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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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February 26, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude: *Tolling of the Hour*

Old Lyme Ringers

Introit: *Draw Us in The Spirit's Tether*

Harold W. Friedell

*Processional Hymn: #237 "How Firm a Foundation"

*Call to Worship:

To face the world's shadows,
We surround ourselves with the light of this place;
To face the world's coldness,
We gather together, warmed by the presence of others;
To face the world's terrors,
We draw courage from the Spirit of the Living Christ;
To face the world's turmoil,
We proclaim the Prince of Peace.

May our spirits, our hearts, and our lives be sustained through our presence and prayers, our songs and our words.

Let us worship God!

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #68 "Though I May Speak"

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Oh Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

John Dressler

*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

"Amen"

K-1 Class

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer*

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The score consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first two lines of the text, and the second system contains the last two lines. Each line of text is supported by a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16: 13-18

Sermon: **But Who Do You Say That I Am?**

Prof. Peter Hawkins

*Hymn: #241

“We Will Build Your Church, O Christ”

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Thou Knowest, Lord, The Secrets of Our Hearts* Henry Purcell

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.

It is a privilege to welcome Professor Peter Hawkins to Old Lyme this morning. Peter will be our preacher for the morning, and following the service, he will lead us in a forum on Dante's Divine Comedy, in particular The Inferno, helping us to prepare for our Holy Week reading of the poem. Peter's list of accolades is long, but suffice to say that for nearly 50 years, Peter has walked students through the Comedy (which consists of the Inferno, the Purgatorio, and the Paradiso). He has helped generations of students unlock the wisdom and power of Dante for contemporary readers. He is the author of numerous books, including Dante's Testaments, Dante: A Brief History, Undiscovered Country and a series of edited volumes entitled Listening for God: Contemporary Literature and the Life of Faith. In 2008, he was invited to give the Beecher Lectures at Yale, the preeminent lecture series on preaching in the United States. It is a great honor to have Peter visit this morning.

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*The host for Fellowship Hour today is Julie Martel.*  
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Turkey/Syria Earthquake Response: Several members of our church made initial gifts for emergency help in Northwest Syria and Turkey, where the February 6th earthquake has dealt a devastating blow to an area currently home to more than a million refugees. Now, with over 40,000 deaths in this tragedy, our Board of Missions has committed \$4,000 of additional help. If you would like to help, please send a donation to the church by check made out to FCCOL with Earthquake Relief in the memo line, and we will add your gift to the funds already collected. Contributions will be forwarded to the IRC (International Rescue Committee).

Church World Service (CWS) Blanket Drive: Church World Service was founded in 1946 and is a cooperative ministry and partners with 37 Christian denominations all over the world. It was named one of the Top 100 Rated Charities by GiveSpot. All funds donated to CWS for earthquake relief will be directed to the ACT Alliance and other partners in the area. Blankets are desperately needed. Each blanket costs only \$10. Please make checks payable to LBS. CWS envelopes are available in the pews and may be put in the offering plate or sent to the Church c/o LBS."

Save the Date: LBS Luncheons resume for the spring in March, Women's History Month, with a Luncheon program focused on Connecticut women in the sciences. The first Luncheon of the 2023 season will be on Tuesday, March 14, 12-2 pm. The luncheon meal and dessert will be followed at 1 pm by a program on Connecticut women who have shattered the glass ceilings long sheltering men working in science and health careers. Louisa Lacurci, Education Director for the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame, will present an illustrated slide talk, followed by a Q-and-A discussion with the audience.

"Get Acquainted" Potluck Dinner: ALL LGBTQ members of FCCOL are invited to a "Get Acquainted" Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday, March 11 at 5:30 PM in the Sheffield Hall at FCCOL. Who are you? Let's meet up and get acquainted! Please RSVP by calling or texting Danielle St. Germain at 860-823-8818 by Wednesday, March 8.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

Adult Forum *TODAY after the Worship service.*

LWS Monday, February 27 at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

Board of Deacons Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

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

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

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