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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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October 22, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Steal Away*, African-American Spiritual arr. by John Barnard

*Processional Hymn: #80 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*Call to Worship:

Welcome to all who have come in search of something;
We have come to seek a remote important region in our souls:
We have come to shed our slumber, that we may not sleepwalk through life;
**We have come in search of a still small voice,
speaking within and through the whirlwind;**
We have come in search of the Spirit of the living Christ,
which continues to call us forth;
In faith, in trust, with hope, let us worship God.

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #443 “Seek Ye First”

Children’s Message Sabina Jungkeit, Julia Clark & Delaney Donovan

“God Welcomes All” (music on following page) Noah Brant
(After the 1st verse, children and youth will leave for Sunday School.)

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Peace Be With You* Eugene Butler

*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: *As We Are Gathered*

Refrain

As we are gath-ered, Je - sus is here; one with each

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oth - er, Je - sus is here. Joined by the Spir - it

to Refrain

built up in love, part of the bod - y, the church of God.

Readings: *A Ritual to Read to Each Other*, by William Stafford; Luke 22: 39-46

Sermon: **The Darkness Around Us is Deep**

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #393

“Out of the Depths, O God, We Call”

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.

Scripture Readings

A Ritual to Read to Each Other, by William Stafford

If you don't know the kind of person I am
and I don't know the kind of person you are
a pattern that others made may prevail in the world
and following the wrong god home we may miss our star.

For there is many a small betrayal in the mind,
a shrug that lets the fragile sequence break
sending with shouts the horrible errors of childhood
storming out to play through the broken dike.

And as elephants parade holding each elephant's tail,
but if one wanders the circus won't find the park,
I call it cruel and maybe the root of all cruelty
to know what occurs but not recognize the fact.

And so I appeal to a voice, to something shadowy,
a remote important region in all who talk:
though we could fool each other, we should consider—
lest the parade of our mutual life get lost in the dark.

For it is important that awake people be awake,
or a breaking line may discourage them back to sleep;
the signals we give — yes or no, or maybe —
should be clear: the darkness around us is deep.

Luke 22: 39-46

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.” Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will but yours be done.” Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

Choir Anthems Today

Introit: *Steal Away, African-American Spiritual*, arranged by John Barnard

Steal away to Jesus, Steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder. The trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

Steal away to Jesus, Steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees, a-bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling. The trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

Steal away to Jesus, Steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

Offertory Anthem: *Peace Be With You* by Eugene Butler

I rejoiced when they said unto me, "Let us go up to the house of God!" Our feet are standing within your gates, a house built on peace and love. Peace be with you my friends, sisters and brothers in the Lord. And for the sake of the house of God, I will seek your good.

The house of God is firmly built; it firm and strong does stand. Unto that place all peoples go, pilgrims of every race and land.

Peace be with you my friends, sisters and brothers in the Lord. And for the sake of the house of God, I will seek your good.

Therefore I pray that peace may still within your walls remain, and for all people of the world love and peace retain.

Peace be with you my friends, sisters and brothers in the Lord. And for the sake of the house of God, I will seek your good.

God Welcomes All

The musical score for "God Welcomes All" is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains the lyrics: "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;". The second system contains the lyrics: "God's love is strong and it nev - er ends." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

The host for Fellowship Hour this morning is Wendy Knight.

The Nursery is open today with Miss Miriam.

Clothing Drive: Our Winter Clothing Drive is ongoing until November 17th. If you have any donations to drop off on a day other than Sunday, please put them on the stage in the Sheffield Auditorium. You will not miss the location, but it's the bags and boxes to the left on the stage if you are coming in from outside. Please reach out to Jolene Brant if you have any questions or concerns at 860-460-9511. We are collecting the clothing, outerwear, and small toiletries in order to provide to those in need for this winter.

Senior Center Luncheons: The Lymes' Senior center will be holding their luncheons in the Church's Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week for the foreseeable future while their facility on Town Woods Road undergoes a major renovation. Any questions about attending the luncheons should be directed to the Senior Center's executive Director, Stephanie Gould, who can be reached at 860-514-5425.

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.

Youth Group Night: FCCOL Youth Group Night at the Kate Theater in Old Saybrook!! On November 1st at 5:30 pm we will be meeting for pizza and then going to 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.

Adult Forum: Following our church service on Sunday, November 5th, all are invited to an Adult Forum in Sheffield Auditorium. Come and hear the voices and stories of people with trans and gender-diverse experience in a conversation moderated by Kathryn Tierney, APRN, Medical Director of the Middlesex Health Center for Gender Medicine and Wellness. The organizers ask that all who attend bring open hearts and lots of questions.

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

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 currently there are no bowsprings. 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.

New Member Orientation: Interested in learning more about FCCOL and church membership? Join us for a welcome orientation after church on Sunday, November 12th, at 11:30 am in the Sheffield Auditorium. We'll have a chance to get to know one another over coffee and answer questions about FCCOL and this journey of faith we're on together! New Member Sunday will be November 19th at the 10:00 am service.

LBS Luncheon: Come join us for some fellowship, delicious food, and musical entertainment at the Ladies Benevolent Society luncheon on Tuesday, November 14th from noon to 2pm. Chicken Cordon Bleu with complimentary sides, and a wonderful dessert buffet is to be the luncheon menu, and the post meal program, beginning at 1pm, will be a musical performance by the Lyme-Old Lyme Choral Ensemble directed by Kristine Pakar.

Suggested donation is \$5 per person, plus a nonperishable food item or a package of disposable diapers for the Food or Diaper Banks. If you plan to join us at the luncheon, please call the FCCOL office at (860) 434-8686 by Friday, November 10th to make a reservation so we can be sure to have enough food prepared for all to enjoy.

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

Memorial Service: Dick Shook *TODAY at 2:00pm.*

LWS *Monday, October 23rd at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Center Luncheon *Tuesday, October 24th at 12:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Board of Deacons *October 24th at 7:00 pm* in the Library.

Graveside Service: Marshall Dean *Wednesday, October 25th at 1:00pm* at *Laysville Cemetry.*

Board of Missions *Wednesday, October 25th at 5:00 pm* in the Library.

Senior Center Luncheon *Wednesday, October 25th at 12:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Grief Group *Wednesday, October 25th at 5:30 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, October 25th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study *Thursday, October 26th at 11:00 am* in the Library.

Senior Center Luncheon *Thursday, October 26th at 12:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Memorial Service: Joan Bonvicin *Thursday, October 26th at 2:00pm.*

All Saints Concert *Saturday, October 28th at 5:00pm* in the Meetinghouse.

Ancestral Roots Potluck *Saturday, October 28th at 6:00pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

All Saints Service *Sunday, October 29th at 10:00am* in the Meetinghouse.