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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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January 29, 2023 **ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY** **10:00 AM**

Prelude

Introit: *Praise we the name of the Lord* J.S. Bach

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

*Call to Worship:

When our days turn cold and the light dims,
**may we take hold of the hands reaching out
and let them lead us to the warmth of community;**
When repression and indignity rise,
may we kindle the flames of justice, together;
When exhaustion seeps into our bones,
may we let the soft light lead us to rest.
And when joy sneaks in and surprises us with grace,
may we stop for just one sacred moment to celebrate and give thanks.
Let us worship God.

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #240 “I Love Your Church, O God ”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *They that wait upon the Lord* Douglas E. Wagner

*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 Dr. Karen Sutherland

Hymn: #364 “This Little Light of Mine”
(Congregation remains seated as children 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, and the bottom two are for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in - cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 18: 13-24

Sermon: **Becoming What We Endeavor To Be**

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

*Hymn: #242 "God of Life"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Go Now in Peace*

Don Besig

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

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*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.*

## 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held TODAY after the 10am worship service. This is an important opportunity for all of us to hear the reports of the ministers, the board and committee chairs and the treasurer covering all of the important activities of 2022 and the 2023 budget. It is also an opportunity for everyone to be actively engaged with questions and discussions. Please attend if you are able.

**Babysitting will be available in the nursery during the Annual meeting.**

We're grateful for Dr. Karen Sutherland, scientist at Pfizer, for visiting with us today.

**2023 Offering Envelopes.** Offering envelopes for 2023 can be found in the connector.

**Save the Date:** Chili Cookoff, Friday night, February 10th, 6-8 pm. We'll vote for the best chili, enjoy some music and celebrate the Valentines in our midst! If you would like to be a Chili Chef (vegetarian, too!), please contact the office at [fccol@fccol.org](mailto:fccol@fccol.org).

**Church World Service: Blanket Drive:** The annual LBS CWS Blanket Drive will be held during February and March. Blankets are distributed to the homeless, people who have suffered from fires, hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other disasters around the world and here in the Unites States. CWS envelopes will be available in the pews starting in February. Each blanket costs \$10. Checks will need to be made payable to LBS, indicating in the memo line "Blanket Drive." They may be put in the collection plate or sent to the church c/o LBS.

**Spirit Visions of New Orleans: March 17-22.** From March 17-22, members and friends of FCCOL are invited to visit the city of New Orleans, to learn about its unique culture, and to witness the many ways that the city has nurtured a vision of human life. If you're interested in joining this journey, email Steve Jungkeit ([steven@jungkeit.net](mailto:steven@jungkeit.net)) for further details.

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### Calendar of Events and Meetings

**ANNUAL MEETING TODAY** at 11:00 am in the Meetinghouse.

**LWS Monday, January 30** at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

**Memorial—Doris King Tuesday, January 31** at 1:00 pm in the Meetinghouse.

**Old Lyme Ringers Wednesday, February 1** at 6:30 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

**Senior Choir Wednesday, February 1** at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

**Bible Study Thursday, February 2** at 11:00 am in the Library.

**Tree of Life Meeting Saturday, February 4** at 3:30 am at the Berlin Mosque.