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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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February 5, 2017

11:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #10 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” (verses 1 and 4)

*Call to Worship:

Let us praise God, who gives living water,
through which we flourish.
**Like trees planted by the water
are those who trust in God.**
Like trees with deep roots
are those who place their faith in the one called Jesus of Nazareth.
**Like trees in winter
are those who receive their life from the living Spirit.**
We praise you, God of life, for deep roots
through this, the life of faith.
Let us worship God.

*Invocation

*The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

*Unison Reading:

**Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime;
Therefore we are saved by hope.
Nothing true or beautiful or good makes complete sense
in any immediate context of history;
Therefore we are saved by faith.
Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone;
Therefore we are saved by love.**

*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture: Matthew 6: 5-13 (NT, pg. 6)
Hebrews 10: 23-25 (NT, pg. 209)

*Hymn: #400 “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Eat This Bread*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Eat This Bread". It consists of three 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: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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

*Hymn: #60 "This Is My Father's World"

Communion Meditation: "SLEEPING WITH BREAD"

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #311 "Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees"

Sacrament of Communion

*Hymn: #318 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

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 by Stephen and Diane Hart in loving memory of Diane's father Matthew Di Giacomo and Stephen's mother Jane Hart.

The deacon on duty is Stephanie Kenny.

If you are visiting us for worship this morning, we welcome you, and 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.

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

Forums TODAY: Communion, No Forum. February 12: 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.

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. **Led by Becky Crosby.**

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.

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.

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 <rtcros@ftcrosby.com> or call 860-434-8054. The next meeting will be February 26th at 12:15 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.

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.

Care-giver's Support Group, Friday, February 10, 2017, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor. "To the world you may be one person. But to one person you may be the world." Come join our Care-giver's Support Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting is Friday, February 10. If you are interested in this group but this day or time does not work for you, or if you would like to meet one-on-one, please feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest.

FCCOL EXPANDING ITS ONLINE PRESENCE & MINISTRY

If you've visited our website recently, you've probably noticed that we've done a little remodeling. Our new website design – which debuted January 31 – is easier to read and navigate on smartphones, tablets and laptops; and features numerous pictures and videos of our congregation engaged in worship, ministries and other activities. The newly remodeled website shows our church in action, following directly in the footsteps of Christ's life and His teachings. People can see how we open our arms and our hearts to people in need. They can see our congregation providing food for our neighbors who are hungry ... shelter for those who are homeless ... protection for women who've been battered ... relief for families and individuals coping with illness, grief, loss or disaster. They can see how we help care for – and join in fellowship with – people of diverse faiths across the country and around the globe. The website also includes links to our always-active Facebook page, and our brand new accounts on Instagram and Twitter. We are intentionally expanding our social media presence to engage with you meaningfully outside of church services and activities, and attract new people into our congregation who can help us carry on Christ's work. When you have a chance this week, hop online, check out our new website and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Post your photos from church services, activities and ministries. Share uplifting thoughts, ideas and stories. Post a video of a church activity. Let us know of family members or friends in need of prayer. Comment on the latest sermon; share how its messages spoke to you. Let's continue the fellowship we enjoy inside the doors of our church on Sunday mornings every day of the week.

Our website is at www.fccol.org

Our Facebook page is at www.facebook.com/firstcongregationalchurcholdlyme

Our Instagram page is at www.instagram.com/myfccol

Our Twitter page is at www.twitter.com/myfccol

If you have thoughts on ways to further strengthen our website or social media outreach, please share them with John Kiker, the head of our communications committee, at FCCofOldLyme@gmail.com.

Blanket Drive - Church World Service In 2016, 3,064 blankets were distributed domestically. They are used for newly arrived refugees, those affected by floods or fire, homeless shelters and migrant workers. 50 blankets were also sent to Honduras. At the end of 2015 a container with 100,000 blankets was shipped to refugee camps in Syria. Each blanket costs \$10. Please make checks payable to CWS, indicating in the memo space "Blanket Drive". Special envelopes are available in the pews and may be put on the collection plate or sent to the Church c/o LBS. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Diaper Bank Chuck and Louise Lynch reported that during the Food Pantry Program Saturday diapers were distributed to over 150 families. The Diaper Bank will be held three weekends per year. Diaper donations are always welcome.

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.

Concert Musical Masterworks will perform next *Saturday, February 11, at 5:00, and Sunday, February 12, at 3:00*. The program will feature elegant soprano Hyunah Yu, performing Robert Schumann's song cycle *Frauenliebe und -leben* for voice and piano, along with other works by Schumann, Johannes Brahms, Jules Massenet, and Robert Kahn. *As part of a new Musical Masterworks venture, all audience members are invited to an in-depth pre-concert talk one hour before each concert by Edward Arron, Artistic Director, on the lives and compositions of Schumann and Brahms.* Tickets may be purchased at the door or on-line at musicalmasterworks.com.

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

Calendar of Events & Meetings for This Week

God's Neighborhood Sunday School *TODAY*.

Board of Music & Arts Meeting *TODAY at 10:00 am* in the Hoag Parlor.

Sewing Group *Monday, February 6th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

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

Running Group *Wednesday, February 8th at 5:00 pm*, meets in the Sheffield Auditorium.

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

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

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

Pamela Bermingham Memorial *Saturday, February 11th at 1:00 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

COMMUNION SERVICE

INVITATION

GENERAL CONFESSION

Merciful God, we have often wandered far from your intention for us. We have lived for our own momentary pleasure, forgetting our kinship with your hurting children and with all of creation. You call us to be a justice-seeking people, bringing light to the world. Instead, Your light is too often extinguished in our hearts because we fear what it might reveal. We become prisoners of our own shortsighted desires. Redeem us, O God, and redirect us in your new and living way. Shine a light in our hearts, and enable us to be a light for others in a fractured and broken world. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

GIVING OF THE BREAD

GIVING OF THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, O God, for the sustenance we have been offered in this bread and wine. We give thanks for the ongoing presence in the world of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith in you, O God, and help us to keep finding new ways to love one another. We pray these things in the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

*It is the practice of this church to serve grape juice in our communion service.
Bread is gluten-free.*