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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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August 27, 2023

Communion Sunday

10:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #51 “All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing”

*Call to Worship:

In reverence, in wonder, in hope, we gather.
With unsettled questions in our hearts,
With the mystery of God enshrouding us,
Acknowledging that we who were lost are now found and loved,
Let us worship God.

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #78 “There Is Love All Around You”

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: *Eat This Bread*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Eat This Bread'. 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 lyrics are: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.'

Readings: Genesis 49: 22-26; Luke 2: 25-35; Matthew 28: 20b

Sermon: **Ancestral Blessings**

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #391 "God Made From One Blood "

Sacrament of Communion (insert)

*Hymn: #381 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Benediction

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.*

*The host for Fellowship Hour today is Lee Whitaker.*

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The Nursery is open today.

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**Help with Sunday Flowers.** We hope to start a schedule of members and friends who would like to provide pulpit flowers for a week. If desired, flowers can be given in memory of a loved one, with the loved one(s) mentioned in the bulletin. This system worked well before the disruption of Covid. Flowers or greenery can be fresh from your garden or ordered from florist. A house plant from home displayed for the morning would be lovely, as well. To sign up for a future week, please call Jill Harned, 603-398-9004. Thank you!

**Old Lyme Refugee Resettlement Committee (RRC):** As the (RRC) celebrates the successful move of the Popal family into independent housing, we are now actively looking for people to welcome new refugees coming to our community in the near future. We offer assistance and support in a wide variety of areas to try to best settle the family into a home in OL owned by the FCCOL. Our ultimate goal is to assist the family in their acclimation process to a point where they can be as self-sufficient as possible in their new environment.

Of particular need are volunteers to help with driving family members to various appointments/meetings as well as volunteers to help with babysitting needs (as required).

If interested in joining our group or exploring how you can help, please email Juliette Meeus [jmeeus1@gmail.com](mailto:jmeeus1@gmail.com) or Carole Otto [ottocarole@gmail.com](mailto:ottocarole@gmail.com).

**Save the Date:** Homecoming Sunday is Sunday, September 10th at 10:00 am! God's Neighborhood Sunday School program begins, and there will also be an Open House for families downstairs following the service.

**LBS September Luncheon:** As the end of summer approaches, LBS is set to begin hosting their Fall luncheons. The September luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th, with lunch served at noon, and a program about Women in Science presented by a speaker representing the CT Women's Hall of Fame to begin around 1pm. The cost of the luncheon is a minimum donation of \$5, and a nonperishable food item or a package of disposable diapers for the Shoreline Food Pantry.

Please, if possible, call the church office by Friday, September 8th to make a reservation. Come join us for a delicious meal, an educational presentation, and some wonderful fellowship.