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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

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**May 28, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude

Introit: *Grant Us Thy Peace*

Felix Mendelssohn

\*Processional Hymn: #218 “Come, O Spirit Dwell Among Us”

\*Call to Worship (*Adapted from the poem, Second Sight, by David Whyte*):

**Sometimes, you need the ocean light,  
and colors you've never seen before  
painted through an evening sky.**

Sometimes you need your God  
to be a simple invitation,  
not a telling word of wisdom.

**Sometimes you need only the first shyness  
that comes from being shown things  
far beyond your understanding,  
so that you can fly and become free  
by being still and by being still here.**

**Come Holy Spirit Come,  
Let us worship God.**

\*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: #415 “When We Are Living (Pues Si Vivimos)”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Sing and Exult*

Eugene Butler

\*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

Dale Bernardoni

Pastoral Prayer Response: *A New Commandment*

A new com-mand-ment I give un-to you: that you love one an-oth-er as  
I have loved you, that you love one an-oth-er as I have loved you.

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting of the 'A New Commandment' prayer. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:9, Acts 2: 1-12

Mark Hand, Sim Mbele, and Lina Tuck

Sermon: **A Parade of Spirits: And Everyone was Filled**

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

\*Hymn: #531

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Go Forth into the World in Peace*

John Rutter

Postlude

\**Congregation Standing*

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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

### Deuteronomy 4:9

“Take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children—

### Acts 2: 1-12

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

## **Choir Anthems Today**

### **Introit: Grant us Thy peace by Felix Mendelssohn**

Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord, Thou Source of every blessing! Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word, all things in Thee possessing. In Thee is our hope and safety.

### **Offertory Anthem: Sing and Exult by Eugene Butler**

They shall come afar, from the South and North, from the East and the West. Sing and rejoice, O heavens, sing and exult, O earth, Sing for joy. Break forth into singing mountains of the Lord! Sing in exultation; children of the Lord! Ye shall have a song as in the night when feast is kept, turn to me and be saved all the ends of the earth. I am God, there is no other. From my mouth flows righteousness, to me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall praise!

### **Benediction Response: Go forth into the world in peace by John Rutter**

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for evermore. Amen.

*The image on the cover, is by Harman, an artist from Indonesia for the World Peace Project.*

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*The host for Fellowship Hour today is Ellen Calkins.*  
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**Nursery is open today with Miss Kim.**

**Adult Forum:** TODAY will feature local author Katherine Hauswirth's slide presentation on the role of the natural world in coping with difficult times. She will read from her new book, *The Morning Light, the Lily White: Daily Dips into Nature and Spirit*. The book is a collection of short essays for each day of the year, focusing on specific ways that readers can pay attention to, contemplate, and fully love the natural world. Signed copies will be available. Held in Sheffield Auditorium.

**Witness Stones Clean-Up:** Please consider joining us after church TODAY 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:lfitz.nager@gmail.com).

**Diaper Bank Saturday:** In early May, 97 babies received diapers. This is the largest amount given in the history of this ministry. Our next distribution will be June 3rd, and will cover the months of June and July. We will not be distributing diapers in July to accommodate the needs of the church community in preparation for the White Elephant Sale. Your continued donations are greatly appreciated.

**Witness Stones Installation** service will be held Friday, June 2nd at 10 :00 am on the lawn of the Phoebe Griffin Noyes library. The Witness Stones project honors the humanity and the contributions of vital members of our community. The bronze plaques that mark sites of enslavement on Lyme Street restore forgotten history and serve as memorials to those once held here in bondage. To learn more, see [www.witnessstonesoldlyme.org](http://www.witnessstonesoldlyme.org).

**I Am: Muslim/American:** Join us on Friday, June 9, at 7:00 in the Sheffield Auditorium, as FCCOL, the Long Wharf Theater and PARJE (Public Art for Racial Justice Education) team up to screen an important new film, *I Am: Muslim/American*, produced by the Long Wharf Thea-

ter. This community-based project aims to share stories of Muslim Americans, showcase their experiences, and begin meaningful dialogue with Muslim and non-Muslim communities throughout Connecticut. The film is based on interviews with Muslim Americans, centering around a “Muslim mosaic” and painting the truth in contrast to the frequent demonization of Muslims in the media. The film will be followed by a conversation led by Ghoufran Allibabidi, President of the Tree of Life Educational Fund.

### **White Elephant Sale [July 14th and 15th]**

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 the first intake day, **Thursday June 29th**.

**Daily sorting and intake** [6/29 to 7/1 and 7/5 to 7/7 from 9-2 pm] - NO evening intake.

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

### **Help Wanted !!!!!**

Inside setup - Sat 6/24th

- unload the parsonage barn and set up tables, shelves, etc. in church buildings

Large Furniture - co-chair

Appliances - co chair and helpers

Workers in Toys - to organize, price and box toys during intake

Parking attendants - during sale days

Package check person for Sunday school area

### **West Africa Journey: December 29, 2023 - January 11, 2024:**

For the past several years (and much longer, really), the FCCOL community has been on a journey of discovery about the legacy of colonialism and enslavement in New England. In our Stories from the Deep North series, and in the ongoing work of the Witness Stones, we have come to know the stories of many who were brought to the Southern New England Coast from West Africa, or from the Caribbean. And we have learned, via Tom DeWolf, how one of the largest slaving empires in the United States emerged from a family who got their start in Old Lyme. Throughout, we have become acutely aware of the ways Africa, the Caribbean, and New England have been intimately connected, far more so than we previously understood or acknowledged.

In keeping with all we have learned, and in a line of continuity with each of our Mission Partnerships, FCCOL will embark upon a journey to West Africa later this year, to Ghana, Togo, and Benin. There, we’ll have the opportunity to consider the ongoing legacy of the trans-Atlantic slave trade, visiting the Elmina and Cape Coast fortresses in Ghana. We’ll ask how that legacy continues to haunt our own country, and indeed, our own community, even as we consider the international ramifications of that historic rupture. But in all three countries, we’ll

have the opportunity to witness something further: the ways traditional African religions and cultures have not only survived in the midst of such horrific suffering, but the ways those traditions have thrived. From the Ashanti kingdom in Ghana to Vodun ceremonies in Benin, we'll be invited to witness the healing arts of these traditions, including their stunning visual and aural beauty, and their powerful insights into the human story. We'll study the ecological significance of these traditions. And we'll consider the many ways that such ritual and religious expressions have actually helped to make America (and within America, the United States) what it is. Whether in music, food, religion, fashion, language, sports, or the visual arts, we'll come to understand how the African traditions we'll explore have shaped the world around us.

This is an extraordinary and rare opportunity. It will require a good deal of preparation, as we read together, talk together, and think together about how to enter such an experience with the reverence and care that shall be required of us. It promises to be life changing.

Space is limited. In order to function well, our group needs to remain fairly small. If you're interested in learning more, email Steve at [steven@jungkeit.net](mailto:steven@jungkeit.net).

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

**Office Closed** *Monday, May 29.*

**Senior Choir** *Wednesday, May 31 at 7:30 pm* in Sheffield Auditorium.

**Box Night** *Saturday, June 3 at 6:00 pm* on the Lawn.