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**THE RHYTHM OF THE SAINTS: A SERVICE OF SACRED JAZZ
FEATURING DR. MICHAEL WHITE AND HIS NEW ORLEANS JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

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October 31, 2021

All Saints Eve

10:00 AM

Organ Prelude Simon Holt

Opening Music Dr. Michael White and his New Orleans Jazz Ensemble

*Processional Hymn: #486 "For All the Saints"

*Call to Worship in Word: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

It is God that made us, and we are his;
we are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.**

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Let us worship God.

Call to Worship in Music Dr. Michael White and his New Orleans Jazz Ensemble

Invocation/The Lord's Prayer

Musical Selection Dr. Michael White and his New Orleans Jazz Ensemble

Words of Welcome

Musical Selection Dr. Michael White and his New Orleans Jazz Ensemble

Scripture Readings: Ephesians 5: 18b-19;
Hebrews 11 and 12, Selected Passages Concerning the Great Cloud of
Witnesses

Musical Selection Dr. Michael White and his New Orleans Jazz Ensemble

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music Dr. Michael White and his New Orleans Jazz Ensemble

Prayer after the Offering

Musical Selection

Dr. Michael White and his New Orleans Jazz Ensemble

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Pastoral Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer*

The image shows a musical score for a vocal response. It consists of four staves. The top two staves are for the vocal line, with lyrics written below the notes. The bottom two staves are for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in - cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace."

Musical Selection

Dr. Michael White and his New Orleans Jazz Ensemble

*Closing Hymn: #33

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”

Benediction

Closing Music

Dr. Michael White and his New Orleans Jazz Ensemble

We thank all our musicians: Dr. Michael White (clarinet); Gregg Stafford (trumpet and vocals); Detroit Brooks (banjo); Kerry Lewis (upright bass). Also, our own Director of Music, Simon Holt. And we thank our Deacons for their participation in today’s service.

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.

Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 5: 18b-19

Be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 11 and 12

Selected Passages Concerning the Great Cloud of Witnesses

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, and won strength out of weakness...they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.