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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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November 19, 2023 NEW MEMBER & COMMUNION SUNDAY 10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Kumbaya*, traditional Spiritual arr. Paul Sjolund

*Processional Hymn: #445 “Be Thou My Vision”

*Call to Worship (from St. Catherine of Siena, a 14th century mystic):

Dear Lord, it seems that you are so madly in love
with your creation that you could not live without us.

So you created us; and then, when we turned from you, you redeemed us.

Yet you are God, and have no need of us.

Your greatness is made no greater by our creation;
your power is made no stronger by our redemption.

You have no duty to care for us, no debt to repay us.

It is love, and love alone, which moves you.”

So let us worship our God.

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Order for Reception of New Members

*Hymn: #378 “God, We Thank You for Our People”

Children’s Moment: Sunday School students grades K-6th

“God Welcomes All”

Sunday School students

(Music is on following page and sung 3 times. After the 1st verse, children and youth
will leave for Sunday School.)

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Panis angelicus*

Camille Saint-Saens

*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 with clear lyrics.

Readings: 2 Corinthians 12: 1-10

Meditation: **"Into the Mystic"**

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit
with a special assist from Sabina and Rachael Jungkeit

*Hymn: #314 "As We Gather at Your Table"

Sacrament of Communion (*back page*)

*Hymn: #371 "Living God, Your Joyful Spirit"

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

We then, as members of this Church, gladly welcome you to take part with us in the hopes, the labors, and the joys of the Church of Christ. We promise to walk with you in love and sympathy, to join with you in the ministries of grace to neighbors near and far, and to promote, as far as in us lies, your growth in the life of faith.

This morning we are pleased to welcome as new members:

Robin Baskett

Angela & Bradley Mock

Sarah & Kyle Borton

Bill Colihan & Susan Switzer

Burgess Dole

Gordon Hurlbert & Sarah Gallardo

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.

Choir Anthems Today

Introit: *Kumbaya*, traditional Spiritual arranged by Paul Sjolund

Kumbaya, my Lord, Kumbaya; Oh Lord, Kumbaya. Someone's prayin',
Lord, someone's cryin', Lord, someone's singin', Lord, Oh Lord, Kumbaya!
Alleluia!

Offertory Anthem: *Panis angelicus* by Camille Saint-Saens

Panis angelicus, fit panis hominum; dat panis coelicus figuris terminum: O
res mirabilis! manducat Dominum pauper, servus et humilis.
Te trina Deitas, unaque poscimus, sic nos tu visita, sicut te colimus; per tuas
semitas duc nos quo tendimus, ad lucem quam inhabitas.

*The bread of the angels becomes the bread of mortals; the bread of
heaven puts an end to prefigurations. O wondrous thing! the poor, the slave
and the humble feed on their Lord.*

*Of you, threefold and one God, we ask: come to visit us as we worship
you; lead us on your paths to where we want to go: to the light in which you
dwell.*

God Welcomes All

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and homophonic, consisting of chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends." The score ends with a double bar line.

God wel - comes all, stran - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 12: 1-10

It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The hosts for the Fellowship Hour this morning are the Coppola Family.

The Nursery is open today with Miss Miriam.

A New Members Luncheon will follow at 11:30 in the Sheffield Auditorium for all our New Members who have joined our church over the last couple years.

Senior Center Luncheons: The Lymes' Senior center will be holding their luncheons in the Church's Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays—expect for this Thursday due to Thanksgiving—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.

Diaper Bank: The next Diaper Bank Saturday distribution will be December 2nd. Diaper sizes 4, 5, and 6 continue to be needed every month. The Diaper Bank now averages 50 requests for diapers on a monthly basis.

Holiday Sales in December at FCCOL: There are going to be two unique and different sales held at FCCOL to help all shoppers, young and old, get everything they could possibly need for the 2023 holiday season. Seriously.....gifts and decorations, dinnerware and olive oils, mittens and wrapping paper. Two different sales on two different weekends!

On December 2nd (9am-3pm) and December 3rd (9am-1pm), LBS will have the always popular Elephants-in-Winter sale. All the holiday items collected during the intake days for the White Elephant Sale this past July will be arranged throughout the Sheffield Auditorium and sold at bargain basement prices. If you've come to this sale before, you know from experience the vast assortment of delightful treasures that await. If this will be your first time attending, you will find Christmas decorations, greens and wreaths, holiday china and glassware, linens and sweaters and stockings, toys, books, CD's and DVD's, paper goods, lights, candles, and ornaments.

On December 9th (9am-3pm) and December 10th (9am-1pm), the Partnership Committees of FCCOL will have their third annual Holiday Sale in the Fellowship Room. Here is your chance to get beautiful, thoughtful and unusual gifts for everyone on your holiday list. There will be Haitian arts and crafts, Palestinian olive oil and soaps, Lakota jewelry and crafts, and (of course) one-of-a-kind handmade items from "The Ladies Who Stitch". Everything for sale is wonderfully unique, and the support provided to the partnerships helps so many.

Come and shop, immerse yourselves in the holiday spirit, meet old acquaintances and make new friends. These sales would make the Grinch smile!

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

New Member Luncheon *TODAY at 11:30am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

LWS Monday, *November 20th at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Center Luncheon *Tuesday, November 21st at 12:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Center Luncheon *Wednesday, November 22nd at 12:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Office Closed *Thursday, November 23rd.*

No Food Pantry *Saturday, November 25th.*

Youth Group Serving at the New London Meal Center *Sunday, November 26th 4-6:00 pm.*

COMMUNION SERVICE

INVITATION

PRAYER OF OPEN HEARTS

May we turn again to you, O God, in ways that move us beyond ego to wholeness, beyond judgement to healing, beyond self-serving to generosity. May we know you in the whole of life, in both the blessings and the burdens of our lives. Heal our hurts and open our hearts this day as we return to love again. Amen.

BLESSING OF GRACE

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gathered round this table. For the food and cup of blessing which delight and nourish us and for companionship that sustains us. May we know the fullness of your presence at every meal and in all our sharing this day and always, AMEN.

*It is the practice of this church to serve grape juice in our communion service.
Bread is gluten-free.*