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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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April 3, 2022

New Members Sunday

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Cantate Domino*

G. O. Pitoni

*Processional Hymn: #404 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Call to Worship:

It is said that the Gospel comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable.

And yet, we are all afflicted, and we are all comfortable.

In this time of worship, may we find peace in times of tumult;

May we find calm in times of restlessness;

May we allow restlessness to evolve into action.

May we consider what we have never considered;

May we imagine for ourselves something new and unthinkable.

May this hour of worship bring dreams of new ways of being in the world.

Let us worship God.

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Litany for New Members

*Hymn: #382 “The House of Faith ”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *They that wait upon the Lord*

Douglas Wagner

*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. Congregation remains seated.)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Come and Hill Our Hearts*

The image shows a musical score for a pastoral prayer response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system has the lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The second system has the lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!" The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Scripture Lessons: Genesis 28: 10-12, 16-17

Sermon: **Every Rung Goes Higher and Higher: Reflections on Palestine, Israel, and the Middle East**

Rev. Dr. Steve R. Jungkeit, Ghoufran Allababidi (President, Tree of Life), Alex Pinkowish, and Rev. Susan Callahan Switzer, with music by Rodney Brown

*Hymn: #516 "O Day of God, Draw Near"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *The Lord bless you and keep you*

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.

*Image on the bulletin cover is of the Bath Abbey,
with the angels ascending and descending the ladder*

The host for fellowship hour this morning is Cathy Mathis.

New Members will be received TODAY during our 10:00 am worship service.

Adult Forum, TODAY after the 10:00 am service featuring Allison Behnke, Prevention Coordinator of the Lyme Youth Service Bureau.

Habitat Build Day: April 9th We're gathering volunteers for a day of home construction with Habitat for Humanity. Our next build day is April 9th. We'll be working on a project in Norwich, where 10 homes are being constructed concurrently. We need a team of 10 to 12 volunteers who are willing to swing a hammer or help in other relevant ways. No construction expertise is necessary. If you're interested, please email the church office at fccol.org for instructions.

Relief Help for Ukraine. The Board of Mission released an additional \$5,000 - making the total \$8,000 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'd 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

Adult Forum TODAY at 11:30 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

Coffee Hour TODAY at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall to welcome New Members.

LWS Monday, April 4 at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

Yoga Tuesday, April 5 at 10:00 am on Zoom.

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

Senior Choir Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study Thursday, April 7 at 11:00 am on Zoom.

Yoga Thursday, April 7 at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study @ Essex Meadows Friday, April 8 at 11:00 am.

Habitat Build Day Saturday, April 9 at 8:30 am in Hartford.

All the Sainted Difference with Todd Ochoa Sunday, April 10 at 5:00 pm on Zoom.