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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister
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October 15, 2017

11:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *O Savior of the World*

John Goss

*Processional Hymn: #426 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 85):

We will listen for the word of the God of peace.
**Surely the God of peace will proclaim peace to God's people,
to the faithful, to those who trust in the God of peace.**
Love and truth will embrace; justice and peace will kiss.
**Truth will spring from the earth;
justice will look down from heaven.**
Let us worship God.

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

Moment for Stewardship

*Unison Reading:

**"Your beliefs become your thoughts,
Your thoughts become your words,
Your words become your actions,
Your actions become your habits,
Your habits become your values,
Your values become your destiny.
The future depends on what you do today."
-Mahatma Gandhi**

*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture: Isaiah 52: 7-10 (OT, pg. 648)
Matthew 26: 47-52 (NT, pg. 29)

*Hymn: #512 “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Spirit of the Living God*

The image shows a three-system musical score for the hymn "Spirit of the Living God". Each system consists of a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "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 Anthem: *Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise*

Eugene Butler

*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: NOTES ON AN AMERICAN EPIDEMIC The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: “My Hope Is Built” (back page)

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Let Thy Merciful Ears, O Lord*

Thomas Weelkes

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.

*The flowers this morning are given by Priscilla and Ron Swanson
in loving memory of the Bayreuther and Swanson families.*

*The host for Fellowship hour is Lina Tuck.
The deacon on duty is Don Gonci.*

*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.*

**“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by
what we give”.**

-Winston Churchill



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.

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

Adult Forums TODAY: David Ogle, "*Is There a Better Way To Elect Our Presidents?: The Electoral College and its Proposed Alternatives.*" **October 22:** Dr. Richard Hellman, *cancer research and treatment.*

FCCOL Art Tour *TODAY*, right after the 9am service the Board of Music and Arts will be offering a tour of the church's art and artifacts. Please assemble in the Library for the start of the tour.

Children's Choir has begun on *Wednesdays at 5:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium. All children are welcome. We hope you'll come!

In God's Neighborhood Today *Today* in God's Neighborhood, Love your Neighbor! We will talk about our neighbors and our worldly neighborhood. Everyone is welcome! Please see our beautiful pictures of the church from last weekend in Fellowship! There will be a short meeting for middle schoolers and parents of middle schoolers today at 10:15 in JPF talking about our interviewing project. JPF and SPF and their parents are invited to a Bonfire and Chili on *Saturday, October 21 at 6 pm.* Please email lisadoggart@gmail.com for details and so there will be enough food. JPF and SPF are headed to the Breakfast Run on *October 28.* Please RSVP—also looking for Crock Pot Oatmeal to serve! On November 5 the Pilgrim Fellowship Youth will be planting flower bulbs in Old Lyme after church. This is our part in helping with the Immigrant Assistance Committee Fundraiser at the beginning of September. Please RSVP lisadoggart@gmail.com for more information.

Care-Givers Support Group, Friday, October 20, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor Come join our Care-Giver's Support Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be *Friday, October 20th, 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.

"How Christians and Muslims Flourish Together in These Times" This interfaith conference is to be held on *Friday, October 27, from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Farmington Valley American Muslim Center,* and again the next day, *October 28, at The First Church of Christ, Congregational of Farmington from 8:00 am till 4:00 pm.* This is a timely and compelling topic. For more details, or to register, go to the FVAMC website and follow the link for Spirit One Conference.

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 his further please email Allison Hine, allisonghine@gmail.com, and we'll put together a group to talk about potential details in a few weeks.

Bible Study This fall Becky Crosby will lead 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 on-line. **Bible Study begins on Thursday, October 26th, 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.

Food Pantry at FCCOL – Volunteers Needed Fridays, 8:30-10:00 am, or Saturdays, 8:45-11 am. 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.

Courageous Women of Resistance Join us here on *Sunday, October 29th*, Bazaar 1:30, Program 2:00-3:30 - Followed by more Bazaar and snacks to hear from Advocacy coordinator Fayrouz Sharqawi of Grassroots Jerusalem, a platform for Palestinian community--based mobilization, leadership and advocacy in Occupied Jerusalem, and Madonna Thunder Hawk Tribal Liaison for Lakota People's Law Project, member of the Oohenumpa band of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and co-founder of Women of All Red Nations (WARN), as well as the Black Hills Alliance. Contact Nick Westbrook westbrooknicholas@gmail.com if you can help.

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.

Partnership Storefront in need of Holiday Home! We have just learned that we are in need of a new location for our Partnership Storefront this December. Ideal situation would be high traffic, good visibility, donated space, and could be outside of Old Lyme. Any ideas? Please contact Stephanie Kenny stephanieckenny@gmail.com / 860-884-3875 with any leads. Thank you thank you for your support!

***The deadline for the November Newsletter is Friday, October 20th.
Please send articles as a Word document (fccol@fccol.org).***

Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantry, at First Congregational Church Old Lyme

Whenever we are asked, “What do you do at the Food Pantry on Thursdays?”; I smile, and say, “Assist in unloading delivery trucks and sort the food received.” What follows that comment is a strange look of disbelief. And it’s not just because they think that we are a bit beyond the age that usually does heavy lifting. I then add that I am one of the *youngest* ones that volunteer, and their eyes become very, very wide...

The Old Lyme Soup Kitchen and Pantry volunteers can be described as a group of dedicated individuals - people that donate hours every week, to perform often exhausting work; helping our neighbors *manage the cost of food* weekly. It’s a three-day operation: On Thursdays we unload and sort the food purchased by our Director, Marie Farrell; along with food donated by a generous network of businesses, civic groups, and individuals. The Friday volunteers bag the more perishable food items in portions that are more easily distributed the following day and set up the “store” in the basement hallway. On Saturday, each guest is fed breakfast in the fellowship room and then “shops”. The “shopping” aspect is a system of selection of whatever food is available based on family size. Families push their grocery carts through the halls of the Church basement, a space donated through the generosity of our church members, for everything from canned goods, to fresh produce, and baked goods to poultry and meat. Thanks to the generosity of this Church, no one leaves without enough food for the week.

This leads to the second question that I am usually asked about the Pantry; “Are these people homeless, and how can there be so many in such a wealthy part of the Connecticut?” In case you haven’t noticed, it isn’t inexpensive to live in this state. As we just recently learned, often up to 65% of a family’s income is allocated to providing and maintaining shelter in Connecticut. That number is staggering to say the least! As the sixth highest state in this country for housing costs, you can well understand *why* we have so many people at the Pantry. After the cost of keeping your family housed and safe, there isn’t always enough income left for groceries. Removing that stress is the *least that we can do*.

The work that we do at the pantry is more than equaled by the enjoyment that we get from working with a great group of people. We feel the joy of knowing that we are helping folks who just need some assistance with their food budget; while at the same time enjoying the comradery of the people that share our vision.

Diane and Steve Hart

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

Sunday School *TODAY at 9:00 am.*

Art Tour *TODAY after the 10:00 am service in the Library.*

Sewing Group *Monday, October 16th at 10:00 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

Poetry Group *Wednesday, October 18th at 4:00 pm in the Hoag Parlor.*

Children’s Choir *Wednesday, October 18th at 5:00 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

Endowment Committee Meeting *Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00 pm in the Library.*

Senior Choir *Wednesday, October 18th at 7:30 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

Care Group *Friday, October 20th at 10:00 am in the Hoag Parlor.*

JPF/SPF Bonfire *Saturday, October 21st at 6:00 pm at the Hines’ home.*

My Hope Is Built

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness. I dare not trust the
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

THE SOLID ROCK
 LM with Refrain