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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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April 30, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *How Lovely Sings the Angel Host*

Cornelius Freundt (1535-1591)

*Processional Hymn: #54

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*Call to Worship:

Knowing how deeply our lives intertwine,
We vow to not speak of self as separate from others.
Knowing how deeply our lives intertwine,
We vow to not harbor ill will toward any plant, animal, or human being.
Knowing how deeply our lives intertwine,
We vow to not take what is not given.
Knowing how deeply our lives intertwine,
We vow to not speak falsely or deceptively.
Knowing how deeply our lives intertwine,
We vow not to kill.
Knowing how deeply our lives intertwine,
We pledge to honor the Sacred Earth upon which we depend.
Knowing how deeply our lives intertwine,
Let us worship the God who is known by many names.

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Sacrament of Baptism

Wilkins Gregory Stantan Marra

*Hymn: #461

“We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Praise God in Highest Heaven!*

Eugene Butler (b. 1935)

*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

Allison Hine, Elsa Jungkeit and Anna Bjornberg

Heleluyvan, Native hymn

While hymn is being sung, children and youth are invited to proceed downstairs to God's Neighborhood for Sunday School.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the first line of the hymn, and the last two staves are for the second line. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." and "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!". The score includes treble and bass clefs, key signatures, and time signatures.

Readings: Exodus 3: 1-5; Keeping Quiet, by Pablo Neruda

Sermon: **Standing on Sacred Ground: Considering the Land and its People**

Steve Jungkeit: Introduction

David Brule: A Nehantic Perspective on the Land

Carolyn Wakeman: A Few Forgotten Voices

Ned Pfeiffer: The Nehantic History of Old Lyme

Marc Strickland: A Contemporary Perspective

John Higgins: Introducing FCCOL's Land Acknowledgment

A Communal Reading of the Land Acknowledgment

*Hymn: #500 "O for a World"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Lord God, Have Mercy*

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

Nehantic Land Acknowledgement

We, the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, acknowledge that we occupy and benefit from the Indigenous land upon which our church and our homes are standing. For thousands of years, this has been, and continues to be, the traditional territory of the Nehantic people, along with the Indigenous kin of other tribes.

We hereby acknowledge the continued presence, resilience, and sovereignty of the Nehantic community today.

We commit ourselves to collaborating with all Indigenous communities in the challenge of decolonizing, recovering, and restoring Indigenous histories, lives, and futures.

We give thanks to those first Nehantic people and their present day descendants. And we affirm that any land acknowledgement must also contain an acknowledgement of the wisdom of the land itself: the trees, the water, the rocks, the soil on which we live.

We have been taught by Indigenous elders to draw our minds together at the beginning of any gathering and that we should remember to be grateful and thankful for all that we have been given by the Creator. And so we give thanks:

For this beautiful day; to the four directions; to all creatures who are our kinfolk and teachers; to the river and the ocean that have sustained us; to the last 7 generations and the next 7 generations; to our ancestors who have guided us and who are here with us now. We do not have to ask for anything. All this has been given to us.

But finally, we recognize that acknowledgement in a sentence or paragraph is not enough. And so we at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme commit to listen to Native voices who can remind us and teach us how to live in balance and reciprocity. We commit to a continual process of discernment, asking what is to be done, seeking to include voices that have not been heard. We confess that, in such a great task, we are always at the beginning, and that acknowledgment is but the first step in a long process of self-education and relationship building.

With our Nehantic friends, as well as Lakota and other Indigenous partners, we affirm that we are all in this together, brothers and sisters of Spirit, dwelling under the same sky. What shall we do with the many gifts we have been given?

Readings

Scripture

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

Keeping Quiet, by Pablo Neruda

Now we will count to twelve
and we will all keep still
for once on the face of the earth,
let's not speak in any language;
let's stop for a second,
and not move our arms so much.

It would be an exotic moment
without rush, without engines;
we would all be together
in a sudden strangeness.

Fishermen in the cold sea
would not harm whales
and the man gathering salt
would not look at his hurt hands.

Those who prepare wars,
wars with gas, wars with fire,
victories with no survivors,
would put on clean clothes
and walk about with their brothers
in the shade, doing nothing.

What I want should not be confused
with total inactivity.

Life is what it is about...

If we were not so single-minded
about keeping our lives moving,
and for once could do nothing,
perhaps a huge silence
might interrupt this sadness
of never understanding ourselves
and of threatening ourselves with
death.

Now I'll count up to twelve
and you keep quiet and I will go.

Choir Anthems Today

Introit: How lovely sings the angel host by Cornelius Freundt (1535-1591)

Offertory Anthem: Praise God in Highest Heaven! by Eugene Butler (b. 1935)

Benediction Response: Lord God, have mercy by Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Texts:

How lovely sings the angel host, praising God now and evermore, and singing: Glory in the highest to our God: rejoicing now that Jesus Christ for our sake, is become a man, therefore they sing: Peace on earth to men, peace and goodwill on the earth to all! Therefore, let us also joyful be, and with the angels sing the song: Glory in the highest to our God, sing glory in the highest to our God!

Praise God in Highest Heaven! And on earth His Son Jesus Christ who lived and dwelt among us. We praise Thee O Holy Spirit! Which abides with us! We on earth have built Thee a house of Worship, of stone and mortar of wood and steel and within this Sanctuary dwells peace, and within His walls dwells love. We praise Thee O Risen Christ! Who died for us and rose again who died for us that we might live! Praise God in highest heaven, praise God!

Lord God have mercy, through your never-ending love; blot out my sins, O Lord; all my wrong forgive. Cast me not away, O Lord; take not your holy Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Restore the joy of thy salvation. Hide not your face, O God.

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.

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This morning we are pleased to celebrate the baptism of Wilkins Gregory Stantan Marra, son of Gregory and Elizabeth Stantan Marra, grandson of Dana Dixon.

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The host for Fellowship Hour today is the Marra family.
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**An Invitation to Sacred Ground:** Following Sunday's service, we're all invited to McCook Park in Niantic at 12:00, where David Brule, one of the elders of the Nehantic People, will help us to understand the sacred significance of that land for his community. Foremost among the places on that site that David will show us is the Nehantic Burial Ground. This is a chance to experience our ordinary environment in a different way, seeing familiar places with new eyes. It's also a chance to celebrate the Earth from a different vantage. Come and learn the important history of the region in which we all live.

**Cross Lane Playground:** The Board of Youth Ed invites families of children elementary age and younger to join us for an afternoon playdate at Cross Lane Playground on May 7th at 3pm. Come join us and meet families with similar-aged children! Light snacks will be provided. The Playground is ADA accessible and located at 14 Cross Lane in Old Lyme. If you need an easy idea for dinner after our playground runaround, Teddy's Pizza Palace is just around the corner.

**New Members Orientation:** Interested in learning more about FCCOL and church membership? Join us for a welcome orientation after church on Sunday, May 7th, at 11:30 am in the library. New Member Sunday will be May 14th at the 10:00 am service. If you are unable to attend and would like more information, feel free to contact any of the ministers.

**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 intake starts, **Thursday June 29th**.

#### Help wanted

- **Children's clothes** - please, volunteers to sort and price and a co-chair.
- **Large Furniture** - co-chair, also folks to price and sell.
- **Men's Clothes** - help sorting, pricing and especially sale day.
- **Package check** - good job for some parents to oversee kids checking and retrieving purchased items during sale.

- **Parking** - big crew needed to manage two parking lots both days - call the office or Sean at 860-215-1740.
- **Small Furniture** [ tools, outdoor furniture, guy stuff] - needs workers - lots of items to sort & price Thursday 7/13 then sell Fri and Sat 7/14 & 7/15.
- **Worker refreshment** - good job for some parents to oversee kids serving cold drinks to dept workers during sale days.
- **Intake** needs a daily staff of 6-8 folks to help unload cars and sort donations 6/29 to 7/7 from 9-2 pm [not 7/2-7/4] Please call the office 434-8686 and volunteer - it will help us to ensure daily staffing needs. All are welcome for as long as you can stay, even if you just drop in and help. Great way to meet folks and see what the WES is all about. Thank you in advance.

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### **Calendar of Events and Meetings**

**LWS Monday, May 1 at 10:00 pm** in Sheffield Auditorium.

**Senior Choir Wednesday, May 3 at 7:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**Blood Drive Thursday, May 4 at 9:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall.

**Bible Study Thursday, May 4 at 11:00 am** in the Library and on Zoom.

**New Members Orientation Thursday, May 7 at 11:30 am** in Sheffield Auditorium.