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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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June 5, 2022

Communion Sunday

10:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #237 “How Firm a Foundation”

*Call to Worship:

The day of Pentecost has come, and we are together.
We live in the valley of dry bones, in the belly of the whale.
Around and within us is emptiness.
God comes to us as a gentle breath.
Catch your breath, God's breath, and live.
There are stirrings deep within that give us hope.
There is a Spirit linking us to one another.
Even in the valley, even in the belly of the whale,
God's Spirit comes to give us new life.
Surely God is in this place.
Let us worship God.

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #368 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Selection

*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: *Eat This Bread*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Eat This Bread'. 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 lyrics are: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.'

Scripture Lessons: Jonah 1 and 2 (selected verses); Matthew 12: 38-40

Sermon: **In the Belly of the Whale**

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #318 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Sacrament of Communion (back page)

*Hymn: #373 "We Are Your People"

Benediction

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.

Scripture Lessons

Jonah 1 and 2 (selected verses)

“And I Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, “Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it, for their wickedness has come up before me.” But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up.

The sailors said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.

Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.” Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. Then they cried out to the Lord, “Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.” So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying,

“I called to the Lord out of my distress,
and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.
You cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows
passed over me.
Then I said, ‘I am driven away
from your sight;
how shall I look again
upon your holy temple?’

The waters closed in over me;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped around my head
at the roots of the mountains.
I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me forever;
yet you brought up my life from the Pit,
O Lord my God.
As my life was ebbing away,
I remembered the Lord,
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.
Those who worship vain idols
forsake their true loyalty.
But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.
Deliverance belongs to the Lord!”
Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out onto the dry land.

Matthew 12: 38-40

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.”
But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth.

The hosts for Fellowship hour today are Cathy Mathis and Carolyn Randall.

Coming to the Table Noted author Tom DeWolf will host a workshop on racial justice and healing called “Coming to the Table: Beyond the Legacy of Enslavement” on Saturday, Jun. 11, from 5-7pm in the FCCOL Fellowship Hall. During the workshop, Tom will facilitate an interactive process that will encourage participants to go deeper into their own stories, trusting that even as we examine some of the more difficult features of our shared histories, a healing and restorative power will be at work among us and within us.

Tom will be the guest preacher at our Sunday, June 12, 10:00 am worship service.

Save the Date: Saturday June 18, at 5:00pm: Screening of the film “Tierra Sagrada,” directed by Ned Sublette. Followed by a discussion with Ned Sublette, and a performance by Roman Diaz and his ensemble of sacred bata drums, from Cuba.

The Ladies Who Stitch: Our final work days are June 6th and 13th, and we will then reconvene on September 12th. During the summer, we will try to have the Partnership Store open on the 2nd Sundays of June, July, and August - the same Sundays of the choir’s Summer Sings. Questions or special requests - contact Eunice via email at eunicetaylor@me.com.

Memorial Service for Sally McCracken: There will be a memorial service to remember Sally McCracken in the Meetinghouse on Saturday, June 11th at 11 am. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Sally passed away on April 12th, 2020, and we are finally able to have an in-person service to remember her time among us.

Receive Ukrainian Refugees: Under United for Ukraine, individuals can apply to host refugees in their homes. Applicants must demonstrate the ability to financially support an individual or family fleeing Ukraine. And there are safety and vetting processes at both ends of the application - for US hosts, and for Ukrainians - in order to prevent abuse and exploitation. If you're interested in learning more, or applying, visit the website: <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/uniting-for-ukraine>.

WES: Our first White Elephant Sale in 3 years is happening this year! And we need help, starting on June 23. To learn about how or when to volunteer, please call 860-4343-8686, option 5.

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

LWS Monday, June 6 at 10:00 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Potter Class Wednesday, June 8 at 6:00 pm in Walt’s Studio.

Memorial—Sally McCracken Saturday, June 11 at 11:00 am in the Meetinghouse.

Coming to the Table Saturday, June 11 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Summer Sing Sunday, June 12 at 10:00 am service.

White Elephant Sale

Sale hours: Friday, July 8th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and Saturday, July 9th from 8:00 am - Noon. Check out the church website for more information or call the church office 434-8686 and select the White elephant line to leave a voice message to volunteer.

SAVE this DATE - Saturday June 18th - INSDIDE set-up Day -!!!

In 2 weeks, we will be setting up the Sheffield, Fellowship and Sunday school areas for the WES. Need folks at 8:00 am to begin unloading the parsonage barn of tables, shelves, clothes racks, etc., and others at 9:00 am to unload the trucks and set up inside the church facility. Please drop by for an hour or two and give us a hand. If we have enough folks we will be done in 3 hours - Thanks!

Help Wanted

- Large furniture -co chair
- Children's clothes - folks to sort and organize
- Books - sort and organize during intake and day of sale
- Package check - good job for the jr high kids - to check, store and then retrieve purchases during sale days
- Worker refreshments - good job for Jr. high kids - mix ice tea, etc., and bring trays of drinks around to departments during sale days [contact office].
- Parking Attendants for days of Sale at two locations - call Sean 860-215-1740.
- Intake needs a daily staff of 6-8 folks to unload cars and sort donations 6/23 to 6/25 and 6/28 to 6/30 from 9-2 pm. Call Betsy Webster to volunteer 434-9457 or just come down those days & stay as long as you can. Great way to meet folks.

COMMUNION SERVICE

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, whose wise love gave us this night of remembering failure, forgive us for leaving you, for ignoring others, for not letting your love in us have its way. Cleanse us. Open us so that the love may flow freely in and out for the sake of the world, which needs forgiveness and healing. We pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.

ABSOLUTION

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Ever Gracious God, we gather in this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago to share a meal. We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need and of your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in a covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and redeemer, Amen.

*It is the practice of this church to serve grape juice in our communion service.
Bread is gluten-free.*