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**THE RHYTHM OF THE SAINTS: A SERVICE OF SACRED MUSIC
FEATURING MICHELE ROSEWOMAN AND NEW YOR-UBA ENSEMBLE**

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October 29, 2023

10:00 AM

Opening Music: Michele Rosewoman and New Yor-Uba Ensemble

*Processional Hymn: #33 “When in Our Music God is Glorified”

*Call to Worship:

For all the saints, who from their labor rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might,
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight,
Made brave by their presence, our hearts grow brave again,
And our arms grow strong;
Hallelujah! Let us worship God.

Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Words of Welcome

Musical Selection: Michele Rosewoman and New Yor-Uba Ensemble

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100 and Hebrews 11 and 12 (Selected Passages)

Musical Selection: Michele Rosewoman and New Yor-Uba Ensemble

Children's Message: Steve Jungkeit, Michele Rosewoman and Ivor Miller

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music: Michele Rosewoman and New Yor-Uba Ensemble

Prayer after the Offering

Musical Selection: Michele Rosewoman and New Yor-Uba Ensemble

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer, O God*

The image shows a musical score for a prayer response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. 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." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

Musical Selection: Michele Rosewoman and New Yor-Uba Ensemble

*Closing Hymn: #486 "For All the Saints"

Benediction

Closing Music: Michele Rosewoman and New Yor-Uba Ensemble

**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

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations

Hebrews 11 and 12—Selected Passages

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of all those who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented — of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.