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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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June 4, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #249 “Open Now Your Gates of Beauty”

*Call to Worship:

We gather as people of faith
To practice the art of sacred unknowing.
**Humbled by all that we cannot fathom in this time,
We come into the presence of what we do know,
Perhaps the only thing we can ever know:
That grace and love are now and forever,
The only answers to everything
And everyone
In every moment.**

Let us worship the God who has demonstrated that grace and love to us.

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Box Night Reflections from Our Youth

Sacrament of Baptism

Evan Richard Eddy

*Hymn: #310 “Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Selection

*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: *Hear Our Prayer*

The image shows a musical score for a pastoral prayer response. It consists of four staves of music. The top two staves are for the vocal line, and the bottom two are for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -
cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

Readings: Psalm 145: 1-7; 2 Timothy 1: 3-7, 11-14

Sermon: "In This House, On This Morning," or, Why Church Matters

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #242 "God of Life"

Benediction

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.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 145: 1-7

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall extol your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.
They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.
They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

2 Timothy 1: 3-7, 11-14

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

*This morning we welcome and thank Michael McCarthy, our guest organist,
who is sitting in for Simon Holt.*

This morning we are pleased to celebrate the baptism of Evan Richard Eddy,
son of Matthew and Lauren Eddy.

The host for Fellowship Hour today is Cathy Mathis.

Nursery is open today with Miss Kim. Children in grades K-5 are welcome to join in
arts and crafts held in Sheffield Auditorium during the service.

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 Theater. 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.

Message from our Director of Music, Simon Holt to all members of the Senior Choir:

Thank you for your wonderful singing at FCCOL this season! You have worked so hard and your singing has really enhanced our services. It's very much appreciated.

Now, to everyone reading this; It's Your Turn!! This summer we will be holding three Summer Sings, or better known as "Turn up to FCCOL at 9:30am and rehearse for the 10:00am service, and yes, it feels like the seat of your pants singing, but oh, what fun we'll have" Sundays! These will take place on **June 11, July 9 and August 13**. Please mark your calendars! I hope many of you will join us!

White Elephant Sale [July 14th and 15th]

White Elephant Sale -- Friday, July 14th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and Saturday, July 15th from 8:00 am - Noon. Check out the Church's website fccol.org. A WES link will take you to prior years pictures, what we can and can't accept for donations and You Tube videos of the sale in 2009 and 2011.

Intake starts Thursday June 29th. **Organizing your donations will be very helpful.**

Help wanted-- see WES calendar

- Folks to unload cars or sort intake - call Betsey Webster 434-9457
- Small furniture to price and organize prior to sale and sell on sale days
- Large Furniture - co chair
- Parking Attendants sale days - at the CTK and Ludington parking lots
- Young people
- Days of sale - need runners to bring drinks around to the workers
- Days of sale - need help in package check

Call the church office 434-8686 and select the White elephant line for more information or to leave a voice message to volunteer


Pickup Truck Owners - We need trucks to move intake items from the church to the Parsonage and Noyes barns in Old Lyme. Also inside set up day Saturday morning June 24th and Thursday morning July 13th to unload barns and outside set-up. If your truck is available, please call the church office at 434-8686 and leave a message on the WES line

Supplies needed – Plastic and paper bags along with small boxes to use during sale days. Also newspaper to wrap dishes, etc. Please save and bring them to the church anytime prior to the sale.

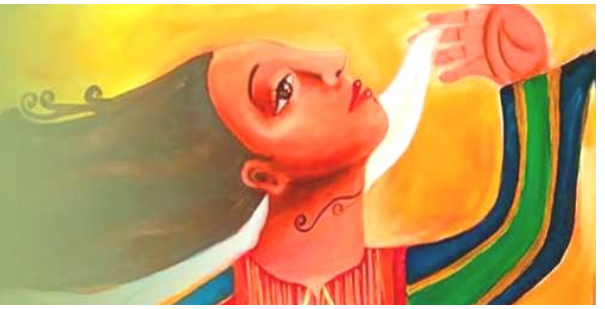
JUNE

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

JULY

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
2	3 CLOSED Sort & Price	4 HOLIDAY 	5 INTAKE 9:00 - 2:00	6 INTAKE 9:00 - 2:00	7 INTAKE 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 Tens & 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 SET-UP OUTSIDE 8 AM ->> <u>Workers Lunch</u>	14 SALE 9:00 - 2:00	15 SALE 8:00– 12:00 CLEANUP & Snacks 12:00 ->>

To discover how to be
human now is the reason
we follow the star!



Tree of Life Journey to the Holy Land January 2 to 13, 2024 Optional Extension to Bosnia - January 13 to 19. In all his letters Mazin Qumsiyeh, our good friend, founder of the Palestine Natural History Museum and professor at Bethlehem University, closes with the important reminder to “Stay Human.”

As we all struggle with so much inhumanity, we need that wise reminder now more than ever, and we need to follow the example of our friends in Palestine who despite apartheid and ethnic cleansing exemplify what it means to “stay human” even when surrounded by increasing violence, hate, greed, fear, and the apathy of the international community.

Our journey in the Land of Promise - the Land of too many broken promises - will be from January 2 to January 13, and then, from January 13 to January 19, for those who can join us for the extension. We will have the extraordinary opportunity to visit Bosnia, a place that continues to struggle but in courageous and compassionate individuals demonstrates a more hopeful future! We would love to have you travel with us!

Let us know if you are interested in more information. Visit tolef.org or email us at tolef@tolef.org.
Artwork by Gazan artist, Malak Mattar <https://www.malakmatta.com/>.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

LWS Monday, May June 5 at 10:00am in Sheffield Auditorium.

I Am: Muslim Friday, June 9 at 7:00 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Memorial Service: Earl Peters Saturday, June 10 at 7:00 pm in the Meetinghouse.