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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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March 26, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Be Thou My Vision*

Irish folk melody
arranged by John Rutter (born 1945)

*Processional Hymn: #407

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Call to Worship:

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst . . .
come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed . . .
come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war . . .
come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness . . .
come worship a God who gives life meaning.

Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end.

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #360 “I Love to Tell the Story”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *The Lord is My Shepherd*

from Requiem
by John Rutter (born 1945)

*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

Rev. Rebecca Crosby

“Amen”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer*

The image shows a musical score for a pastoral prayer response. It consists of four staves of music. 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; incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style.

Scripture Reading: Luke 18: 35-43

Sermon: **What Do You See?**

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit, Jill Harned, and Barbara Smith

*Hymn: #408 "Without the Fire, There Is No Burning"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Adoramus te Christe* by Quirino Gasparini (1749-1770)

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.

Calling all those who signed up to read from Dante's Inferno: we'll have a planning meeting to work out organizational details TODAY at 11:30 in the Sheffield Auditorium. We'll cover topics like timing, flow, how to read publicly, and other questions that may arise. Thanks to everyone who is taking part!

Board of Youth Education (BYE) on Wednesday, March 29th from 6-7. Babysitting with pizza available.

The Lyme Refugee Resettlement Committee is now looking for people to help with new refugees who may be coming in the near future. We offer help in many ways to get the family settled in Old Lyme. If interested please call Joe Cipparone at 867-912-7161 or Robin Sedgwick at 860-434-2114 to find out more of what we do.

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Response: The Board of Missions has allocated \$4,000 to help victims of earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. An additional \$2,000 has been sent by members of the congregation. This week we forwarded the accumulated \$6,000 to IRC (International Rescue Committee) of New York to aid in the rescue support work they have already begun. If further donations are received, they will be forwarded as quickly as possible. Should you want to make an additional gift, please do so by sending your gift to the office as a check made out to FCCOL with "earthquake relief" in the memo line.

Church World Service (CWS) Blanket Drive: In 2022 blankets and kits were distributed to people who had lost everything during the wildfires in California. The blankets are flame retardant, water repellent and therefore also useful for fire fighters. Church World Service has helped 767 Ukrainian and Moldovan families with blankets and other winter items. Each blanket costs only \$10. Please make checks payable to LBS. CWS envelopes are available in the pews and can be put in the offering plate or sent to the church c/o LBS.

Diaper Bank Saturday Update: Next monthly distribution is Saturday, April 1st. Our inventory is low for Size 4 diapers. Last month, there were 19 requests for size 4. Thank you for your continuing support.

LBS Luncheons resume for the spring in ~~March~~ April (for real this time, March having been stolen from us by an imagined 3-day nor'easter that failed to materialize here in Old Lyme). The first Luncheon of the 2023 season will now be on Tuesday, April 11, 12- 2 pm. The price of admission to the Luncheon is a donation of at least \$5, accompanied by a donation of canned goods for the food pantry or a donation of disposable diapers. As always, please call the Church office at 860-434-8686 by Friday, April 7 to confirm your attendance so that we can be sure of food enough for all.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

LWS Monday, March 27 at 10:00 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Deacons Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Old Lyme Ringers Wednesday, March 29 at 6:30 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Choir Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study Thursday, March 30 at 11:00 am in the Library.