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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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April 9, 2022

Easter Sunday

9 & 11:00 AM

Prelude

Greg Case, soprano saxophone

Introit: *Outbursts of Joy*

Cynthia Dobrinski
Old Lyme Ringers

*Processional Hymn: #205

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

*Call to Worship:

Out of the earth
Rises light,
Rises life,
Rises renewed possibility.

Out of the spirit
Rises faith,
Rises hope,
Rises love.
Let us worship God!

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #210

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *I Was Glad*

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

*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: *As We Are Gathered*

The musical score is written for voice and piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'As we are gath-ered, Je - sus is here; one with each'. The second system is labeled 'Fine' and contains the lyrics: 'oth - er, Je - sus is here. Joined by the Spir - it'. The third system is labeled 'to Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'built up in love, part of the bod - y, the church of God.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

Scripture Lessons: Dante's Inferno, Canto 33; Luke 23: 39-43; Luke 24: 1-5

Sermon: **An Aperture of Light**

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #214 "Thine Is the Glory"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

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*We are very pleased to welcome back to our pulpit this morning our partner  
from South Africa, the Rev. Paul Verryn.*  
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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.***

Scripture Readings

Dante's Inferno, Canto 33

"A small aperture within that Mew which because of me has the name of Hunger...had shown me through its opening several moons already..."

Luke 23: 39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 24: 1-5

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen."

Choir Anthems Today

Offertory Anthem: I was glad by Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Texts:

I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.
For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord: to testify unto
Israel, and to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
For there is the seat of judgement: even the seat of the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end,
Amen.

Benediction Response: Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah by G. F. Handel
(1685-1759)

This year we are once again dedicating our Easter offering to the work of *One Great Hour of Sharing*, a fund collected and dispersed through the United Church of Christ. This fund can be accessed for any emergencies world-wide, such as relief in times of natural disaster or critical health or social crises. Last year we received word from the UCC that, in terms of the OGHS collection, we were among the 100 most generous churches in the nation! That is a testimony to the generosity of our congregation, and a real honor. We have set our goal for the 2023 collection at \$10,000 once again. Please help as much as you are able. Thank you!

Memorial Flower and Music

The flowers and the special music for this Easter Sunday worship celebration are given in loving memory of Connie Moeller Nichols; Babe and Kitty Green; Haley Nicole Feltes and Marilyn Regan; Florence Darnell; Arthur D. and Etta W. Todd; Peter Bushnell; Carol Farman; Pauline Johnson and Vincent Santangelo; Kristina Faith Tachett and Joseph Altrui; Jack Harned; Leland, Laura and Gary Reynolds; Jonathan T. Hine and Millie Wood.

Also in memory of loved ones of the Fisher and Griswold families; the Gerber Family; grandparents of the Tackett and Bakoledis families; and the father of Cari Blanchard.

And in celebration of the lives of the grandchildren of Dave and Betsy Sams: Sophie, Emmy, Hannah, Max, Jacob, Noah, Will and Caroline.

The image on the cover, "The Procession," was created by John August Swanson.

The hosts for Fellowship Hour today are Wendy Knight and the members of the Senior Choir.

We welcome our long-time partner, the Rev. Paul Verryn: Paul, our Theologian in Residence, is visiting us from South Africa from April 5th through April 24th. This is a chance to visit and catch up on the state of affairs in South Africa, and also an opportunity to study with Paul in a few of his Bible Study sessions during the course of those two weeks. Please join us for any or all of these opportunities. His Bible studies will take place on Tuesdays April 11 and 18, and Thursdays April 13 and 20 in the library, starting at 4:30 pm. We'll plan to work together for about an hour- join us any of those days if you can!

On Friday, April 14 if you'd like to share in a simple potluck supper with Paul, please join us in Fellowship Hall at 6 pm. Bring whatever you want to share. The conversation will be so good that we won't need anything fancy to eat! See you there!

Call Carleen at 860-304-2070 if you'd like to plan a time to walk with Paul or would like to invite him for a supper with your family.

Our God's Neighborhood Sunday School program resumes next Sunday, April 16th, at 10:00 am!

Haitian Dinner: The LBS will once again host the annual Haitian Dinner on Sunday, April 23 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The authentic Haitian Dinner is catered by *Mommy's Restaurant* in Norwich. After the dinner at 6:30 pm, Becky Crosby will offer an update on their work in education in Haiti, the current situation in Haiti, and how it affects their work. Haitian art will be for sale. A donation of \$10.00 per person is suggested, and all the proceeds will support The Crosby Fund for Haitian Education. Please make reservations by calling the church office at 860-434-8686.

The Lyme/Old Lyme Refugee Resettlement Committee is looking for people to help with new refugees coming to our community in the near future. We offer help in many ways to get the family settled in Old Lyme at a home owned by FCCOL. If interested, please call Joe Cipparone at (860) 912-7161 or Robin Sedgwick at (860) 434-2114 to find out how you can help. You can also join us at the next meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, 4/26/23, at 10 a.m. at the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, 2 Library Lane, Old Lyme, CT. You will get a sense of the needs of refugee families and how you might help.

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. At this point we have 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.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

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

LBS Luncheon Tuesday, April 11 at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Paul Verryn Tuesday, April 11 at 4:30 pm in the Library.

Trustees and Stewardship Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30 pm in the Library.

Missions Wednesday, April 12 at 5:00 pm in the Library.

Bible Study Thursday, April 13 at 11:00 am in in the Library and on Zoom.

Paul Verryn Thursday, April 13 at 4:30 pm in in the Library.

Paul Verryn Potluck Friday, April 14 from 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Have you looked at the price of housing, lately? Just imagine the cost to put a roof over a family of seven! That's the real challenge for the Popal family from Afghanistan, sponsored by the Lyme Old Lyme Refugee Resettlement Committee, which has worked to support this family as it navigates the language, customs and laws in its new home.

The Popals are happy in our community, and would like to stay, especially because their children are thriving in our excellent schools. All of the kids speak English now! Dad has a job at Big Y and Mom picks up occasional sewing work that she can do at home while caring for the baby, Sola, who was born here, in the U.S.

They are here, you may remember, because Dad worked with the US military in Afghanistan and his life was at risk after the takeover by the Taliban.

So, we are asking for your help. Specifically, we are looking for permanent housing for the Popals. So, if you happen to have a house or apartment to give or discount - in Old Lyme, but really anywhere in the immediate vicinity - it would make a huge difference for this family. It would also make for a wonderful Easter story. And if there are other ways you would like to get involved, please reach out to the Refugee Resettlement Committee.

Sincerely and with gratitude,

The Lyme/Old Lyme Refugee Resettlement Committee