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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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September 5, 2021

10:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #30 “Praise Our God, All Glories Show”

*Call to Worship Travis Harden

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Unison Reading:

Even a wounded world is feeding us. Even a wounded world holds us, giving us moments of wonder and joy. We choose joy over despair. Not because we have our heads in the sand, but because joy is what the earth gives us daily and we must return the gift.

— Robin Wall Kimmerer, *Braiding Sweetgrass*

*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture Lessons: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8; Matthew 16: 1-3

*Hymn: #368 “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response Travis Harden

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: **Old Growth** Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #372 “Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race”

Benediction

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

Scripture Lessons:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

Matthew 16: 1-3

¹ The Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test Jesus they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. ² He answered them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.’ ³ And in the morning, ‘It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.

It is a pleasure to welcome Travis Harden to Old Lyme. He's a long time friend and partner of the Green Grass Partnership in South Dakota.

A Word About Masks

We are asking that everyone mask indoors in order to support health safety measures. So please come prepared, and we'll do our best to offer guidelines that make our life together as safe as possible.

Senior Choir

To all members of the Senior Choir - The time has come for us to dust off our vocal chords and put the pandemic in a beautifully tied up box and get ready for a grand return to singing at FCCOL! Wednesday evening rehearsals will begin on September 8th, and be kept to one hour (7:30pm to 8:30pm) in the Fellowship Hall.

"Come on Home" - Sunday, September 12th

Our Sunday School program, God's Neighborhood, will begin on September 12th, during the 10:00 am service. We plan for a Blessing of the Backpacks and a morning of friendship themed activities based on Proverbs 27:9, "A sweet friendship refreshes the soul."

The JPF and SPF (middle and high school) will meet individually from 4-6 that afternoon for a service project and planning meeting. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Lisa at GodsNeighborhoodFCCOL@gmail.com.

Bible Study

Bible Study with Becky Crosby will begin Thursday, September 16th at 11 am. We will study the Book of Exodus and Deuteronomy this fall and continue to consider the sources for these writings, the audience, history, and how they relate to our lives today. We will continue to meet on Zoom. If you are new to the group, please email Becky at rtcros@ftcrosby.com at any time.

Crisis in the Southern Peninsula of Haiti

If you would like to help with the crisis in the Southern Peninsula of Haiti, here are a few good organizations that are on the ground at work: Haitian Health Foundation (Norwich based group that focuses on healthcare and community development), World Central Kitchen (hot meals for thousands), Doctors without Borders (medical assistance), and Mercy Corps (relief and infrastructure).

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week
Senior Choir *Wednesday, September 8 at 7:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.