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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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July 23, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude

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

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 118):

**Here in this place, the new light is streaming,
now the darkness has vanished away.**

See in this space our fears and our dreaming,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in; our spirits inflame.**

Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Let us worship God together.

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #517 “O God of Every Nation”

Offertory Invitation

*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: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!



Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-9, 11; Ephesians 2:12-22

Sermon: **Hope from Nuremberg**

Rev. Rebecca Crosby

*Hymn: #353 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

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

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-9, 11

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Ephesians 2:12-22

remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The Coventry Cathedral Litany of Reconciliation

For the hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class.

Father, forgive

For the covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own.

Father, forgive

For the greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth.

Father, forgive

For our envy of the welfare and happiness of others.

Father, forgive

For our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee.

Father, forgive

For the lust which dishonors the bodies of men, women, and children.

Father, forgive

For the pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God.

Father, forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Eph. 4:32)

The host for Fellowship Hour today is Wendy Knight.

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*The Nursery is open today with Miss Kim.*  
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Image: WES workers at the end of cleanup.

White Elephant Sale Update - Thanks to the more than 200+ volunteers who contributed and worked so hard to make this year's sale so successful, especially the WES board and all department heads who helped make everything run so smoothly. In spite of the rain on Friday, the folks continued to shop and we were happy to accommodate them. Next couple of weeks we will be processing expenses and last minute sales. Look in the September newsletter for final department results.

As of now:

Gross 2 day sales [no consignments or late sales]
\$93,143 [BEST EVER]

Now for the "Friendly" competition #'s:

Women's/accessories	\$15,707
Luxury & instruments	\$11,375
Jewelry	\$8,475
Art/Frames	\$6,495
Flowers & baskets	\$6,334

For those with suggestions on how we can make next year's sale more successful - please email Bob Davis [rdavis7813@sbcglobal.net] as the board will be meeting to review this year's sale in August.

House of Worship Visit to the Hindu/ Jain Temple

Please join the Connecticut Valley Hindu Temple Society (CVHTS) on Sunday, July 23 at 2:00 pm at the Sri Satyanarayana Swamy Temple (11 Training Hill Road Middletown, CT 06457). Founded in 1979, CVHTS serves the religious, cultural and social needs of the Indian community in the State of Connecticut and across north eastern United States.

Sri Satyanarayana Temple is designed in a traditional style to accommodate worshippers from several different Hindu sects and friends. Please join the Hindu and Jain members of CCIU as we visit this beautiful house of worship and learn about the deities and practices of the Hindu and Jain faiths. Bring your questions and curiosity to this unique House of Worship visit sponsored by CCIU and the CVHTS.

Grief and Loss Group: Monthly group for those who have lost a loved one and those who continue with the challenges of caregiving. Next meetings will be Wednesday, July 26th, from 5:30-6:30 pm in Hoag Parlor. Co-facilitated by Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager and Mary McGannon Kollman.

Film Screening of The Letter is being shown at FCCOL on Thursday, July 27th at 7 pm. This documentary is sponsored by Interfaith Power and Light and tells the incredible story of the Laudato Si's encyclical letter by Pope Francis, through the eyes of frontline leaders battling the ecological crisis across continents. A powerful – and surprising – dialogue with the Pope in the Vatican brings new hope for our common home. Featured in the film are Arouna Kandé, a climate refugee in Senegal; Cacique Dadá, an environmental defender and leader of the Maró Indigenous territory in the Brazilian Amazon; Ridhima Pandey, a youth climate activist from India; and Greg Asner and Robin Martin, biologists studying coral reefs in Hawaii. Shown in Sheffield Auditorium, Free.

CPR/AED and First Aid Class Do you live around other people? You need to know what to do in an emergency. A CPR/AED and First Aid class will be held on Thursday, August 3rd from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Estuary Council of Seniors in Old Saybrook. The class is \$28 and American Red Cross certificates will be given. Please contact the Estuary or Cathy Mathis—an ARC instructor—at camathis43@gmail.com to register.

Diaper Bank Saturday continues during the summer months. Our next distribution will be on August 5th. Donations of diapers, especially sizes 3, 4, and 5, and baby wipes are always appreciated.

Message from our Director of Music, Simon Holt: It's Your Turn!! This summer we will be holding one more Summer Sing, or better known as "Turn up to FCCOL at 9:15 am and rehearse for the 10:00 am service, and yes, it feels like the seat of your pants singing, but oh, what fun we'll have" Sundays! Our last will take place on **August 13**. Please mark your calendars! I hope many of you will join us!

Calendar of Events and Meetings

Writing at the Well *Wednesday, July 26 at 10:00am* in the Meetinghouse.

Memorial Service: Janet VanWagenen *Wednesday, July 26 at 11:00am* in the Meetinghouse.

Stewardship *Wednesday, July 26 at 4:00pm* in the Library.

Grief & Loss Group *Wednesday, July 26 at 5:30pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Environmental Film *Thursday, July 27 at 7:00pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.