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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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October 15, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

Basque Carol harmonized by Anthony Prower

*Processional Hymn: “Draw the Circle Wide” (following pages) Sing through twice

*Call to Worship:

Ever-present God, the One who gives us life,
you have called us together today.
In this time of song, of prayer, and sacred story,
speak to our hearts, touch our minds, refresh our souls.
In a world where we often wonder what we have to give,
open our eyes to see what we have to share,
open our arms to embrace our neighbors near and far,
open our hearts to let love overflow into the world.
Come let us worship God.

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Stewardship

Phillip Brant

*Hymn: #534 “O God of Earth and Altar”

Children’s Message

Members of the Youth Group

“God Welcomes All”

Sabina Jungkeit, Delaney Donovan and Noah Brant

“God welcomes all, strangers and friends
God’s love is strong and it never ends.” (Sing 3 times)

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

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Here I am, Lord*

Daniel L. Schutte

*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*

The image shows a musical score for a pastoral prayer response. It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves are for the first line of lyrics, and the last two staves are for the second line. The music is written in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." and "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!".

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 29: 11-12; Luke 1:26-31, 34-35, 37-38

Sermon: **The Gospel of Yes**

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

Special Music: *Let it Be* by Paul McCartney

Lisa Aranci

*Hymn: #500 "O For A World"

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.

Draw the Circle Wide

Slowly (♩ = ca. 57)

Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the

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cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by

7
side. Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the *div.*

div.

D G/D D

G/D G A D G A

Bm E Em A D D/C#

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the hymn 'Draw the Circle Wide'. It is written in G major and 4/4 time, marked 'Slowly' with a tempo of approximately 57 beats per minute. The score is arranged for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 1-3) features a vocal line with lyrics 'Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the' and piano accompaniment with chords D and G/D. The second system (measures 4-6) starts with a measure rest, followed by lyrics 'cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by'. The piano accompaniment includes chords G/D, G, A, D, G, and A. The third system (measures 7-9) begins with a measure rest, followed by lyrics 'side. Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the'. The piano accompaniment includes chords Bm, E, Em, A, D, and D/C#. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

cir - cle wide, draw it wid - er still. Let this be our song: no one stands a-lone.

Bm7 G A D · Bm7 G E A

Stand-ing side by side, draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide.

D G D/F# F# Bm G A7 D

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 29: 11-12

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then, when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.

Luke 1:26-31, 34-35, 37-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a young woman engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. Her name was Mary. And the angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. Mary said to the angel, "How can this be...?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God... For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her

Choir Anthems Today

Introit: *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*, Basque Carol harmonized by Anthony Prower

The text for The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came can be found at Hymn 123.

Offertory Anthem: *Here I am, Lord* by Daniel L. Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them - they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame; I will set a feast from them; my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

We thank our guest musician, Lisa Aranci, for the gift of her music today,
as well as, our talented choir.

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*The flowers are given in celebration of Jackie and Sam Walker's  
and Ellie and Sam Harned's anniversary on this day.*

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The host for Fellowship Hour this morning is Susan Mountz.

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The Nursery is open today with Miss Miriam.

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Adult Forum: TODAY, following the service, as part of our Brave Voices series this year, we're looking forward to hosting Viacheslav "Slavik" Lytvynenko, Slavik of Ukraine. He's currently at Yale Divinity School this year continuing his research through the Scholar at Risk program.

Clothing Drive: Starting TODAY, we are collecting winter clothing and personal care items for our winter clothing drive for the Youth Group Breakfast Run (Saturday, November 18th) to New York City and the Homeless Hospitality Center. We are hoping that you can help by dropping off items in boxes at the front of the church and also in Fellowship Hall during on any Sunday. Coats, hats, gloves, new socks, boots, sweatshirts and hoodies that are in good shape are needed to keep our neighbors warm!

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 cvtstnevets@gmail.com to discuss delivery. Thank you in advance, *Juliette Meeus and Carole Otto*, Co-Chairs.

Concert & Ancestral Roots Potluck Supper: On October 28th and 29th we will welcome Michele Rosewoman and her New Yor-Uba Jazz Ensemble to Old Lyme. On Saturday, October 28 at 5:00pm there will be a concert. We will then have an ancestral potluck supper at 6:00pm. Bring a dish to share from the story of your family's ancestry. Helpers from LBS will receive your potluck contribution in the kitchen before the concert and hold it till we're ready to eat.

Sunday morning, October 29 at 10:00 am at worship there will be a Service of Sacred Music. We are fortunate indeed to be able to again welcome such a stellar and storied ensemble to our community.

Save the Date: FCCOL Youth Group Night at the Kate Theater in Old Saybrook!!
On Wednesday, November 1st, at 7 pm, we'll meet for pizza and see the new musical, *Stand Up & Speak Out*, featuring our own high school student, Ace Bairos. The musical addresses the effects that exclusion and negativity have on our youth and informs students about ways that they can Stand UP against the cycle of insensitivity. This show features inspiring songs, dialogue and dance with an important message for all ages meant to create a chain reaction of kindness! We have a limited number of tickets for purchase \$17.00. To reserve, please contact Jolene at jmbrant2023@gmail.com! Join us for pizza at 5:45 in Old Saybrook before the show!

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

Help with Sunday Flowers. We're 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. 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!

Calendar of Events and Meetings

Adult Forum TODAY at 11:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

LWS Monday, October 16 at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

Memorial Service: David Sams Tuesday, October 17 at 1:00 pm.

Memorial Service: Marshall Dean Wednesday, October 18 at 1:00 pm.

Board of Stewardship Wednesday, October 18 at 4:30 pm in the Library.

Senior Choir Wednesday, October 18 at 7:30 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Memorial Service: Barbara Colburn Saturday, October 21 at 1:00pm.

Memorial Service: Dick Shook Sunday, October 22 at 2:00pm.