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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake*

Richard Farrant

*Processional Hymn: #238 "The Church's One Foundation"

*Call to Worship:

**Whatever you have come in anticipating
Whatever you expect or worry about for our world and for the future:
Let it go, if only for a time. Make space in your heart to be surprised.**
May we have room in our souls for a new story to take shape.
May astonishment at this life be possible, for it remains a miracle.
**Here in this place, may we imagine the bursting of joy
Relentless and resilient, washing over us with music, and story and silence.**
Dreaming together, hoping together, building together...
Let us worship God.

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #354 "Lord, We Would Be Instruments of Loving Service"

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

John Rutter

*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: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

The musical score is written for a three-part setting in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The second system also has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly. Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!' The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6: 19-21; Philippians 4: 8-9

Sermon: **Days of Bread and Roses**

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

*Hymn: #63 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Benediction

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

Peter C. Lutkin

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 Lee Whitaker.

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.

Adult Forum. Today we'll begin a series of adult forums entitled "Living With Uncertainty." The pandemic has introduced a greater level of uncertainty into all of our lives, ranging from our daily schedules to basic questions about the future. But that uncertainty reaches into other domains as well - the environment, politics, the economy - with consequences for our bodily, emotional, and spiritual well being. Beginning with a presentation on the Spirituality of Uncertainty from Paul Burgmayer, an accomplished and wise spiritual director, we'll be exploring several dimensions of this topic throughout the Fall, addressing how we maintain a sense of equilibrium when so much around us feels unstable. Indeed, we'll explore how uncertainty is the very condition for faith itself, which requires a level of not-knowing, blindness, and groping about in the dark if faith is to be faith at all (for we do not walk by sight, the book of Hebrews tells us!).

Bible Study Class begins on Thursday, September 29th from 11-12 in the Library and on Zoom. All are welcome! For more information email Laura.

DIAPER BANK Saturday will be October 1st. Our inventory is in need of sizes 3, 4, and 5. Diapers can be left at the top of the stairs near the food pantry donations box. Any size package is greatly appreciated.

Support for Ukraine The extraordinary support of this congregation has made it possible for over \$28,000 to be sent for relief for Ukraine. More details will be coming in the next newsletter. But for now, a most sincere thank you to all who have given so generously to this special fund.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

Adult Forum *TODAY at 11:30 am* in Fellowship Hall.

LWS *Monday, September 26 at 10:00 am* in Sheffield Auditorium.

Yoga *Tuesday, September 27 at 5:00 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

Deacons *Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

Pottery Morning *Wednesday, September 28 at 10:00 am* in Walt's Pottery Studio.

Pottery Evening *Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00 pm* in Walt's Pottery Studio.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, September 28 at 7:30 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study *Thursday, September 29 at 11:00 am* in Library and on Zoom.

Yoga *Thursday, September 29 at 5:00 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation *Sunday, October 2 at 10:00 am.*

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