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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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January 9, 2021

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Torches*

John Joubert

Lighting of the Candle

*Processional Hymn: #244

“Like a Tree Beside the Waters”

*Call to Worship:

God beyond all seeing and knowing,
**we meet you in the night of change and crisis,
and wrestle with you in the shadows of doubt.**
Give us the strength and spirit to live faithfully and love as we are loved.
**Pour out your strength and courage upon us,
that we may hurry to make you welcome
As we share together in the deeds of justice, truth and mercy.**
Let us worship God together.

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #356

“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Behold a Star from Jacob Shining*

Felix Mendelssohn

*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: *As We Are Gathered*

The image shows a musical score for a pastoral prayer response. 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 first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'As we are gath-cred, Je - sus is here; one with each'. The second system is labeled 'Fine' and contains the lyrics: 'oth - er, Je - sus is here. Joined by the Spir - it'. The third system is labeled 'to Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'built up in love, part of the bod - y, the church of God.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

Scripture Lessons: Genesis 32: 22a,c-31; Psalm 17: 1-8, 15

Sermon: **The Wrestling Place: On the Edge of Hope** Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

*Hymn: #96 "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Love Came Down at Christmas*

John Rutter

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 ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022,
AFTER THE 10:00 AM SERVICE.**

The image on the cover, was created by Harold St. Louis.

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.

Sunday School For the next two Sundays (January 9th and 16th) and out of an abundance of caution, our Sunday School will not meet in person. We'll reconvene in person later in January. Instead, we will offer short thematic videos for all ages which will go up each Sunday morning and will be available to watch at your convenience. Our January friendship theme is Peacemaking and we'll include a story and an interactive activity. Stay tuned for the link...!"

**Thematic activity bags will be available for children during the service.

Pilgrim Fellowship/Confirmation: In lieu of PF gathering on Sunday 1/9, 4-6 pm, multiple service projects are planned for Monday, January 17th, to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and the National Day of Service. Plan to join us and contact the church office for more details.

Writing at the Well January 12th and 26th, Wednesdays 10:00-11:00 am.

"Stories, no matter how simple, can be vehicles of truth; can be, in fact, icons." -Madeleine L'Engle

Come and join us for writing practice within a safe space as we share ourselves and the journey. No writing experience necessary! Email Laura for more info at lfitz.nager@gmail.com.

The Partnership Store across from the Fellowship Hall will be open following Sunday services. Haitian arts and crafts, Lakota jewelry and crafts, Palestinian crafts, soaps and olive oil, as well as handmade items from Ladies Who Stitch are all available for your shopping pleasure. Come shop with us - all proceeds go directly to charitable causes.

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

LWS Monday, January 10 at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

Yoga Tuesday, January 11 at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Trustees Tuesday, January 11 at 7:30 pm on Zoom.

Writing at the Well Wednesday, January 12 at 10:00 am on Zoom.

Senior Choir Wednesday, January 12 at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Yoga Thursday, January 13 at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study at Essex Meadows Friday, January 14 at 11:00 am.