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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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October 23, 2022

TREE OF LIFE SUNDAY

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: Locus iste Anton Bruckner

*Processional Hymn: #504 “God of Justice, God of Mercy” (verses 1 and 5)

Muslim Call to Prayer Imam Mahmoud Mansour

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. David Good - Introduction to Tree of Life Sunday

*Hymn: #505 “Let Justice Flow Like Streams”

Reflections Sadeq and Dalia

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: Set Me As a Seal Dale Grotenhuis

*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 Sadeq and Dalia

Song: “If Anybody Asks You Who I Am” Rachael and Sabina Jungkeit

If anybody asks you who I am,
who I am, who I am,
If anybody asks you who I am,
Tell them I'm a child of God.

(As children leave, congregation can remain seated.)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18: 1-4; Job 14: 7-9; Hebrews 13: 1-2

Reflections Melissa and Mella

Concluding Prayer

*Hymn: #500 “O For a World ”

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 Reading

Genesis 18: 1-4

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

Job 14: 7-9

"For there is hope for a tree,
if it is cut down, that it will sprout again
and that its shoots will not cease.
Though its root grows old in the earth
and its stump dies in the ground,
yet at the scent of water it will bud
and put forth branches like a young plant.

Hebrews 13: 1-2

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

The host for Fellowship Hour today is Sharon Howell and Diane Claussen.

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*Families may pick up from Sunday School downstairs at 11:15 am.*  
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Tree of Life Discussion: Join us for a Middle Eastern bazaar and further discussion about the Middle East at a Tree of Life event immediate following the service.

Pilgrim Fellowship (SPF and JPF) at Fields of Fire (now called Tree Trails): TODAY
Space is limited. We're planning a trip to the adventure park in Mystic, Sunday afternoon 3-5 pm. Leave from church at 2:15 pm. Visit <https://treetrails.com/mystic> for more details and reserve your spot by emailing fccol@fccol.org. Suggested cost is \$40.

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 Will be open today after the service. We're offering goods and creations from Haiti, Palestine, Tribal Crafts, and the Ladies Who Stitch.

Bible Study We'll continue this Thursday, October 27th from 11-12 in the Library and on Zoom. All are welcome! For more information email Laura. (lfitz.nager@gmail.com)

Come to the Water: Resilient Spirits Retreat. Friday, October 28th 9:30 am - 3:00pm at Mercy Center, Madison, CT What keeps our spirits resilient, even in times of upheaval? This retreat offers space for reflection and sharing as we explore together what helps us build resilience in our daily lives – what lifts our spirits? What brings us balance? What offers us hope? Through the spacious rhythm of retreating by the sea to Mercy Center in Madison, we'll have generous time to explore the grounds, walk the beach and labyrinth, experience yoga and solitude and share what gives us life so that we might return to our lives renewed. Offered by Laura and friends. Reserve a space at fccol@fccol.org. \$35.00 includes lunch (scholarships available). Checks may be made out to FCCOL.

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, **sincere thanks** to all who have given so generously to this special fund.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

Deacons *Tuesday, October 25 at 5:00 pm* in the Library.

Pottery Morning *Wednesday, October 26 at 10:00 am* in Walt's Pottery Studio.

Pottery Evening *Wednesday, October 26 at 6:00 pm* in Walt's Pottery Studio.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, October 26 at 7:30 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study *Thursday, October 27 at 11:00 am* in Library and on Zoom.

Mercy Center Retreat *Friday, October 28 at 9:30 am.*

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

The Rhythm of the Saints: Ancestral Voices

Dr. Michael White and his New Orleans Jazz Ensemble

During the final days of October and into the first week of November, Christian churches mark All Saint's Day, or All Soul's Day. It is a time in which we honor the lives of those who have died during the past year, but it's also a time to recognize the wisdom and witness of those who have come before us. In similar fashion, African and Indigenous traditions also use that time to honor their own wisdom keepers of the past, in celebrations that often last for several days. From Mexico City to Havana, from Port-au-Prince to New Orleans, up and down the Americas and throughout other parts of the world as well, that summoning forth of ancient wisdom shall take place. It's a cultural practice that we in Old Lyme do well to emulate, and uphold.

Once again this year, Dr. Michael White and his New Orleans Jazz Ensemble will return to Old Lyme to help us all to recognize and affirm the ancestral voices that have guided us - individually and collectively - along our life journeys. With a sound that reaches back to the earliest days of jazz, one that is, in truth, older than jazz, and older than the country itself, Michael White's music calls to the ancestors, even as it raises the tired and flagging spirits of those privileged to hear Michael's ancient/modern songs. These are songs meant to raise the dead. These are songs that establish a rhythm for the saints, for those now departed and for those still living.

On Saturday November 5th, at 5:00 in the Meetinghouse, Michael and his band will perform a concert in honor of the ancestral voices that continue to guide and shape our living. The concert is free and open to the public, though a free-will offering will be taken.

On Sunday, November 6th, at 10:00 in the Meetinghouse, Michael and his band will return for a Sacred Jazz Worship Service, during which wisdom keepers of the past, and of the present, shall be honored.

Join us for a weekend of New Orleans jazz, meant to heal and instruct, to inspire and inflame, as we honor the ancestral voices that have come before us.



Tree of Life Educational Fund | Fall 2022 Speaker Series

Dalia lives in Hebron in the West Bank. She is a 2020 graduate of Bethlehem University with a B.A. in Business Administration and Marketing and is currently working as a public relations director at Hebron Expo. Dalia enjoys learning about the different industries that exhibit at the Expo, networking, and building relationships with her colleagues and clients. Her goal is to be a successful businesswoman with her own business. Dalia's entrepreneurial talents are already evidenced by the online clothing boutique she owns and operates, Carli Boutique, find her on Instagram @carli_boutique_.



Sadeq lives in Hebron and is a 2022 graduate of Hebron University with a B.A. in English Language and Literature. He enjoys reading, writing, and teaching. While a student he was an English Language Instructor at different local and national centers, such as the Youth Development Resources Center, and taught English on social media platforms, developing his own course "Learning English through TikTok". For several years Sadeq has supported his community by volunteering at different charitable organizations, such as Hebron Zakah committees.



Mella is a student, blogger and beginning journalist. This year she will complete the final year of the Research Master's in Philosophy at the University of Amsterdam. As an undergraduate student, she studied Middle Eastern Studies and Philosophy in the city of Groningen. Besides her studies, she worked for the university newspapers of both universities. Studying the occupation of Palestine in university and having the ambition to become a journalist in this field, she wished to experience the situation on the ground. As the city of Hebron is justifiably called a microcosm of the 'conflict', this seemed the right place to go. She enrolled in a human rights and Arabic program at a local center for two months. In the third month, she carried out her own journalistic research on the violence of settlers in the city of Hebron and wrote an article that was published on Mondoweiss. In addition, during her time in Hebron she wrote a personal blog about her experiences, which was picked up by a Dutch pro-Palestine organization that asked her to speak on protests and solidarity meetings. The Mondoweiss article: <https://mondoweiss.net/2022/08/illegal-kings-on-palestinian-land/>.



Melissa is the Care Coordinator for Community Peacemaker Teams (CPT), formerly Christian Peacemaker Teams. She uses the framework of Healing Justice to accompany her colleagues in their vital work in conflict zones. Prior to joining CPT, for over 20 years, she worked in Philadelphia and New York City non-profit organizations, seeking out the intersection of spirituality and justice. Along with incarcerated women and women living on the outside, she co-founded an Associate Degree program at a prison in New York City and taught undergraduate students as a professor at the Oregon Extension of Eastern University. Along with her work at CPT, Melissa nurtures space for people to heal and thrive through spiritual companionship/direction and facilitates retreats where she lives with her family on Lenni Lenape Land, known as Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

