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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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May 14, 2023

New Members Sunday

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Thanks to Thee, O Lord*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

*Processional Hymn: #1 “We Limit Not the Truth of God“

*Call to Worship:

Out of the flames of fear
**We rise with the courage of our deepest convictions
to stand for justice, inclusion and peace.**
Out of the flames of scrutiny
**We rise to proclaim our faith
With hope to heal a fractured and hurting world**
Out of the flames of doubt
**We rise to embrace the mystery, wonder and awe
of all there is and all that is yet to be**
Out of the flames of intolerance
**We rise with the force of love
Love that celebrates our shared humanity**
Out of the flames we rise...
Let us worship God!

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Order for Reception of New Members

*Hymn: #86 “The Lone Wild Bird”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Hymn Anthem on the Tune "Marian"* Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*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

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: *As We Are Gathered*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "As We Are Gathered". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. 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 that support the vocal melody.

Readings: John 14: 1-2; Ephesians 1: 15-18

Sermon: **Opening the Eyes of the Heart**

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit
Rev. Carleen Gerber

*Hymn: #222 "Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Sanctus*

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

We then, as members of this Church, gladly welcome you to take part with us in the hopes, the labors, and the joys of the Church of Christ. We promise to walk with you in love and sympathy, to join with you in the ministries of grace to neighbors near and far, and to promote, as far as in us lies, your growth in the life of faith.

This morning we are pleased to welcome as new members:

Kyle Borton
Sarah Borton
Mary-Gardner Coppola
Caitlin Doonan
Maryann Furlong
Kim Gilhool
Frank Gilhool
Jill Hartenstein
Simphiwe Mbele
Elizabeth McLaughlin
Gayle Miller
Carl Miller
Linlin Mu
Mike Reynolds
Meg Reynolds
Betsy Sandberg
Bill Sandberg

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

John 14: 1-2

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?”

Ephesians 1: 15-18

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you...

Choir Anthems Today

Introit: Thanks to Thee, O Lord by G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Thanks to Thee, O Lord, for Thou, O Lord, led Israel, Thy people, with Thee thru the sea. Like a flock it passed thru, O Lord, Thy guiding hand protected it, Thy loving kindness led it thru the sea.

Offertory Anthem: Hymn Anthem on the tune "Marian" by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing; your festal banner raise on high, the Cross of Christ your King. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maidens meek, raise high your free exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Your clear Hosannas raise, and Alleluias loud; whilst answering echoes upward float, like wreaths on incense cloud. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise, send forth the hymns our fathers loved, the psalms of ancient days. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Praise him who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God for evermore. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Amen.

Benediction Response: Sanctus by Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord! Holy, holy, holy, holy is our God! He who always liveth, evermore the same, heaven and earth He ruleth, come and praise His name! Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord! Holy, holy, holy, holy is our God! Glorious and beloved is the One adored! Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord!

This morning we welcome and thank Douglas Green, our guest organist, who is sitting in for Simon Holt. Now retired, Doug was for many years the director of Music at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich.

Flowers grown and given by Julie and Will Hobert.

The host for Fellowship Hour today is Barb Macgregor.

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, 5/17/23, 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**. 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 them until the first intake day, **Thursday June 29rd**.

Help wanted

- **Children's clothes** - need co-chairs
- **Men's clothes dept** - sort and work sale days
- **Pkg check** - the days of the sale
- **Parking attendants, small furniture** - setup Thursday and **on sale day - please volunteer**.
- **Daily sorting and intake** - 6/29 to 7/7 from 9-2 pm [not 7/2-7/4]. For those who can, please stop in and help unload cars or sort inside -- All are welcome for as long as you can stay. Great way to meet folks and see what the WES is all about - people helping people. Thank you in advance.

Witness Stones Clean-Up: Please consider joining us after church on Sunday, May 28th at 11:30 am as we clean and polish the brass plaques of the Witness Stones found in front of our church and a few sites on Lyme Street. Materials and snacks provided! Sign up in Fellowship Hall after church TODAY!

If you'd be willing to spend an hour with us, please email Laura at lfitz.nager@gmail.com! We're preparing them for our next Witness Stones Installation ceremony at the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library on June 2nd at 10:00 am. Further information at www.witnessstonesoldlyme.org.

Box Night is here! Saturday night June 3rd, PF Youth Group and friends (7th-12th graders) are invited to learn more about the issues confronting those who are homeless and looking for affordable housing. Program begins at 6:00pm with dinner and guests from the Homeless Hospitality Center along with preparing a service project. Our youth will sleep overnight on the church lawn in boxes or tents and share breakfast the next morning. To participate, contact Laura at lfitz.nager@gmail.com.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

LWS Monday, May 15 at 10:00 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Lyme/Old Lyme Refugee Resettlement Wednesday, May 17 at 10:00 am at St. Ann's.

Missions Wednesday, May 17 at 5:00 pm in the Library.

Senior Choir Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study Thursday, May 18 at 11:00 am in the Library and on Zoom.

Children's Sunday Sunday, May 21 at 10:00 am Worship Service.


2023

85th White Elephant Sale

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
18	19	20	21	22 <u>Pre SET-UP INSIDE</u> [hang signs move tables, etc]	23 <u>Pre SET-UP INSIDE</u> [milk crates, tubs,etc]	24 <u>SET-UP INSIDE</u> [9:00 am – 12:00]
25	26	27	28	29 <u>INTAKE</u> 9:00 - 2:00	30 <u>INTAKE</u> 9:00 - 2:00 <u>Workers Lunch</u>	1 <u>INTAKE</u> 9:00 - 2:00

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
2	3 CLOSED Sort & Price	4 HOLIDAY 	5 <u>INTAKE</u> 9:00 - 2:00	6 <u>INTAKE</u> 9:00 - 2:00	7 <u>INTAKE</u> 9:00 - 2:00 <u>Workers Lunch</u>	8 CLOSED Sort & Price
9	10 CLOSED Sort & Price for sale. Move art to Narthax Clean up and Finalize inside setup	11 During Day Big Tents & Sport Goods 5-7 pm Outside tables, Plant Baked Good Coffee Tents Go up	12 CLOSED Sort & Price Finalize any remaining outside Set-up	13 <u>SET-UP OUTSIDE</u> 8:00 AM --> <u>Workers Lunch</u>	14 SALE 9:00 – 2:00	15 SALE 8:00 – 12:00 CLEANUP & Snacks 12:00 -->