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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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March 20, 2022

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Johann Sebastian Bach
Martha Colby, Cellist

*Processional Hymn: #445 "Be Thou My Vision"

*Call to Worship:

Everyday we are learning how to live with essence, not ease.

How to move with haste, never hate.

How to live this pain that is beyond us, Behind us.

Just like a skill or any art, we cannot possess hope without practicing it.

It is the most fundamental craft we demand of ourselves.

Gather us in , O God, in hope, faith and love.

-Adapted from poem by Amanda Gorman

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #6 "Bring Many Names"

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Hide not Thy face from us*

Richard Farrant

*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

Mariame Kazadi

Children's Message

Hymn: #364 "This Little Light of Mine"

(First verse only, as children leave. Congregation remains seated.)

Pastoral Prayer

Dan Renn

Pastoral Prayer Response: *As We Are Gathered*

The musical score is written for voice and piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'As we are gath-ered, 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 piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 130:5-6; Matthew 17:1-8; Matthew 25:35-36 Dale Bernardoni

Sermon: **Fully Alive** Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

*Hymn: #515 "This is My Song"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *God so loved the world* John Stainer

Postlude: *Ashokan Farewell* Jay Ungar
Martha Colby, Cellist

**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.

We are delighted to have guest cellist, Martha Colby, with us today. Originally from Guilford, CT, Martha left her freelance career in NYC to be out west with bears, wolves and pine martens, and work as a resident musician for America's first national park, Yellowstone. As a cellist she began her Yellowstone career in 2007. While in NYC, Martha earned her living playing and creating a variety of musical styles including: classical (chamber and orchestral), jazz, pop, folk, rock, latin and avant-garde free improvisation. Martha is a graduate of Berklee College of Music and recipient of many awards. See www.MarthaColbymusic.com.

Image on the bulletin cover is "Ukrainian Sunflowers" by Laura Zerebeski.

The host for fellowship hour this morning are members of the Confirmation class.

Following today's service, all are invited to walk the Labyrinth set up on the floor of Fellowship Hall. The Labyrinth is an ancient symbol of pilgrimage, prayer, and meditation found across many faiths and traditions.

March 26, 5:00 PM: David Byrne's American Utopia, currently playing on Broadway, is one of the finest theological and artistic antidotes to our contemporary reality of isolation, alienation, and fear. We'll journey to New York City by train (meeting first at church at 12:00pm, and then car pooling down to New Haven to catch the train) to catch a 5:00pm performance of the show. If you're interested, call the church office and let Odile know. Tickets are approximately \$100, plus train fare and food costs.

New Members will be received in our worship service on April 3rd. Any questions? Give Steve or Laura or Carleen a call and we'll share a cup of coffee or a visit.

Church World Service Blanket Drive. The pandemic has taken a heavy toll on the Jamaica, New Jersey, community. Their Project Hope is having a "Back to School Event", distributing 1,200 CWS school kits, 900 hygiene kits, 370 blankets and food. They are grateful for CWS donors and supporters. Each blanket costs only \$10. Please make checks payable to LBS. CWS envelopes are available in the pews. People who are not attending church may send their checks to FCCOL, 2 Ferry Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371 c/o LBS.

Relief Help for Ukraine. The Board of Mission released \$3,000 to International Rescue Committee of New York, an organization our church has long supported for its work in the most difficult refugee settings around the world. IRC is already assisting the millions of Ukrainians who have crossed the border into Poland. If you would like to make a donation that could be included with mission money in the coming weeks, please send a check to the office, made out to FCCOL with Ukrainian Aid in the memo line. The UCC has designated AID Alliance as a recipient organization for relief funds. This seems like a very good opportunity as well. Please call Carleen at 860-434-0058 or 860-304-2070 if you'd like to ask any questions about these opportunities.

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

LWS Monday, March 21 at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

Deacons Tuesday, March 22 at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Old Lyme Ringers Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Choir Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study Thursday, March 24 at 11:00 am on Zoom.

American Utopia Saturday, March 26 at 12:00 pm, departing from church.