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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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October 17, 2021

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Ave Verum*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Lighting of the Candle

*Processional Hymn: #260 "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

*Call to Worship:

In the darkness and emptiness of much in our life,
the Spirit moves among us, calling us into new being.

We are here to seek light amid the shadows, and fulfillment out of hollowness.

We have come to find healing and peace, to experience forgiveness, acceptance, and purpose.

In the midst of the ordinary, God has come to us.

In each of our lives, God continues to visit and redeem.

Come, O God, and baptize us with your fire. We await your vision, and the power of your word.

Let us worship God.

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #95 "Be Still My Soul"

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Sanctus*

Franz Schubert

*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

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer*

Musical score for the Pastoral Prayer Response, "Hear Our Prayer". The score is written for voice and piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Scripture Lessons: John 21: 15-19; 1 Corinthians 13

Sermon: **An Instrument of Peace: To Bless and Not To Curse**

Dr. Rev. Steven R. Jungkeit

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

Benediction

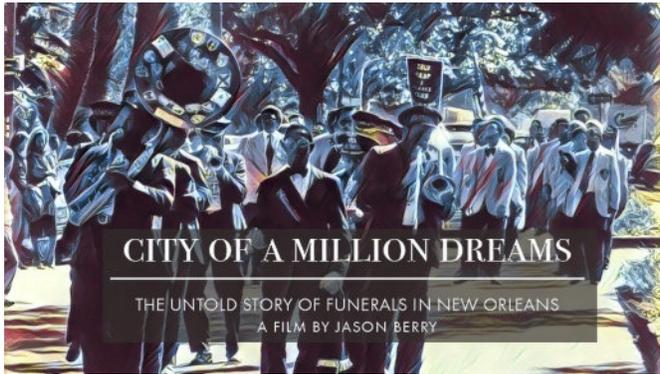
Benediction Response: *Go Now in Peace*

Don Besig

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 Rhythm of the Saints:
A Gathering of the Graces in Word,
Song and Film**

We'll have a community memorial service on Saturday, October 30th, at 2:00pm in the Meetinghouse to honor our members who have died since the start of Covid, and the nearly 700,000 US citizens who have died of Covid. After the service, we'll screen *City of a Million Dreams*, a documentary film by Jason Berry, about the black funeral tradition in the city of New Orleans.

ans. We'll have a chance to converse with Jason, as well as Dr. Michael White and another member of his traditional New Orleans Jazz Ensemble, featured in the film. On Sunday, October 31st, for our Sunday morning worship, Dr. White's ensemble will lead us in a sacred jazz service.

If you have a loved one you'd like named, please submit his or her name to the church office.

A Word About Masks and Covid Safety: We are asking that everyone mask indoors in order to support health safety measures. In addition, we will continue to open the Meetinghouse windows for proper ventilation, so please dress accordingly as the weather becomes cooler. We'll do our best to offer guidelines that make our life together as safe as possible.

The Refugee Resettlement Committee will be welcoming a refugee family from Afghanistan this coming Saturday. This committee was formed six years ago by the leaders of the three parishes, Christ the King, First Congregational Church of Old Lyme and Saint Ann's Episcopal Church. Over that time we have supported four families on their journey to independence and are excited to be welcoming our fifth family. For a volunteer form, please contact the church office.

Stewardship 2022 Campaign: As Steve reminded us on Stewardship Sunday, "Our work is not over. Now is a time of rebuilding." Now is a time to continue our work and we can only do it with your financial support. Please return your Commitment Card for 2022 as soon as you can to help forge The Way Ahead.

Adult Forum is meeting today in Fellowship Hall after the service today. Our speaker will be Isabelle Barbour, consultant with Ledge Light Health District and member of the Health Improvement Collaborative of Southeastern Connecticut. Please join us!

Affordable Housing Please take a moment to fill out the online survey being conducted by the Affordable Housing Committee of Old Lyme: www.surveymonkey.com/r/regionalhousingplan.

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

- Adult Forum** *Sunday, October 17 at 11:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.
- Book Group** *Tuesday, October 19 at 6:00 pm* on Zoom.
- Yoga** *Tuesday, October 19 at 5:30 pm* in Fellowship Hall.
- Pickin' Party** *Tuesday, October 19 at 6:00 pm* in Sheffield Auditorium.
- Writing at the Well** *Wednesday, October 20 at 9:30 am* in Fellowship Garden.
- Senior Choir** *Wednesday, October 20 at 7:30 pm* in Fellowship Hall.
- Bible Study** *Thursday, October 21 at 11:00 am* on Zoom.
- Yoga** *Thursday, October 21 at 5:30 pm* in Fellowship Hall.