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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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September 11, 2022

HOME COMING SUNDAY

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Sound forth the trumpet in Zion*

Thomas Morley

*Processional Hymn: #98 “God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”

*Call to Worship:

When insight floods the human mind;
When a solution arises in a vexed heart;
When the seeds of community are kindled;
When words are used with care;
When sound and space are shaped...

In such moments we encounter an echo of that first beginning,
Sensing the God in whose image we were created.

**In word and act, through the entirety of our lives...
Let us worship God.**

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #96 “Creating God, Your Fingers Trace”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Holy Spirit, Light Divine*

John Carter

*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: #97 “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”
(First verse only, as children leave. Congregation can remain seated.)

Pastoral Prayer

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 score includes treble and bass clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line of each system.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1: 1-2; 26-31 (The Message)

Sermon: **Be Happy Whenever You Can Manage It**

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

*Hymn: #362 "Now Let Us All, in Hymns of Praise"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Peace I leave with you*

Matthew Glandorf

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 host for Fellowship hour today is Barbara Macgregor.

HOME COMING SUNDAY! Join us after the service for a special church ice cream party on our church lawn for everyone.

Welcome Back Choir! If Today we are pleased and excited to welcome back our Senior Choir, under the direction of Simon Holt. If any in the congregation would like to join the choir, please just show up for any Wednesday rehearsal at 7:30pm. We would love to have you participate with us. It is also fun!

Ushers: If you would like to usher, please step forward and tell the deacon at the door as you arrive. Your participation will be appreciated!

The Partnership Store, offering goods and creations from Haiti, Palestine, Tribal Crafts, and the Ladies Who Stitch, will be open today after the service.

LBS Luncheon, Tuesday, September 13th: As the mid-term elections approach, the political language coming from every direction seems only to be getting shriller by the day: *The End is nigh! Apocalypse is coming!!* To talk us through these real—and imagined—threats to democracy, we have invited Joanne Moore, co-chair of the non-partisan League of Women Voters in SE CT to walk us through current issues, including, for example, the ABSENTEE BALLOT question on the ballot in November. As we emerge from the many constraints imposed by the pandemic, absentee voting can seem to preserve or enhance breadth in the electorate. Others fear that it would only broaden opportunities for election fraud. Bring your own questions and concerns! LBS has been celebrated for many attributes over the past two centuries; being shrinking violets has yet to appear on that long list.

Caregivers Group A monthly group for those challenged by taking care of a loved one. Come for conversation, shared wisdom and tea! Starting Wednesday, September 21st, from 11-12 in Hoag Parlor. With Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager and Mary McGannon Kollman, MSW.

The Diaper Bank, distributed diapers to 90 babies and toddlers this past Saturday. This is the first time we have run out of wipes and size 3 diapers. Our inventory is low and in need of sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6. Donations are gratefully appreciated. The next Diaper Bank Saturday is **October 1st**.

Memorial Service for Prudence Allen, will be held on Saturday, September 24th, at 11:00 am in the Meetinghouse, followed by a reception. All are welcome to attend.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

LWS Monday, September 12 at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

LBS Luncheon Tuesday, September 13 at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Trustees Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Confirmation Class Wednesday, September 14 at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Senior Choir Wednesday, September 14 at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Missions Thursday, September 15 at 5:00 pm in Library.

Bible Study at Essex Meadows Friday, September 16 at 11:00 am.

Large print versions of the bulletin are available from the ushers.