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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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January 28, 2024

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *May Thy Holy Spirit*

Pavel Tschesnokoff

*Processional Hymn: #238 “The Church’s One Foundation”

*Call to Worship:

For the sake of love, we are here
Gathering as the body of Christ;
Reflecting on our call to be the church;
Deciding how best to embody Christ in the world;
Striving for justice, compassion,
humility, and peace
Letting the unity of our oneness in God draw us together.
Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #381 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

Children’s Message

Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

Hymn: #364 “This Little Light of Mine”

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

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Praise ye the Father*

Charles Gounod

*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

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

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

to Refrain

Scripture: Genesis 49: 29-33, 50:4-8, 12-14

Sermon: **Finding The Way Home**

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

Hymn: #386 "We Are One in the Spirit"

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

Choir Anthems Today

Introit: *May Thy Holy Spirit* by Pavel Tschesnokoff (1877-1944)

May Thy Holy Spirit come upon us, O Lord. Come, Holy Spirit Thou art our Love and Joy divine, O Lord, God. Alleluia.

Offertory Anthem: *Praise ye the Father* by Charles Gounod
(1818-1893)

Praise ye the Father! Let all the earth sing praises! Praise ye the Father, O bless our God with Joyful hearts! He is our refuge, a present help in trouble; Praise ye His kindness, the honor of His majesty! God is our shield, all our trust is in the Lord; He is our strength and our hope, they who trust in Him are blessed! Sing unto God, for the heavens declare His glory! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy! Let all the people praise Him! Praise Him in the heavens, all ye angels, sing His praises! Praise Him, all ye stars of light! Praise ye Him, O ye heavens of heavens! Praise Him for His mighty acts, sing, exalt His name above the skies! God alone is our salvation and our strength, O praise ye His name!



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

Genesis 49: 29-33, 50:4-8, 12-14

Then he charged them, saying to them, “I am about to be gathered to my people. Bury me with my ancestors in the cave in the field of Ephron the Hittite, 30 in the cave in the field at Machpelah, near Mamre, in the land of Canaan, in the field that Abraham bought from Ephron the Hittite as a burial site. 31 There Abraham and his wife Sarah were buried; there Isaac and his wife Rebekah were buried; and there I buried Leah. 32 The field and the cave that is in it were purchased from the Hittites.” 33 When Jacob ended his charge to his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed, breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.

When the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph addressed the household of Pharaoh, “If now I have found favor with you, please speak to Pharaoh as follows: 5 My father made me swear an oath; he said, ‘I am about to die. In the tomb that I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me.’ Now therefore let me go up, so that I may bury my father; then I will return.” 6 Pharaoh answered, “Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear to do.”

7 So Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, 8 as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father’s household.

They carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field at Machpelah, the field near Mamre, which Abraham bought as a burial site from Ephron the Hittite. 14 After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

The flowers this morning are given by Rick Strickhart in loving memory of Bill Kempshall and Jeff Miller.

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The Nursery is open today with Miss Miriam.  
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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, 860-514-5425.

Interested in Confirmation? Confirmation classes for 1st, 2nd or 3rd year high school students will begin on Sunday, January 28th from 4-5:30 pm. Classes will meet January-May and include field trips, films and a service project. Confirmation is offered every other year. For more information contact Laura at 860-304-9096 or lfitz.nager@gmail.com.

Save the Date. Walking in their Footsteps: A Civil Rights Learning Trip for Teens during April vacation from April 6th - 11th. This is a 5-day journey. We will fly round trip to Atlanta, Georgia and visit sights there and drive to Birmingham, Alabama among other places. There will be an informational session in the Library on January 21st at 11:30 am following the service. Come learn about our itinerary as we walk in the footsteps of Civil Rights leaders. For more information or to reserve a spot, email Jolene Brant at jmbrant2023@gmail.com.

Bible Study: Bible Study meets on Thursdays, 11-12 in the library. Available also on Zoom. All are welcome!

Wanna read a great book in the New Year? The Bible is chock full of legendary characters, strange plot twists, tricksters and thieves, mystics and musicians as well as, the horror and the holy within its pages. How does it all end up and what's love got to do with it? We're making our way through Genesis and someday we'll get to the book of Revelation. Join us!

Chili Cookoff: Calling all chefs for the Ground Hog Day Chili Cookoff on Friday, February 2nd, from 5:30-7:00 pm. Come in from the cold and stay for the great food, live music, and warm camaraderie. Chilis will be voted on by everyone in attendance. To sign up your favorite chili, please email the office at fccl@fccl.org. All are welcome!

Board of Missions: The Board of Missions recently made a gift of \$3,000 to the Middle East Children's Alliance and \$2,000 to Doctors Without Borders. Both gifts are dedicated to help the crisis in Gaza.

2024 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held TODAY after the 10am worship service. This is an important opportunity for all of us to hear the reports of the ministers, the board and committee chairs and the treasurer covering all of the important activities of 2023 and the 2024 budget. It is also an opportunity for everyone to be actively engaged with questions and discussions.

Please attend if you are able.

Babysitting will be available in the nursery during the Annual meeting.

Home to Rent Desperately Needed: A family of four who are good friends of the church need a home to rent in the immediate future. While we sponsored and settled this family of former refugees a few years ago, they now need to move from their present home. Any location on the shoreline would be acceptable. Please call the church office (860-434-8686) if you can help or know someone who can. Thanks!

Black History Month: Join us for a Black History Month Celebration next Saturday, Feb. 3rd at 10:00 am in Mystic for a march beginning at the Union Baptist Church to the center of downtown Mystic. Our church friend, Kevin Booker, Jr. is the organizer of this event and has asked us to join him for the celebration. We'll carpool at 9:15 from FCCOL. Any questions email Jolene at jmbrant2023@gmail.com and here is the link: <https://www.mysticchamber.org/black-history-month/>

Calendar of Events and Meetings

LWS Monday, January 29th at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Center Luncheon Tuesday, January 30th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Senior Center Luncheon Wednesday, January 31st at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bell Ringers Wednesday, January 31st at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Senior Choir Wednesday, January 31st at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study Thursday, February 1st at 11:00 am in the Library.

Senior Center Luncheon Thursday, February 1st at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Food Pantry Saturday, February 2nd, 8:30-10:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

Office Closed Monday, January 15th

