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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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April 21, 2024

10:00 AM

Prelude

Handbell Introit: *“This Is My Father’s World”* arr. Cathy Moklebust
Old Lyme Ringers; Jill Maurer Davis, Flute; and Organ

Choral Introit: *“Jubilate Deo”* by Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

*Processional Hymn: #98 “God of the Sparrow”

*Call to Worship

The Beloved Community is a realistic vision of an achievable society, one in which problems and conflict exist, but are resolved peacefully and without bitterness...

The Beloved Community is a state of heart and mind, a spirit of hope and goodwill, that transcends all boundaries and barriers and embraces all creation.

At its core, the Beloved Community is an engine of reconciliation.

Come in the spirit of the Beloved Community, and let us worship God.

(words of Coretta Scott King, imprinted on the wall at the King Center in Atlanta, Georgia)

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #244 “Like a Tree Beside the Waters”

Children’s Message

Alan MacGregor

Children’s Song: “A Place in the Choir” (printed on page 4)
(Children proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated.)

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *“Stay With Us”* by Walter L. Pelz (1926-1921)
with Jill Maurer-Davis (flute)

*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 the hymn "Spirit of the Living God". 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 flat (B-flat major or D minor), 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 score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

Scripture: Amos 5:24, Mark 4: 35-36

Noah Brant

Sermon: **“On Walking in Their Footsteps Along a Mighty Stream”**

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick Nager and Jolene Brant, with Civil Rights Travelers: Ben Lott, Colton and Ellison Lodge, Regan Weinstein, Sofia Noti, Myles Coppola, Joe Kazadi, Anderson and Noah Brant, Anna William Fitzpatrick-Nager, Zoe Eastman Grossel, Clarissa Mock, Mary Kane, Anna Bjornberg, Sawyer Spiers, Finn Barrett.

Many thanks for all parents and chaperones who accompanied us on the Civil Rights journey!
We are grateful for Deb Heminway, Angela Mock, Jahala Grous,
Mary-Gardner Coppola, Gavin Lodge and Sarah Gallardo!

*Hymn: #481 “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

Choir Anthems Today

Handbell Introit: *This Is My Father's World*

arr. Cathy Moglebust

The Introit *This Is My Father's World* is a meditation on Hymn #60, utilizing instruments of handbells, hand chimes, flute and organ.

*This is my Father's world; and to my listening ears,
all nature sings, and roundly rings the music of the spheres.*

*This is my Mother's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.*

Choral Introit: *Jubilate Deo*

by Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra, servite Domino in laetitia, in trane, in conspectu ejus, in exultatione, quia Dominus, ipse est Deus.

Sing to God rejoicing, all ye nations; serve ye the Lord our God with gladness and joy and enter into His presence with exultation and joy; know ye that the Lord alone is our God.

Offertory Anthem: *Stay With Us*

by Walter L. Pelz (1926-1921)
with Jill Maurer-Davis (flute)

Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to you this day be sung. Bless our bread, open our eyes: Jesus, be our great surprise.

Walk with us, with us our spirits sigh: hear when our weary spirits cry feel again our loss, our pain: Jesus, take us to your side.

Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our weeping, wailing end. Wipe our tears, forgive our fears: Jesus, life the heavy cross.

Talk with us will we behold a joyful like you will unfold: heal our eyes to see the prize: take us to the light.

Stay with us, will day is done: no tears nor dark shall dim the sun: cheer the heart your grace impart. Jesus, bring eternal life.

Children's Song: *A Place in the Choir*

All God's creatures got a place in the choir, Some sing low and some sing higher,
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire, Some just clap their hands or paws or
anything they've got now! All God's creatures got a place in the choir, Some sing
low and some sing higher, Some sing out loud on a telephone wire, Some just
clap their hands or paws or anything they've got now!

Scripture Readings

Amos 5: 24

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Mark 4:35-36

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.



The Civil Rights Group attended The Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

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.

The flowers this morning are given in memory of Rev. David W. Good.

The hosts for the Fellowship Hour this morning are Christine Darnell and Wendy Knight

The Nursery is open today with Miss Tiffany Goss.

Image on the cover: History Maker Ms. Joanne Bland, sharing her wisdom, in Selma Alabama.

Rev. David Good Memorial Service: Will be held at 2:00pm today. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Walk to End Homelessness: Sunday, April 28th

Southeast Connecticut's Walk to End Homelessness is a stark yearly reminder that homelessness continues to be a crisis in our area. Your participation raises critical funds in support of our neighbors experiencing homelessness. One hundred percent of the money raised helps the New London Homeless Hospitality Center guests go home. Getting your friends and family to donate in support of *you* makes an even greater impact. <https://www.nlhhc.org/walk>

Crosby Fund for Haitian Education: Presentation and Dinner, Sunday, May 19th:

Join us for a Haitian Dinner! If you would like to learn more about our work in Haiti, please join us Sunday, May 19th at 5:30pm at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme for a presentation and an authentic "Haitian Dinner" prepared and catered by Mommy's Restaurant of Norwich. For reservations please call the church at 860-434-8686. Suggested donation: \$10 per person. <https://crosbyfund.org/support/>

The White Elephant Sale:

Get out your calendars out and mark these dates – **Friday, July 12th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm** and **Saturday, July 13th from 8:00 am - Noon**. This is a good time of the year to sort through the cellar and attic to put aside some of those treasures for this year's sale. Hold those goodies until first intake day, **Thursday June 27th**. Last year was our best ever sale so looking for big things this year.

We are in need of help in a number of departments as some folks have prior commitments or have retired.

- Baked Goods - Co-chair
- Large Furniture - Co chair
- Parking Lot - Co-chair
- Parking Lot attendants on sale day - Workers

If interested in volunteering, please call the church 860-434-8686 or any one of the following area coordinators: Anita Allen (860) 227-6850, Bob Davis (860) 884-7568, Nathalie Fogg (860) 451-8460, Roxie Gallagher (860) 227-4649, Jane Marolda (860) 859-2497.

The Board of Stewardship: Will meet the third Thursday of every month, going forward.

Green Grass Partnership: June 2024 Trip

The Green Grass Partnership is planning for a trip this June 22-29 and is interested in hearing from anyone who would consider joining us. The trip this year will be small – we are looking for a chance to reboot and reimagine what the partnership might become moving forward into our 40th year. We are looking for folks who have made the journey in the past who are looking to reconnect with our friends as well as a few new members to be part of the rebuilding experience. Organizational/information session after the service on 4/28 - 11:30am in the Library.

Confirmation Class: The last two confirmation classes will be on April 28th and May 5th from 4:00-6:00 pm. Confirmation Sunday is May 12th, during the worship service.

God's Neighborhood, and Youth Group on Sunday, April 28th in a celebration of "Earth Day" will be cleaning the White Sands Beach in Old Lyme. Parent drop-off time will be 10:00am. Remember to bring recycle bags! Donuts, coffee and cider will be served.

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**Calendar of Events and Meetings**

**LWS Monday, April 22nd at 10:00 am** in Sheffield Auditorium.

**Senior Center Luncheon Tuesday, April 23rd at 12:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**LBS Board Meeting Tuesday, April 23rd at 10:00 am** in the Library.

**Board of Deacons Meeting Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:00 pm** in the Library.

**Senior Center Luncheon Wednesday, April 24th at 12:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**Grief Group Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30 pm** in Hoag Parlor.

**Senior Choir Wednesday, April 24th at 7:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

**Bible Study Thursday, April 25th at 11:00 am** in the Hoag Parlor.

**Food Pantry Saturday, April 27th at 8:30 am** in Fellowship Hall.

**Musical Masterworks Concert Saturday, April 27th at 5:00 pm &  
Sunday April 28th at 3:00 pm** in the Meetinghouse.

**Walk to End Homelessness Sunday, April 28th at 12:00 pm** in New London.

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The deadline for submissions for the May Newsletter has passed. If you have any last minute submissions, please call the office 860-434-8686 as soon as possible.

In Memoriam



The Reverend David W. Good
Memorial Service
Today at 2:00 pm.

Online livestream:
<https://tinyurl.com/2fz6vjhm>