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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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October 1, 2023

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Father, We Praise Thee*

Healey Willan

*Processional Hymn: #407 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Call to Worship (words adapted from Dick Gregory, the comedian and Civil Rights activist, as reprinted in our hymnal):

We're not into isms and asms.

There isn't a Catholic moon and a Baptist sun.

There are no Congregational stars or constellations.

We know and confess that the universal God is universal.

The same God force that is the mother and father of the pope,

Is also the mother and father of the loneliest addict on the planet.

On this World Communion Sunday,

Let us worship the universal God.

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Stewardship

Ellen Calkins

Sacrament of Baptism

Audrey Hand

*Hymn: #373 “We Are Your People”

Children's Message

Allison Hine

“Welcome Table”

led by Sabina Jungkeit

(After the 1st verse, children and youth will leave for Sunday School.)

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Derek Hakes

*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 a pastoral prayer response. 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." The music is written in a simple, accessible style.

Readings: John 15: 12-17

Sermon: **"I Have Called You Friends"**

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #442 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Sacrament of Communion (insert)

*Hymn: #316 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Benediction

Benediction Response

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.*

This morning we are pleased to celebrate the baptism of Audrey Hand,  
daughter of Mark and Kacie Hand.

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The hosts for Fellowship Hour are Priscilla Swanson, Dennis Fitzpatrick & Cathy Mathis.
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The Nursery is open today with Miss Miriam.

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God's Neighborhood Family Picnic TODAY, from 3-5 pm at home of Kim and Josh Thompson, Littlefield Road, Old Lyme. Sponsored by the Board of Youth Ed.

Diaper Bank distribution is next Saturday, October 7th. Diapers, any size package, and wipes are always appreciated. Donations may be left at the stairwell near the Food Pantry bin.

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!

Inheriting the Trade: A Conversation with Tom DeWolf. As travelers prepare to journey to West Africa this coming December and January, we are embarking upon a series of readings and conversations about the issues we'll be exploring on that journey. In the interest of helping everyone in the congregation to feel a sense of participation, we'd like to open those conversations to anyone who might be interested.

Our first gathering will take place on Sunday, October 8, at 12 noon in the Sheffield Auditorium. We'll be discussing Tom DeWolf's book *Inheriting the Trade*, which is about Tom's own journey to Africa as he grappled with his family legacy. In the 19th century, the DeWolf family built one of (if not the) largest slaving empires in the United States in Bristol, RI. Importantly, that family got their start here in Old Lyme. Tom has written beautifully about what it means to acknowledge that legacy, while also working to build lives that model racial healing, and that help to create a just future.

Tom was with us a little more than a year ago to talk about his work, a visit that helped to plant the seeds for our own journey to West Africa this winter. This time, he'll join us remotely. All are welcome to attend this important talk and conversation.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

Memorial Service - Carol Levy TODAY at 2:00 pm in the Meeting House.

LWS Monday, October 2 at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Choir Wednesday, October 4 at 7:30 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study Thursday, October 5 at 11:00 am in the Library.

Office Closed Monday, October 9.