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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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May 19, 2024

NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: ***“Psalm of Celebration”***

by Jane Marshall

*Processional Hymn: #258 “Morning Has Broken”

*Call to Worship:

**Remember the plants, trees, animal life who all have their tribes,
their families, their histories, too.**

Talk to them, listen to them.

They are alive poems.

Come let us worship God and give thanks.

(From the poet, Joy Harjo)

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Order for Reception of New Members

*Hymn: #461 “We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky”

Children’s Message

Christine Bairos

Children’s Song: #54 “For the Beauty of Earth”

(First verse only, as the children proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated.)

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: ***“Let the Whole Creation Cry”***

by 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: *Spirit of the Living God*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me; Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Scripture: Job 12:7-10, Matthew 6:26-27, Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon: "A Delirium of Birds and More"

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

*Hymn: #67 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

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:

Aldrean Chuma

Raegan Graziani

Michael and Susan Jackson

Joe Marcoux and Sue Phillips

Sizani Mbonambi

Lynn Richmond

Randy Symington

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: “Psalm of Celebration”

by Jane Marshall

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, his righteousness endures forever. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. God sent redemption to his people, has commanded his covenant forever, holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Offertory Anthem: “Let the Whole Creation Cry”

by Eugene Butler

Glory to the Lord on high! Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!" Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "God is good and is our King!" Praise him all you hosts above, ever bright and fair in love; sun and moon, uplift your voice, night and stars, in God rejoice! Servants working for the Lord, prophets burning with his word, those to whom the arts belong, add their voices to the song. Kings of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw; all who work and all who wait, sing "The Lord is good and great!" Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem manifold; and let children's happy hearts in this worship bear their parts; from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll: "Holy, holy, holy One, glory be to God alone!"

Scripture Readings

Job 12:7-10

But ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?

In God's hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

Matthew 6:26-27

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Creator feeds them. Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

Matthew 14:14-21

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand people and more.

The flowers this morning are given by Stephanie Webster.

The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Susan Mountz.

The Nursery is open today with Miss Tiffany.

The New Member Reception is TODAY: New Members are being welcomed into our community today during the Worship Service. Please join us for a Welcome Reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Crosby Fund for Haitian Education: Presentation & Authentic Haitian Dinner is TODAY at 5:30pm: Join us for an authentic "Haitian Dinner" prepared and catered by Mommy's Restaurant of Norwich. Suggested donation: \$10 per person. If you haven't signed up, there is still room for a few more, contact Becky at 860-575-5687.

Walk for Gaza CT: On May 23, 24, and 25, residents in and around Connecticut will walk the length of Gaza in solidarity with those suffering from the ongoing violence against the people of Gaza. The 25-mile walk -planned and prepared by a group of individuals and organizations in CT. - will take place over the course of three days, at three different locations.

New Haven - Thursday, May 23, 8 miles, 10:00 am start.

Bridgeport - Friday, May 24, 6.5 miles, 1:00 pm prayers, 2:00 pm start.

Shoreline - Saturday, May 25, 9 miles, 9:00 am start.

To register or for more information: walkforgazact@gmail.com.

Email Laura if you'd like to join her for a day: lfitz.nager@gmail.com

Hymn Sing: Friday, June 14, 6:00pm. The hymn sing we did during a recent service received such a positive response we thought we'd try it again as part of a social evening. And so, on JUNE 14, FRIDAY evening at 6 pm, we will gather at Cynthia McFadden's home on the Connecticut River in Old Saybrook to eat and sing together. Rachael Jungkeit and/or Carleen Gerber will be at the piano, and we'll have food and beverages along with hymn books for the group. We can accommodate 33 more people, call the church office at 860-434-8686 to RSVP.

Church World Service Blanket Drive: Thanks to the generous donations from our congregation, the LBS Board collected \$2,738. Blankets will now **distributed** to the homeless, refugees and others who have lost everything due to floods, wildfires, tornadoes and hurricanes. Thank you for your compassion.

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. 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!

The Veterans for Peace will be stopping at FCCOL on Thursday night, May 23rd about 6:00 pm on their "Walk for Peace." We are hoping for some **volunteers to help host them in the Fellowship Hall for an informal meal and conversation.** Email Laura if you would like to participate in sharing hospitality with these guests and/or bring something to lfitz.nager@gmail.com.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

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

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

UCC Annual Meeting Tuesday, May 21st, at 6:30 pm at First Church in Middletown.

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

Grief Group Wednesday, May 22nd at 5:30 pm in Hoag Parlor.

Senior Choir Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:30 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Walk for Gaza Thursday, May 23rd at 10:00 am starting at the New Haven Green.

Senior Center Luncheon Thursday, May 23rd at 12:00 pm in Sheffield Auditorium.

Veterans Walk for Peace Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Walk for Gaza Friday, May 24th at 1:00 pm starting at the Bridgeport Islamic Center.

Food Pantry Saturday, May 25th at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

Walk for Gaza Saturday, May 25th at 9:00 am starting at the First Church of Guilford.

In Memoriam



The Reverend David W. Good

April 26, 1949 - April 2, 2024

FCCOL is establishing a Memorial Fund in memory of

Rev. David W. Good

which we hope will continue to fund ministries
to which David was devoted.

Please mark your donations "David Good Memorial."

White Elephant Sale

- Friday, July 12th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and Saturday, July 13th from 8:00 am - Noon. Intake starts Thursday June 27th. **Organizing your donations prior to drop off is very helpful.**

Sale Info - Church's website www.fccol.org/wes has a WES link, which will take you to prior years' pictures/videos, what we can and can't accept for donations and other info.

Donating Large Furniture for the White Elephant Sale (July 12th and 13th).

We are LIMITING the amount of large furniture that we will accept this year. We are **NOT** planning any pickup service due to manpower scheduling and conflicts. If you do have a piece to donate and are wondering whether we will accept, please call the office 434-8686 anytime; night or day and hit the WES call back line - leave a message with all the particulars. We will contact you to discuss your large furniture donation.

The emphasis is on clean, QUALITY items. NO sofa beds, stuffed couches/chairs, dining room sets or particle board furniture.

For all other items: see the Church website to see what we can accept when gathering your items – "Quality Please" and organizing prior to drop off will be very helpful. Bring those donations to the church starting Thursday, June 27th. If you want to be a volunteer, leave your name and number on the same call back line, we will get back to you or just show up on intake days and we will find a spot for you.

To get more information or volunteer call FCCOL : 860-434-8686 and select the WES line.

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 20 Pre Set –Up Inside hang signs move tables, etc.	June 21 Pre Set –Up Inside milk crates, tubs, etc.	June 22 Set –Up Inside 9am -12pm	June 27 INTAKE 9:00 - 2:00	June 28 INTAKE 9:00 - 2:00 <i>Workers Lunch</i>	June 29 INTAKE 9:00 - 2:00

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 1 INTAKE 9:00 - 2:00	July 2 INTAKE 9:00 - 2:00	July 3 INTAKE 9:00 - 2:00 <i>Workers Lunch</i>	July 4 HOLIDAY	July 5 CLOSED Sort & Price	July 6 CLOSED Sort & Price
8 CLOSED Sort & Price For Sale. Move Art to Narthex Clean up and Finalize inside setup	9 During Day Big Tents & Sport Goods 5-7 pm Outside tables, Plants, Baked Goods, Coffee Tents Go up	10 CLOSED Sort & Price Finalize any remaining outside Set-up	11 SET-UP OUTSIDE 8:00 AM ->> <i>Workers Lunch</i>	12 SALE 9-2pm	13 SALE 8-12pm CLEAN UP AND SNACKS after 12