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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* arr. Sandra Eithun
Old Lyme Ringers and Rachael Jungkeit, piano

*Processional Hymn: #178 “All Glory, Laud and Honor” (Verses 1-2)

*Call to Worship:

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Come, gather us in as one beloved community!
Let us worship God.
-Adapted from Ps 118: 24

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

A Sabbatical Litany and Blessing

*Hymn: #111 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Hosanna to the Son of David*

Daniel Moe

*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 “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

(Verse 3 only, as children process around Meetinghouse with palms and leave for Sunday School)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer*

The image shows a musical score for a pastoral prayer response. It consists of four staves. The top two staves are for the vocal line, with the lyrics: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -". The bottom two staves are for the piano accompaniment, with the lyrics: "cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The music is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The vocal line is written in a soprano clef, and the piano accompaniment is written in a bass clef. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

Scripture Lessons: Micah 6:8, Matthew 20:29-34, Matthew 21:1-10

Sermon: **Here Comes Life: Stories of Resilience, Risk and Rejoicing**

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

*Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (see next page)

Benediction

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

Today, following the morning service (weather permitting), the benediction will take place outside on the front lawn in one large circle, symbolizing church unity. During the recessional hymn, please proceed down the center isle to receive your palms; exiting down the side isles. We'll begin with center sections, then side sections and finally folks from the balcony. Once you are outside, please join the circle and continue singing until the entire congregation is outside. We shall then receive the benediction.

Scripture Lessons

Micah 6:8

⁸ God has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 20:29-34

²⁹ As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. ³⁰ There were two blind men sitting by the roadside. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!” ³¹ The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet; but they shouted even more loudly, “Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!” ³² Jesus stood still and called them, saying, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³³ They said to him, “Lord, let our eyes be opened.” ³⁴ Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately they regained their sight and followed him.

Matthew 21:1-10

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,

thro' pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang,
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing and chant - ing clear and loud.
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state
 Oh, may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his roy - al pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Text: Jeannette Threlfall, 1821–1880, alt.
 Tune: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle, Württemberg*, 1784;
 setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt.

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Ps 8:2; Mt 21:1-9,15,16; Ps 118:25-27

EASTER SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday April 14, 2022 @ 7:30pm

A 7:30 pm service of traditional sacred music and communion.

The choir has been preparing a number of pieces that will be presented along with Biblical readings of the passion story.

The music offerings will include "Hear my Prayer" by Felix Mendelssohn featuring Lisa Feltes as soprano soloist.

Good Friday April 15, 2022

Meetinghouse open for prayer and meditation.

Easter Sunrise Service April 17, 2022

6:00 am at Griswold Point (if you need directions, call the church)

Easter Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am Worship Services

Childcare will be available at the 9 o'clock service. Sunday School will not meet, but will resume on April 24th at 10am.

Easter Memorial Music and Flowers

As in years past, you can make a donation to our Easter Memorial Music and or Flowers. Please email the church office (fccol@fccol.org) or include a note with your check, with your name and the names for whom you would like a memorial or honorary dedication.

We really need that information by end-of-day Wednesday, April 13th for our Easter bulletin to be printed.

One Great Hour of Sharing

This year we will once again dedicate our Easter offering to the work of One Great Hour of Sharing, a fund collected through the United Church of Christ and dispersed through the National Council of Churches. This fund can be accessed for any emergencies world-wide, such as relief in times of natural disaster or critical health or social crises. Last year we received word from the UCC that, in terms of the OGHS collection, we were among the 100 most generous churches in the nation! That is a testimony to the generosity of our congregation, and a real honor. Please help as much as you are able.

Image on the bulletin cover is “Hanna-Cheriyen Varghese” (1938-2009), by Malaysian artist.

The host for fellowship hour this morning are
the 4th and 5th graders from God's Neighborhood and Mary Bradford.

Witness Stones Clean-Up: TODAY at 11:30 am. Please join us as we meet in teams to polish Witness Stones along Lyme Street. Demo, directions and buckets on the front lawn.

All The Sainted Difference with Todd Ochoa, TODAY at 5:00 pm. An opportunity to learn from Todd Ramon Ochoa, an expert on Palo Monte, a faith practice with roots in ancient Kongo. Of all the African cultures that contributed to the creation of New World traditions, Kongo is the deepest and most pervasive, the ground upon which many of the new Atlantic faiths were established. While remaining a singular tradition, Palo shares many features with Haitian Vodou, which was strongly influenced by the culture of Kongo. Traces of the culture can be found in New Orleans, and even as far north as New England, where many enslaved people from Kongo arrived. Contemporary expressions of Palo thus provide us with a unique vantage into a culture and faith that has shaped the entirety of the Americas, even while remaining unknown to most people.

Ladies Who Stitch Winter Sale! We have put over 50 of our winter items on sale in the Partnership store - open every Sunday following the service and on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Come shop with us. All proceeds go directly to FCCOL programs and missions.

FCCOL Earth Day Festival: Sunday, April 24th. Please see Lisa Doggart for details.

Relief Help for Ukraine. It is wonderful to report that over \$7,000 has come to the office, given by individuals, to support relief work in Ukraine. Added to the \$8,000 the Mission Board has recently released, this means our Congregation will have given over \$15,000 for aid in the Ukraine in the past 5 weeks. International Rescue Committee (IRC) is working with local partners in Ukraine and Poland to support the evacuation of women and children and to provide food, blankets, warm clothes and cash assistance to people who have been forced to flee their homes. The church will continue to receive donations if you would still like to give. Please note “Ukraine Aid” in the memo line. If you have any questions, please Carleen at 860-434-0058 or 860-304-2070.

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

Witness Stones Clean-Up *TODAY at 11:30 am.*

All the Sainted Difference with Todd Ochoa *TODAY at 5:00 pm on Zoom.*

LWS Monday, April 11 at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

Old Lyme Ringers *Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30 pm* in Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, April 13 at 7:30 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study *Thursday, April 14 at 11:00 am* on Zoom.

Senior Choir *Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 pm* in Sheffield Auditorium.

Maundy Thursday *Thursday, April 14 at 7:30 pm* in Meetinghouse.

Easter Sunrise *Sunday, April 17 at 6:00 am.*

Easter Service 9 & 11 *Sunday, April 17* in Meetinghouse.

A Sabbatical Litany and Blessing

We bring before you Holy One, Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager. We send her on sabbatical with our earnest prayers, asking your blessing upon her, and upon FCCOL in her absence.

May this sabbatical be for Laura a time of adventure and discovery. May her travels introduce her to people and places, to ideas and to sights new to her but known to you.

Guide her steps, O God. May she know your accompanying presence on each step of her journey and find you waiting for her, welcoming her, at each destination.

May Laura enjoy, in these months away, a release from responsibilities, a child-like curiosity, and a thorough refreshment of body, mind and spirit.

“Come to me,” says Jesus, “all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest...for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Grant to her, Gracious God, times of reading, times of play, times of deep contemplation, of rich conversation, of both leisurely dreaming and focused reflection. And enable her to gaze in awe at the beauty of the natural world.

And now we pray, O God, that you will lead Laura beside still waters. May she lie down in green pastures. Restore her soul. Set before her a table, many tables, of grace. Grant traveling mercies to her, and to Paul as well, and bring them safely home to us, refreshed and renewed. Amen.

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.