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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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October 8, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *May Thy Holy Spirit*

Paul Tschesnokoff

*Processional Hymn: #366 “We Are Walking”

*Call to Worship: (Based on the words of Abraham Heschel, as printed in our hymnal)

In worship, we invite God to be present in our spirits and in our lives.

Worship and prayer cannot bring water to parched land,

Nor mend a broken bridge, nor rebuild a ruined city.

But our worship and our prayer can water an arid soul.

It can mend a broken heart, and rebuild a weakened will.

In a spirit of expectation and hope...

Let us worship God

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Stewardship

Ellen Calkins

*Hymn: #177 “He Comes to Us”

Children’s Message

Sean McCarty

“Welcome Table”

led by Sean

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

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Praise the Lord*

From *Judas Maccabeus* by G.F. Handel

*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



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 staves 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."

Scripture Readings: Mark 1: 16-20 Luke 5: 27-32

Sermon: "What Was It That Jesus Saw?"

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #367 "Break Not the Circle"

Benediction

Benediction Response

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.

The flowers today are given by Debbie Delaney in loving memory of her husband Scott Delaney

The host for Fellowship Hour this morning is Ellen Calkins.

The Nursery is open today with Miss Miriame.

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 TODAY at 12 noon in the Sheffield Auditorium. We will discuss Tom DeWolf's book *Inheriting the Trade* 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.

Book Group. Thursday, October 12th at 4:30 we'll meet in the Library to talk about Matthew Desmond's book "Poverty in America". A heart-wrenching but important book.

The Lyme-Old Lyme Refugee Resettlement Committee is preparing for a new refugee family and we are in need of 3 **twin bed box springs, new** or slightly used. The house we are preparing has 2 bedrooms (for children likely) and each has twin beds. **BUT NO BOX SPRINGS.** Please email the Housing Chair, Cathy Stevens, at cvtsnevets@gmail.com to discuss delivery. Thank you in advance, *Juliette Meeus and Carole Otto*, Co-Chairs.

Ladies Who Stitch. We meet every Monday from 10 am to 2 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium. New members always welcome. Come shop us for great items from Haiti, Palestine, Tribal Crafts and LWS!

Women's Fall Retreat - NEW DATE. Please join us on Friday **November 10th**, 10 - 2:30 pm. Email the church office to register fccol@fccol.org

Help with Sunday Flowers. We are scheduling 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. To sign up for a future week, please call Jill Harned, 603-398-9004. Thank you!

Calendar of Events and Meetings

LWS Monday, October 9 at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

Office Closed Monday, October 9.

Board of Trustees Tuesday October 10 at 7:30 in the Library

Senior Choir Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study Thursday, October 12 at 11:00 am in the Library.

Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday October 12 1-6 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Book Group Thursday October 12 at 4:30 in the Library.

[“Poverty in America” by Matthew Desmond]