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The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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January 12, 2025

Worship Service

10:00 AM

Prelude

Cedric Mayfield, clarinet

Introit: **“In the Bleak Mid-Winter”** words by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)
Music by Harold Darke (1888-1976) Soloists - Lisa Feltes and Brian Cheney

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

*Call to Worship:

From all that is broken, let there be beauty.

From what is torn, jagged, ripped, frayed,

let there be not just mendings

but meetings unimagined.

May the God in whom nothing is wasted gather up every scrap,
every shred and shard, and make of them new paths, doorways, worlds.

Come let us seek God together.

(adapted from J. Richardson)

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #154 “In the Bleak MidWinter”

Children's Message

Elsbeth Dowd

Children's Song: #364 “This Little Light of Mine”
(*Children proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated.*)

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: **“When to the Temple Mary Went”** by Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)

*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.

*Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Susan Switzer

Pastoral Prayer Response: “As We Are Gathered”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "As We Are Gathered". 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 first system is labeled "Refrain" and contains the lyrics: "As we are gathered, Je - sus is here; one with each". The second system is labeled "Fine" and contains the lyrics: "oth - er, Je - sus is here. Joined by the Spir - it". The third system is labeled "to Refrain" and contains the lyrics: "built up in love, part of the bod - y, the church of God." The score ends with a double bar line.

Scripture: Psalm 30: 1-4, 5b, 11-12, John 1: 14

Sermon: “Jazzed”

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

*Closing Hymn: #34 “When the Morning Stars Together”

Benediction

Benediction Response

Cedric Mayfield, clarinet

Postlude

*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 30: 1-4, 5b, 11-12

I will exalt you, Lord, for you rescued me. You refused to let my enemies triumph over me.
O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you restored my health.
You brought me up from the grave, O Lord. You kept me from falling into the pit of death.

Sing to the Lord, all you godly ones! Praise God's holy name.
Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.

You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing.
You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
that I might sing praises to you and not be silent.
O Lord, my God, I will give you thanks forever!

John 1: 14

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.
We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory...
Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

(From The Message, E. Peterson)

Luke 12:22-27, 29, 31

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. Do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. Instead, strive for God's kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Choir Anthems

Introit: "In the Bleak Mid-Winter"

words by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Music by Harold Darke (1888-1976) Soloists - Lisa Feltes and Brian Cheney

In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign: in the bleak mid-winter a stable-place sufficed the Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day, a breast full of milk and a manger full of hay; enough for him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb, if I were a Wise Man I would do my part, yet what can I give him, give me heart.

Offertory Anthem: "When to the Temple Mary Went"

by Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)

When to the Temple Mary went and brought the Holy Child, Him did the aged Simeon see, as it had been revealed. He took up Jesus in his arms and blessing God, he said: "In peace I now depart, my Savior having seen the hope of Israel, the Light of men." Help now thy servants gracious Lord, that we may ever be. As once the faithful Simeon was, rejoicing but in Thee; and when we must from earth departure take may gently fall asleep and with thee awake.

*The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Helene Ben Ezra,
Angela's Mother, twenty years in heaven, from the Mock Family.*

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

The nursery is open today with Miss Tiffany Goss.

*A special thanks to Cedric Mayfield for joining our service this morning.
You can find his bio on the back cover.*

Events and Meetings

Adult Forum with Christine Palm, How to Move the Needle Toward Justice in Hartford
TODAY, after the Worship Service at 11:15 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Ladies Who Stitch *Monday, January 13th at 10:00 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

Lyme Town Hall Meeting *Monday, January 13th 6:30 pm at the Lyme Town Hall.*

Board of Trustees Meeting *Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00 pm in the Library.*

Parent and Families Care Group *Wed, January 15th at 5:30 pm in the Hoag Parlor.*

Old Lyme Ringers Rehearsal *Wednesday, January 15th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.*

Senior Choir Rehearsal *Wednesday, January 15th at 7:30 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

Bible Study will resume on *Thursday, January 16th at 11:00 am in Hoag Parlor.*

The Kairos Document Reading *Thursday, January 16th at 12:00 pm in Hoag Parlor.*

Board of Stewardship Meeting *Thursday, January 16th at 4:00 pm in the Library.*

Children's Handbell Rehearsal *Thurs, Jan. 16th at 4:15 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

Newsletter Deadline for February *Friday, January 17th.*

Food Pantry *Saturday, January 18th at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall.*

Coming Soon...

Science Discussion Forum Committee Meeting *Sun, Jan. 19th at 11:30 am in Hoag Parlor.*

Church Annual Meeting *Sunday, January 26th at 11:15 am in the Meetinghouse.*

Adult Forum with Robert Ballard *Sun, Feb. 2nd at 11:15 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.*

Adult Forum Sunday, TODAY: How to Move the Needle Toward Justice in Hartford

Christine Palm served six years as a CT state representative. While there, she was responsible for initiating and leading to passage many bills that mirror the social justice agenda of our church community. She is passionate about protecting the environment, supporting women's rights, gun safety, education, civil rights, etc. On January 12th she will lead us through an exciting power point program she developed to help citizens like us be more effective in Hartford. Christine will ever be remembered for tagging the omnibus climate bill #5004 "the Green Monster." Fans of Fenway Park know that monster. Through her leadership it was raised and passed by the house. With our help this year it could get raised again and come through both chambers. Come and learn how your voice in Hartford can influence the quality of life we aspire to in Connecticut.

Old Lyme Meeting

Several of our members have been active in a plan to make some changes in the layout of the Halls Road business area. There is an important hearing that is critical to the progress of this work which will be held on Monday, January 13th at 6:30 in the Old Lyme Town Hall. This is perhaps mostly pertinent to residents of Old Lyme, though the shopping district is an important part of our region. The meeting is public.

Bible Study Goodness, Greed and Grace: Journeys through Genesis and Exodus

Bible Study will resume on Thursday, January 16th at 11:00am. In person and on Zoom. Our companion book this fall will be "*Reading Genesis*" by Marilynne Robinson. Email: fccol@fccol.org for the zoom link.

Reading the South African Kairos Document

Beginning on Thursday, January 16, members and friends are invited to gather for a reading and study group of the South African Kairos Document. Written at the height of the apartheid struggles in South Africa in 1985, this brief theological statement remains stunningly relevant. We'll meet every Thursday at 12:00 noon, in the Hoag Parlor, immediately after the weekly Bible study. Copies of the Document will be available in the church Narthex, on the table at the bottom of the stairs between the Meetinghouse and the Fellowship Hall, and in the church office.

FCCOL Science Discussion Planning Group Meeting

For all of you who met in mid-December the planning group will be meet again on Sunday, January 19th at 11:15 am in Hoag Parlor.

Contact Tom Sherer for more information at: tesjr299@outlook.com.

The Family Assistance Fund at Lymes' Youth Service Bureau is available to receive community donations to help the family affected by today's house fire in Lyme. All donations are tax-deductible and will be given directly to the family. To make a donation visit www.lysb.org/donate or mail to LYSB, PO Box 589, Old Lyme, CT 06371.

Stair Chair Available

A stair chair has been donated and available to any one in need of one. Please contact Ellen Calkins for more information at ercalkins@gmail.com.

Homeless Hospitality Donations...

We are grateful to everyone who helped with the donations of socks and coffee for the Homeless Hospitality Center of New London. Their request for canes (used canes are just fine!) and ground coffee and socks will continue. Please bring them to church and leave them with the deacons at the front door if you have one to donate; or bring it to the church office during the week. Many thanks.

Adult Forum with Dr. Robert Ballard "Exploring the New America. Exploring the 52% that lies below the sea" On Sunday, February 2nd at 11:15 am in the Sheffield Auditorium Dr. Ballard is an Internationally renowned scientist, explorer and educator known for his numerous deep-sea explorations including his famous discovery of the Titanic.

Sunday Flowers

We're scheduling members and friends who would like to provide pulpit flowers for Sundays. To sign up, call Jill Harned, 603-398-9004. Thank you!

Housing Wanted

We regularly hear from folks who are in need of an affordable rental. If you have any information that could be helpful, please let Anne in the office know. Even for a room to rent for a period of time would be greatly appreciated.

It is a privilege to have all we need; for our guests, it is a struggle. The Diaper Bank is an ever present reminder of good works in action; and also the inequities seen in towns like Old Lyme that are being met in a direct way.

Petition to State legislators supporting environmental efforts

If you are interested in information or want to sign the CT Coalition for Climate Action petition from the Inter-religious Eco-Justice Network. Contact Mariette Brown for more information at: mariettetb98@gmail.com.

Help for Counting the Offerings Needed.

We have several money-counting teams that count and record the worship service offerings each week. This is a great help to our bookkeeper and is good financial procedure to keep the tasks separate. We now need several more volunteers so that we can have four teams, with each only having to count once per month. If you are interested, please contact Jody Belluzzi (201-314-1051) or Sandy Sims (860-964-0321). Thanks!

Year-End Note from the Treasurer

2024 marked another year of remarkable generosity of our congregation. We have received 97% of pledge commitments. This, combined with other contributions and special gifts in addition to pledges, will allow us to close the 2024 books with a surplus that will help us in 2025. Contributions from our members and friends are vital. Your support permits us to continue our missions and ministries of worship, music, Christian education, pastoral care and community and mission outreach, and keeps our property in excellent shape. THANK YOU!

NOTICE OF 2025 FCCOL ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF OLD LYME WILL BE HELD ON THE 26th DAY of JANUARY, 2025 IN THE MEETING HOUSE AT 2 FERRY ROAD, OLD LYME, CT
FOLLOWING THE 10 AM SERVICE.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING SHALL BE:

- TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE MINISTERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, AND THE CHURCH OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2024:
- TO APPROVE THE CHURCH BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2025;
- TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE;
- TO ELECT OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE COMING YEAR TERMS;
- TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER OLD OR NEW BUSINESS AS SHALL PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.



Cedric Mayfield, Clarinetist

Houston Texas native Chief Musician Cedric Mayfield, clarinet and saxophone, joined the U.S. Coast Guard Band in July 2010. He is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and the University of Memphis, and currently pursuing Doctoral studies at UCONN. He came to the Coast Guard Band by way of the U.S. Air Force Band in Europe, as well as The U.S. Air Force Band of the West in San Antonio TX, where he toured extensively as a band member, leader, and soloist.

In 2008, he was part of a specially collected group of musicians who embarked upon a three month tour of the Middle East for troop morale and social outreach. In the Air Force, he performed in a variety of ensembles, including concert band, chamber music groups, jazz, pop, and rock bands.

As a civilian, he has performed with a national tour of the Broadway musical The Music Man, and spent four seasons with Galveston Island Musicals. He has also performed with orchestras, chamber groups, gospel choirs, big bands, salsa bands, even a polka band! Many of his compositions and arrangements were featured as a founding member of the acclaimed ensemble the S.A. Jazz Workshop (2006-2009). He is the founder and leader of the new jazz ensemble Epitome (2016-present). Though he expresses himself in many genres, classical music is Cedric's first love. He has had the privilege of performing with Wynton Marsalis, Chick Corea, Kirk Whalum, Bill Mays, Marvin Stamm, Shelly Carol, B.B. King, the Village Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, Aretha Franklin, The Four Tops, The Temptations, Roger