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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister
Carleen R. Gerber, Senior Associate Minister
Joan W. Priest, Minister of Visitation
Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

February 12, 2017

9:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #26 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Call to Worship:

We come seeking the holy love of God,
that we may become whole and loving.
**As Jesus Christ has shared the life of earth
through Christ we may share the life of God,
in growing holiness, justice, and love.**
In awe, we rejoice in sharing life with God in Christ.
In thanksgiving, let us worship God.

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

*Hymn: #464 "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"

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

Children's Sermon

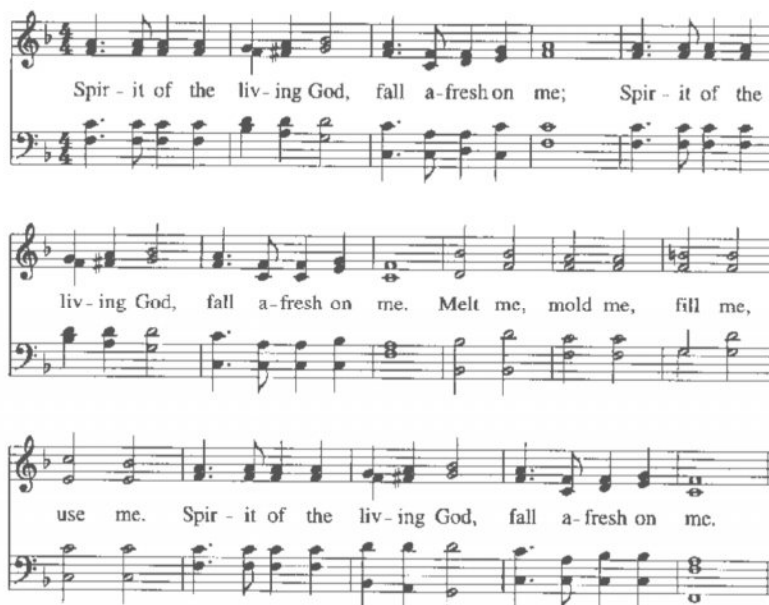
Joan Priest

*Hymn: #458 "Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace"

(children proceed to classes during the 1st stanza)

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.

Scripture: Matthew 6: 19-21 (NT, pg. 5)

Hebrews 12: 1-3 (NT, pg. 211)

Sermon: ANGELS OF ALTERNATE HISTORIES,
CLOUDS OF ALTERNATE WITNESS

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit and Tom Grant

*Hymn: #467 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

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.

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Betsy and Victor Morrison and Ellie Chapman Morrison from their children and grandchildren.

We welcome and thank Tom Grant for assisting Steve with the sermon this morning. Tom, a professional financial advisor, is a member of our church and serves on the Board of Trustees.

The hosts for fellowship hour are the Doggart Family and Betsey and Robert Webster. The deacon on duty is Jane Stubenbord. 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.*

**The Midnight Run will be March 17th!
Please leave clothes on the stage in the
Sheffield Auditorium starting February 12.**

Forums TODAY: **Karen Fischer**, Prevention Coordinator for more than six years at Lyme's Youth Service Bureau, coordinates our community coalition, Community Action for Substance Free Youth (CASFY). She has spent most of her long career working as a Mental Health Counselor and will provide an update on substance use rates among teens and current preventative methods. Valuable information for all caring adults. **February 19:** **Chris Pallato**, Director of the Westbrook YMCA, will give an overview of current programs and the community involvement of his organization and its value.

Winter Bible Study (5 weeks): *February 16, 23 and March 1, 9, 30.* 1 John, 2 John and 3 John (2 weeks). Acts of John (3 weeks-I will provide this text for everyone). **Spring Bible Study (2 weeks),** *May 4 and May 11.* Letter of James. Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10:45 am in the Library. **Led by Becky Crosby.**

Blanket Drive - Church World Service The blankets that are distributed in this country are made in the USA by Northwest Woolen Mills. CWS supports blanket purchases closer to the area where they will be distributed, which saves processing and shipping cost and supports the local economy. Each blanket costs \$10.00; \$50.00 can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless by a tornado or other disasters. CWS envelopes are available in the pews. Please make checks payable to CWS, indicating in the memo space "Blanket Drive." The envelopes may be put on the collection plate or sent to the Church c/o LBS. Thank you for your donations.

Honest Conversations with Muslim Neighbors Saturday, February 18th, 3:00 pm at the Berlin Mosque Who are our Muslim neighbors? What do they believe? How do extremist actions worldwide affect them? Hear greater-Hartford-area Muslims share their stories, and respond to questions. Together, in conversation, we can promote a more peaceful world for everyone. Carpool if you can. We will leave the church at 2:00 pm.

God's Neighborhood During February our Fruit of the Spirit is LOVE! We will be collecting Children's Books We Love to donate to those in need! Please help another child fall in love with the same books we love by donating a gently used copy to our collection boxes. Thank you! February 12 - We will find out about showing love to all...even a not-so-loveable Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10). Storyteller and Musician, Kendall and Rodney, will visit us this weekend.

Looking for Volunteer Drivers On occasion, the ministers are asked if there are any volunteers who are willing to drive one of our church members to a doctor's appointment. This would not be a regular commitment. If you would be willing to be put on a list of volunteer drivers, please contact the church office or leave a message for Carleen Gerber or Joan Priest.

Green Grass Trip Meeting 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. This year we will host a day camp for children 12 and under, families welcome! Please join us on *Sunday, February 26th*, for a brief discussion and to learn more about the trip. We will meet in the church Library between the services.

American Red Cross CPR/First Aid Classes will be available on *February 25 and 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.

Sewing Group The LBS sewing group meets 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. Currently, our inventory includes: fleece-lined felted-wool mittens, knitted hats & headbands, wool ponchos, flannel PJ's, summer skirts & sundresses, crayon aprons, tote bags, quilts, laundry bags, baby blankets, pillows, casserole carriers, miscellaneous items, and one stuffed toy bunny! :) Shop with us for those winter gifts! 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.

Walt's Pottery

Walt's Pottery classes forming NOW! Learn hand building techniques & wheel throwing basics from professional potters. Please email or call Stephanie Kenny at stephanieckenny@gmail.com or 860-884-3875 to sign up. Fee is \$75 for six weeks and includes ten pounds of clay. Space is limited ~ Adults only ~ Beginners welcome

Basic wheel throwing with Betsey Copp
Tuesday mornings starting March 7th / 10:00am – 12:00pm
Basic wheel throwing with Paul Nager
Tuesday evenings starting March 7th / 6:00pm -8:00pm
Basic wheel throwing with Victoria Schmidlapp
Thursday evenings starting March 9th / 6:00pm -8:00pm

Youth News Youth in grades 3 and up are welcome to join Don Male in the Sheffield for a creative morning of crafts on *Monday, February 20 from 10-12 a.m.* Friends are welcome to attend with you. Please RSVP to mary@focol.org by February 18. Our Middle and High Schoolers will welcome teens from the Berlin Mosque on February 26 during Sunday School and then until noon. We will make and eat waffles together as well as play a few games and enjoy conversations. The Midnight Run will be held on **March 17** this year. We are collecting clothes and toiletries to distribute starting this week, February 12 and ending on March 12. Sorting dates are Friday, March 3 from 6-10 and will include dinner and a movie and Sunday, March 12 from 11-12:30. Please RSVP to LisaDoggart@gmail.com if you would like to go on this trip as a chaperone or high schooler. Books We Love Book Collection— During February the Sunday School will be collecting gently used children's and young adult books that are some of our favorites. Our high schoolers who are going to Haiti will bring the young adult (grades 4 and up) books with them to add to the Crosby Fund Center's new library for young adults to learn to read. We will be donating the children's books locally. Please bring the books to the box in the PF room downstairs. Thanks! The JPF (middle schoolers) will be making tables for the Homeless Hospitality Center on February 19 (glue and assemble) from 2-4 p.m. and then again on February 20 (painting) from 2-4 p.m. Please RSVP by February 18 to LisaDoggart@GMail.com for details if you are planning on joining us. Diversity Sunday— Haley Mahon and other travelers will be presenting a program on what they love about going to Haiti on February 19 to the God's Neighborhood Sunday School Program. A Big Thank You to the Sewing Group for the absolutely beautiful Place Naps they made for the Sunday School to use during snack! Stop by after church to see them!

Senior Pilgrim Fellowship 2017 Annual Trip to Haiti is scheduled for Friday, April 7, to Friday, April 14, 2017. This is the 4th annual trip led by Becky and Ted Crosby, founders of The Crosby Fund for Haitian Education. Priority is given to current SPF youth. After January 30th, the trip is open to youth from local churches and towns (youth must be in 9th to 12th grade). Any questions? Please email Becky at [<rteros@ftcrosby.com>](mailto:rteros@ftcrosby.com) or call 860-434-8054. *The next meeting will be February 26th at 12:15 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

Children's Choir The Children's Choir meets in the Sheffield Auditorium on *Wednesdays from 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm.*

Join Us Online We continue to expand our church's online presence to help continue the fellowship we enjoy inside the doors of our church on Sunday mornings throughout the rest of the week. Stop by our newly redesigned website <www.fccol.org> to download a copy of a recent sermon, church bulletin or newsletter. And, if you have photos of church activities that you would like to see included on the website, please send them to us at FCCofOldLyme@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

TODAY at 1:00 pm at LOL Middle School "Alice in Wonderland, Jr." The LOL Middle School is performing their big musical, *Alice in Wonderland*, this weekend. Tickets are \$8, sold at the door and at Bowerbird.

**The March Newsletter deadline is
Friday, February 17th.
Please forward your information as a Word document, fccol@fccol.org.**

Calendar of Events & Meetings for This Week

God's Neighborhood Sunday School *TODAY*.

Sewing Group *Monday, February 13th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Board of Trustees *Tuesday, February 14th at 7:30 pm* in the Library.

Writing Group *Wednesday, February 15th at 4:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Running Group *Wednesday, February 15th at 5:00 pm*, meets in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Children's Choir *Wednesday, February 15th at 5:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, February 15th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study *Thursday, February 16th at 10:45 am* in the Library.

Board of Stewardship *Thursday, February 16th at 7:30 pm* in the Library.

Honest Conversations with Muslim Neighbors *Saturday, February 18th, 3:00 pm* at the Berlin Mosque. Car pool from FCCOL at 2:00 pm.