

Scripture: Hebrews 13: 1-6 (NT, pg. 212)

Revelation 3: 14-22 (NT, pg. 229)

Sermon: "BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK"

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #305 "Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *The Lord's Prayer*

Flor Peeters

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 at the 11:00 am service we are pleased to celebrate the baptism of Mia Lynne Swan, daughter of Melissa and Jeffrey Swan and granddaughter of Stan and Lynne Len and Richard and Dawn Swan.

The flowers this morning are given by Amy and Turner Cabaniss in loving memory of Agatha & Joseph Cabaniss.

The hosts for fellowship hour are members of the Board of Youth Education. 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.

Adult Forums TODAY: Lowell Weicker. **NOVEMBER 12:** Jenny Parsons, Assistant curator at the Florence Griswold Museum.

Care-Givers Support Group, *Friday, November 10, 10:00 a.m.* in the Hoag Parlor “Being a listening friend is like being someone’s human journal. The journal accepts every word that you write, unconditionally. A journal gives you the opportunity to vent without being criticized.” (Terri Green) One of the most important ways to be a healthy caregiver is to take time for yourself and seek support of people who can relate to your situation. Come join our group of “listening friends.” New members are always welcome in our Care-givers Support Group. Our next meeting will be Friday, November 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor. If you would like to meet one-on-one or have any questions, feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest, 860-434-4629.

Help Wanted to Count Sunday Offering Volunteers are needed to join teams of offering counters. Each team usually meets once a month to count and process the Sunday offering. Additional volunteers are needed from time-to-time to be substitutes for team members who are not able to be present for the counting. On special occasions, such as Christmas and Easter, additional volunteers are needed to augment the assigned team to ease the additional burden. To volunteer your time to support this important function of the Church, please contact Allan Kiem, the Financial Secretary, by e-mail, at Kiem36@live.com; or phone at **860-434-5216**.

LBS Luncheon The November Luncheon begins at *noon on Tuesday, November 14*. The speaker begins at 1:00 pm, followed by Q&A until ca. 2:00 pm. Cost is \$5 plus canned food or diapers for our Food Pantry ministries. We appreciate a call (860-434-8686) by November 10 to reserve a place so that we can be sure to have enough food. Last month, we heard about the “Remarkable Women” of Old Lyme. On November 14, while still in the dark shadow of Hallowe’en, we’ll hear about Connecticut’s connections to witches and witchcraft from author Cynthia Wolfe Boynton, who will speak about her recent book, *Connecticut Witch Trials*. Ladies Who Stitch will again offer a selection of their handmade items for your shopping convenience.

NEW 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. The new cookbook is \$10. Cookbooks are available during Fellowship hours on Sunday in Fellowship Hall or from the church office.



"We Depend Upon One Another!"

**“When you stop giving and offering something to the rest of the world,
it’s time to turn off the lights”.**

-George Burns

We depend upon one another – and there are those who depend upon us.

During our 2018 Stewardship Campaign, 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.

Bible Study Becky Crosby is leading a study on the life and teachings of the Apostle Paul through his letters and the Book of Acts and discover how he shaped Christianity and transformed Jesus into the Messiah. To accompany and guide our study, we will read A.N. Wilson's book, "Paul: The Mind of the Apostle." The book can easily be purchased online. **Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10:45** in the church's Library, and we will meet every Thursday until December 21st, when we will break for Christmas. Please bring your own Bible (all translations are welcome). If you don't own a Bible, we have plenty to share.

New Members It is our custom to receive new members twice a year. If you have been attending, or visiting, and would like to talk about membership (ask any question you might have), Steve, Carleen or Joan would love the opportunity to sit down over a cup of coffee and chat! Please call any one of us and let's set up a time and place. ***We will be receiving new members on December 3rd.*** The New Members orientation meeting will be *Thursday, November 30th, at 7:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium. There will be a New Members luncheon on *December 3rd at 12:00 pm.*

Fuller Center for Housing Puerto Rico Build Fuller Center has announced plans to build in Puerto Rico in the next few months. There is the possibility of a group heading down there right after Christmas. If you'd like to talk about this further, please email Allison Hine, allisonghine@gmail.com, and we'll put together a group to talk about potential details in a few weeks.

Tree of Life Journey January 2018 January 2-14 with optional extension to Jordan through January 18. “The Right of Return: 70 Years of Refugees in Palestine, Israel, and Beyond.” The cost for this journey is \$2100 for double occupancy and \$450 additional for a single room. Cost of the extension is \$700 for double occupancy and \$200 additional for single. Contact Mary Tomassetti, Tree of Life Executive Director, for more details at mary@tolef.org.

***The Blessings of Three Mission Partnerships –
Stewardship Testimonials***

“For over 30 years, FCCOL has, through their gifts of time, treasure and talent, been a chief supporter of all our work. In these past three decades you have helped to change the lives of 75 families, with 6 more working on their own homes right now. You have been, and continue to be, faithful partners with Habitat for Humanity of Southeastern Ct.”

from Terri O’Rourke, executive director HFHECT

“For over half a century, Storefront Academy has provided high-quality instruction to underserved students in New York City. Our proven academic model focuses on cultivating intellect and character in equal measure. Thanks to your ongoing support, and the support of others, Storefront Academy continues to defy the odds. All of our eighth grade students go on to attend high-performing high schools, and 100% graduate in four years (versus 73% of NYC public school students). Our achievements are only possible through your support. Thank-you for investing in the future.”

from Karen H. Putnan, acting Executive Director,
Storefront Academy Storefront Academy, 125th St. NYC

“Thank – you to the entire congregation for supporting the Homeless Hospitality Center. Your support allows us to offer hospitality and shelter to individuals who have nowhere else to turn. This year we will serve more than 600 people from across Southeastern Ct. All of us - including the people we serve in the shelter – appreciate your generosity and your longtime commitment. When we stand together we create a stronger and more compassionate community.”

from Catherine Zall, Executive Director NLHHC

In God's Neighborhood Today ALL ARE WELCOME!

Today in God's Neighborhood we will be learning about how Abram worked with Lot to decide where they each would live. All are welcome! Please join us!

JPF and SPF news —

Today JPF and SPF youth will be planting bulbs directly after church in Lyme and Old Lyme. We will be back within 2 hours. Please meet near Fellowship Hall.

SPF will have their Homeless Awareness Box Night *next Saturday, November 11, 2017*. RSVP today!

SPF will be serving at the New London Community Food Center on *November 26, 2017*. Please RSVP.

Food Pantry at FCCOL – Volunteers Needed Fridays, 8:30-10:00 am, or Saturdays, 8:45-11 am. You do not have to commit to every week; just come when you can. It's a great community service and fun people to work with. When you come, be sure to find Marie so she can give you direction. Any questions? Contact Marie Farrell, 860-301-5770, or Henry May, 860-767-7467.

Ladies Who Stitch (LWS) are knitting and sewing up a storm - we're adding new ideas and creations weekly for sale and donation. You can shop with us most Mondays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Sheffield Auditorium. Stop in to see what we have or pick up a price list in the church office. We'll also be at the LBS luncheons *November 14th and December 5th*. The Elephants in Winter sale on *December 2nd* is our big event, and we'll keep things out for the Sunday services *December 3rd*. A new venture for us this year will be the Essex Meadows Holiday Bazaar on *December 7th*. All proceeds go to the church's outreach programs.

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

Sunday School *TODAY at 9:00 am.*

Ladies Who Stitch *Monday, November 6th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

American Red Cross Blood Drive *Wednesday, November 8th at 1:00 pm* in Fellowship.

Poetry Group *Wednesday, November 8th at 4:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Children's Choir *Wednesday, November 8th at 5:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, November 8th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study *Thursday, November 9th at 10:45 am* in the Library.

Board of Stewardship *Thursday, November 9th at 7:30 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Care Group *Friday, November 10th at 10:00 am* in the Hoag Parlor.

SPF Homeless Awareness Box Night *Saturday, November 11th.*