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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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April 16, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *This Is The Day*

Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

*Processional Hymn: #238

“The Church's One Foundation”

*Call to Worship:

We gather as a house of sacred stories.
**As we learn of those who have gone before,
the way in front of us becomes more clear.**
As we weave together the tales of who we are,
our loneliness lessens and the web of our connectedness is revealed.
**As we listen deeply in those times of tender trust,
we descend into the longings and learnings of the humanity we share.**
Beneath the stones and stories that make the foundation of our house,
There is a bedrock from which we have all been hewn.
Let us worship God, the source of our being.

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #212

“Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Come, Ye Faithful*

R.S. Thatcher (1888-1957)

*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

Elsbeth Dowd

Special Music

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *As We Are Gathered*

Refrain

As we are gathered, Je - sus is here; one with each

oth - er, Je - sus is here. Joined by the Spir - it

built up in love, part of the bod - y, the church of God.

to Refrain

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27: 50-51; John 12: 20-26

Sermon: **Meet Me at the Wrecking Ball: A Plea for a Secular Christianity**

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #177 "He Comes to Us"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Sound Forth the Trumpet*

Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

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 Martha Gibson.

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 April 18 and April 20 in the library, starting at 4:30 pm. We'll plan to work together for about an hour- join us for either or both of those days if you can!

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.

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. We have forwarded the accumulated \$6,000 to IRC (International Rescue Committee) of New York to aid in their rescue support work. 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.

The 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. You can also join us at the next meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, 4/26/23, at 10 am at the St. Ann's Episcopal Church, 82 Shore Road, Old Lyme, CT. You will get a sense of the needs of refugee families and how you might help.

White Elephant Sale: Get out your calendars out and mark these dates – Friday, July 14th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and Saturday, July 15th from 8:00 am - Noon. This is a good time of the year to sort through the cellar and attic to put aside some of those treasures for this year's sale. Hold those goodies until first intake day, Thursday June 29th.

Adult Forum: On April 23rd our guest speaker will be Dr. Lisa Miller, professor at Columbia University and author of *The Awakened Brain* and *The Spiritual Child*, a NY Times bestseller. Books are for sale in Fellowship Hall and the office.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

LWS Monday, April 17 at 10:00 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Paul Verryn Tuesday, April 18 at 4:30 pm in the Library.

Senior Choir Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Blood Drive Thursday, April 20 at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Paul Verryn Thursday, April 20 at 4:30 pm in the Library.

Adult Forum Sunday, April 23 at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

Haitian Dinner Sunday, April 23 at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.