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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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September 10, 2017

11:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #6 "Bring Many Names"

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 33):

Rejoice in God, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

Praise God with the lyre, make melody with the harp.

Sing to God a new song, play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the Word of the Lord is upright, and all God's work is done in faithfulness.

God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Let us worship God.

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

Sacrament of Baptism

*Unison Reading:

Why do people in church seem like tourists on a packaged tour of the Absolute?

Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we blithely invoke?

Or, perhaps, does no one believe a word of it?

**The churches are children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets,
mixing up a batch of TNT. It is madness to wear ladies' straw hats to church;**

we should all be wearing crash helmets.

Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews.

**For the sleeping god may wake someday and take offense,
or the waking god may draw us to where we can never return.**

-Annie Dillard, Teaching a Stone to Talk

*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture: Romans 12: 1-2 (NT, pg. 152)

I Peter 2: 1-10 (read from the J.B. Phillips Translation)

*Hymn: #32 “God of Grace and God of Laughter”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Spirit of the Living God*

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.

The image shows a three-system musical score for a hymn. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system ends with a double bar line. The third system ends with a double bar line.

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

Sermon: “EVERYTHING I DO IS GONH BE FUNKY
(FROM NOW ON), OR, KEEPING CHURCH WEIRD”

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #460 “They Asked, “Who’s My Neighbor”

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
Hudson Joseph DiVito, son of Alianna and Kip DiVito,
and grandson of Danielle & Scott DiVito and Christina & Robert Williams.*

*The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Harned and Samuel C. Harned and Mr. & Mrs. Samuel R. Walker.*

*The hosts for fellowship hour are members of the Hospitality Committee.
The deacon on duty is Karen Harris.*

*If you are visiting us for worship this morning, we welcome you, and invite you
to join us outside (weather permitting) 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.*

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

Come to God's Neighborhood!

All are welcome so please bring your friends!

Today we will celebrate being together by playing games, sharing our joys and concerns from the summer and doing an art project.

Please complete the Registration form. This is so important in that we can make sure that all of the children are safe, happy, and we can let you know what is happening! You may hand them in at the registration table today, hand them personally to your child's teacher or send to the church office. This will provide the best possible experience for each child! Thank you.

On September 17 between the two services SPF will have a Peace Pole Dedication on the Ferry Road side of the church. All are welcome!

Book Group Save the Date on *Sunday, October 1st*, after the 11:00 am service. Martha Beaudoin and Carleen will facilitate a discussion of The Third Reconstruction *How a Moral Movement is overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear* by the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II. This memoir of the Forward Together Moral Movement that began in NC delves into race-based inequity while providing a hopeful message during troubling times. Please join us – all welcome! Bring a snack or sandwich. Drinks will be provided.

Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty Excursion Join us on *Wednesday, October 4th*! Our transportation will be train to Grand Central Station and bus to Battery Park. We will leave Old Saybrook at 7:15 am with a return to the train station at 7:56 pm. Space is limited. Call Martha Beaudoin at 860-302-6417 for more details.

TODAY -- We will start our Sunday morning by getting to know each other and hearing about each other's joys and concerns from this summer! Come to God's Neighborhood in God's House!

Fellowship Hours Volunteering to host a fellowship hour is a wonderful and greatly appreciated way to give to our community! Members of the Hospitality Committee will be available during the coffee hour today to sign up volunteers, or please contact Wendy Knight at wendyknight@gmail.com or Lee Whitaker at Whitakerlee@comcast.net.

Growing Through Grief Group, Friday, September 15, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor

There are many different kinds of loss and grief; loss of a person whom we loved deeply, loss of a relationship we held onto for years, loss of being in physical control of everything in our lives.

Sometimes Grief means learning how to let go:

“To let go is not to welcome sorrow but learn from it.

To let go is not to deny but to accept.

To let go is not to stop caring but to care in a different way.

To let go is not to isolate myself but to realize I can make it on my own.

To let go is not to push others away but to let them into my life.

To let go is not to forget the past but to live in the present and dream for the future.

To let go is to fear less and love more.”

(Author unknown)

Sharing one's feelings of loss, letting go, is not only healthy, it is essential for one's mental and spiritual health. Come join our Growing Through Grief Group; new members are always welcome. *Our next meeting will be Friday, September 15th, 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.

Care-Givers Support Group, Friday, September 22, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor

Caring for someone you love who has an illness, disability or addiction is never easy and can cause one to feel lonely, isolated and unappreciated. Seeking support of friends and people who can relate to your situation is a wonderful way to care for yourself. Come join our Care-givers Support Group as we begin to meet again, once a month this fall. New members are always welcome. *Our next meeting will be Friday, September 22, 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.

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.)

The Ladies Who Stitch We reconvene our *10:00 - 2:00 Monday meetings on September 11th*. In the meantime, if you have questions, or are in need of purchasing some of our creations, please pick up an information/price list located in the connector and/or contact Eunice via email at **eunicetaylor@me.com**. All proceeds go to the Ladies Benevolent Society to be used for the church outreach programs.

Many of us have watched the wreckage and flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey, wondering how or if we might help. The Gulf around Texas and Louisiana is one of the most fragile and vulnerable (and beautiful) areas of the country, and it's difficult to witness the human pain in the aftermath of such an event. While there may yet be further ways to lend assistance, if you'd like to make a donation to help with disaster relief, the UCC "Emergency USA Fund" is a good place to do so:

<https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/Hurricane+Harvey+relief>

Or, you may write a check to the church marked for "Harvey Relief." In the meantime, please keep all the individuals and families affected by Hurricane Harvey in your prayers. All of the funds received go directly to relief efforts.

Tree of Life Journey, January 2018 -The Right of Return: 70 Years of Refugees in Palestine, Israel, and Beyond

A Tree of Life collaboration between the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme and the Islamic Association of Greater Hartford, the journey will be led by Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit (Senior Minister of FCCOL), and Dr. Reza Mansoor (President of the IAGH). It will be an opportunity for travelers to reflect on how Islam and Christianity both speak to the condition of refugees (Jesus and Mohammed were themselves both refugees). It will also be an opportunity to learn about and to experience places sacred to Islam, Judaism, and Christianity, while also learning from the wisdom and expertise of fellow travelers. In addition, there will be an optional extension to Jordan, where we'll have an opportunity to witness the refugee situation in a different country, while also visiting historic sites such as Petra and the Wadi Rum. *Travel dates are January 4-14 (Palestine and Israel only) or January 4-21 (with the Jordan extension).* Costs to be announced shortly. Contact Mary Tomassetti, Tree of Life Executive Director for more details, at mary@tolef.org.

**The October Newsletter deadline is Friday, September 15th.
Please send articles as a Word document to fccol@fccol.org.**

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

Sunday School *TODAY at 9:00 am.*

All Church Picnic at Camp Claire *TODAY at 1:00 pm.*

Ladies Who Stitch *Monday, September 11th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Board of Trustees *Tuesday, September 12th at 7:30 pm* in the Library.

Board of Adult Ed *Tuesday, September 12th at 7:30 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, September 13th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Board of Stewardship *Thursday, September 14th at 9:00 am* in the Library.

Grief Group *Friday, September 15th at 10:00 am* in the Hoag Parlor.



Our All-Church Potluck Picnic TODAY at 1:00pm at Camp Claire

Enjoy beautiful Hamburg Cove and swim,
kayak, and canoe with your
family and friends.

There will be arts and crafts for children as well as
volley ball and other games. Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to
share and come and enjoy a Sunday afternoon of fellowship. All are
welcome!

Directions to 15 Oakland Ave, Old Lyme, CT 06371.

FROM HARTFORD AND POINTS NORTH:

I-91 South. Exit 22S (left exit) to Route 9 South. Exit 1 to I-95 North to exit 70 (first exit after the bridge). At the end of the exit take a left onto Route 156. Follow Route 156 for approximately 4.6 miles and take a left onto Cove Road (at the Camp Claire sign), and continue to the left. At the top of the hill take a right onto Oakland Ave.

FROM NEW HAVEN AND POINTS SOUTH:

I-95 North to exit 70 (first exit after the bridge). At the end of the exit take a left onto Route 156. Follow route 156 for approximately 4.6 miles and take a left onto Cove Road (at the Camp Claire sign), and continue to the left. At the top of the hill take a right onto Oakland Ave.

FROM RHODE ISLAND AND POINTS EAST:

Take I-95 South to exit 70. At the traffic light go straight through onto U.S. Route 1 (Halls Road). Take a right onto Route 156. Follow Route 156 for approximately 4.4 miles and take a left onto Cove Road (at the Camp Claire sign), and continue to the left. At the top of the hill take a right onto Oakland Ave.