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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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October 24, 2021

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Locus iste*

Anton Bruckner

Lighting of the Candle

*Processional Hymn: #407 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Call to Worship:

We gather today, like Abraham and Sarah, people with hope.

We gather today, like Job and like Thomas, people with questions.

We gather this morning like Moses and like Mary, people with self-doubts.

We come today like Joshua and like Stephen, people filled with courage.

We come this morning like King David and Mary Magdalene, people who are broken.

We come like Samuel and Hosea, like Martha, like Priscilla,

each with a part to play in the story of faith.

Let us worship God.

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Unison Reading: *Refugees* by Brian Bilston

They have no need of our help

So do not tell me

These haggard faces could belong to you or me

Should life have dealt a different hand

We need to see them for who they really are

Chancers and scroungers

Layabouts and loungers

With bombs up their sleeves

Cut-throats and thieves

They are not

Welcome here

We should make them

Go back to where they came from

They cannot

Share our food

Share our homes

Share our countries

Instead let us

Build a wall to keep them out

It is not okay to say

These are people just like us

A place should only belong to those who are born there

Do not be so stupid to think that

The world can be looked at another way

(now read from bottom to top)

*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

*Hymn: #511 "Let There Be Light, Lord God of Hosts"

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates*

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

Children's Message

Hymn: #364 "This Little Light of Mine"

(First verse only, as children leave outside to back parking lot. Congregation remains seated.)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Come and Fill our Hearts*

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." and "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!". The score consists of four staves: Soprano (top), Alto (second), Tenor (third), and Bass (bottom). The lyrics are placed below the corresponding vocal lines.

Scripture Lessons: Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-16; I Corinthians 13: 4-6

Sermon: **Telling Truths in Church**

Dr. Rev. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #237 "How Firm a Foundation"

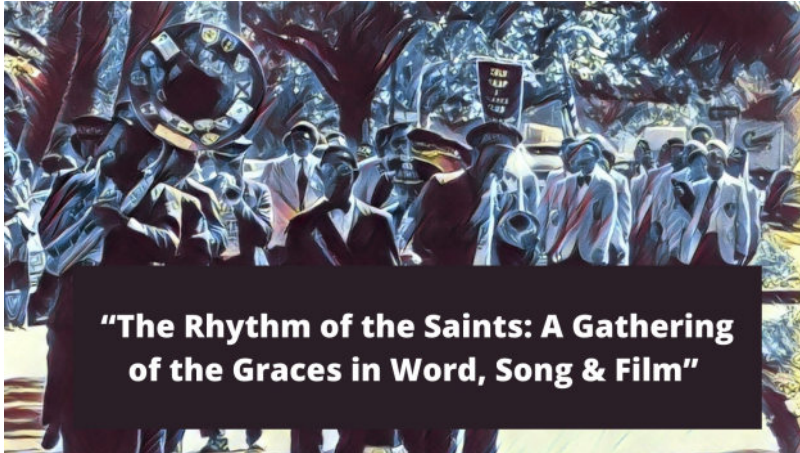
Benediction

Benediction Response: *God Be in My Head*

John Rutter

Postlude

*Congregation Standing



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. We'll have a chance to con-

verse 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.

Please note: these services are LIVE and will not be recorded.

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 welcomed a refugee family from Afghanistan last week. 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.

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

Yoga Tuesday, October 26 at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Pickin' Party Tuesday, October 26 at 6:00 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Deacons Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 pm _____.

Writing at the Well Wednesday, October 27 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Garden.

Senior Choir Wednesday, October 27 at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study Thursday, October 28 at 11:00 am on Zoom.

Yoga Thursday, October 28 at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Grief Group Thursday, October 28 at 5:30 pm in the Library.

Rhythm of the Saints Memorial Service Saturday, October 30 at 2:00 pm in the Meetinghouse.