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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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February 2, 2025

Communion Worship Service Sunday

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: **“Gloria”**

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
arr. Gary Jungkeit, Old Lyme Ringers and Organ

*Processional Hymn: #444 “Lord of All Hopefulness”

*Call to Worship: (from Walter Brueggemann, Old Testament scholar and UCC minister)

What God does first and best and most
Is to trust her people with their moment in history.
God trusts us to do what must be done
For the sake of the whole human community.
Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #171 “Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands ”

Children’s Message

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

Children’s Song: #364 “This Little Light of Mine”

(Children proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated.)

Offering Invitation

Offertory Anthem: **“God, that Madest Earth and Heaven”**

arr. by Daniel E. Gawthrop

*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

Pastoral Prayer Response: “Eat This Bread”

The image shows a musical score for the Pastoral Prayer Response "Eat This Bread". 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 suitable for congregational singing.

Scripture: John 12: 1-3, John 13: 1-9

Sermon: “The Joy of Losing Control: A Different Kind of Church, Part II”

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

*Hymn #402 “O Christ, the Healer”

Sacrament of Communion

(see the back cover)

*Closing Hymn: #326 “Beneath the Forms of Outward Rite”

Benediction

Benediction Response

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

John 12: 1-3

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

John 13: 1-9

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.... And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

Choir Anthem and Old Lyme Ringers Introit

Introit: **"Gloria"**

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This morning's Introit **Gloria** is an arrangement of the first movement in the Vivaldi choral masterpiece "Gloria." The words translated are "Glory to God in the highest."

Offertory Anthem: "God, that Madest Earth and Heaven" arr. by Daniel E. Gawthrop

God, that madest earth and heaven, darkness and light; who the day for toil has given, for rest the night. May Thine angel guards defend us, welcome sweet Thy mercy send us; holy dreams and hopes attend us, this livelong day.

And when morn again shall call us to run life's way may we still, what e'er befall us Thy will obey. From the power of evil hide us, in the narrow pathway guide us. Nor Thy smile be e'er denied us, the livelong day.

Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, and when we die may we in Thy mighty keeping all peaceful lie. When the last dread call shall wake us, do not Thou, our God, forsake us, but to reign in glory take us with Thee on high.

*The flowers this morning are given in honor of our newly elected Deacons Emeriti
Marianne Baez and Priscilla Swanson.*

The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Cathy Mathis.

The nursery is open today with Miss Tiffany Goss.

Events and Meetings

Adult Forum with Robert Ballard *TODAY right after the service* in the Fellowship Hall.

Ladies Who Stitch *Monday, February 3rd at 10:00 am* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

The Senior Center *Tuesday, February 4th at 8:00 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

Old Lyme Ringers Rehearsal *Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Choir Rehearsal *Wednesday, February 5th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS) Candlelight Vigil at FCCOL
Wednesday, February 5th at 6:00 pm in the Meetinghouse.

Bible Study *Thursday, February 6th at 11:00 am* in Hoag Parlor.

The Kairos Document Reading *Thursday, February 6th at 12:00 pm* in Hoag Parlor.

ReBellion Rehearsal (The Children's and Youth Bell Choir)
Thursday, February 6th at 4:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Writers at the Well *Friday, February 7th at 10:00am* in the Hoag Parlor.

Shoreline Food Pantry *Saturday, February 8th at 8:30 am* in Fellowship Hall.

Coming Soon...

Adult Forum with Writer Nadine Pinede and Poet Marilyn Nelson
Sunday, Feb. 9th at 11:15 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Faith and Science Discussion Potluck Supper *Friday, February 21st at 6:00 pm*
in the Meetinghouse.

Musical Masterworks Concerts *Sat, Feb. 15th at 5:00pm and Sun. Feb. 16th at 3:00 pm*
in the Meetinghouse

Memorial Service for Jimmy Carter *Sunday, February 16th at 12:00 pm*

Adult Forum with Dr. Robert Ballard "Exploring the New America. Exploring the 52% that lies below the Sea" TODAY after the 10:00 am service in the Sheffield Auditorium. Retired Navy officer and oceanographer Dr. Robert Ballard an internationally renowned scientist, explorer and educator known for his numerous deep-sea explorations including his famous discovery of the Titanic, will share his experiences of the hidden world in our planet's oceans.

Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS) Candlelight Vigil on Wednesday evening, February 5th, at 6:00 pm, FCCOL will be hosting a candlelight vigil in support of IRIS. IRIS has helped our town Refugee Committee resettle families from around the world here in Old Lyme (and indeed, all up and down the Shoreline and all around the state) for more than a decade. They have been threatened with a devastating loss of federal funding, a threat that has not gone away - even if it has been blocked for the time being. Friends of IRIS from around the Shoreline and state are invited to attend on Wednesday, with the intention of demonstrating our support, and raising donations for IRIS as well.

Service of Thanksgiving for Jimmy Carter's life and our partnerships with his wondrous work. Come, share a memory, light a candle, February 16th at noon in the South Lyme Union Chapel. All are welcome. Car pool, for sure, as parking is very limited. Need more information? Contact Cynthia Willauer at ccwil@conncoll.edu or 860- 434-8315.

Bible Study Goodness, Greed and Grace: We have started to read the book of Exodus

Bible Study continues every Thursday, at 11:00 am. In person and on Zoom.

Email: fccol@fccol.org for the zoom link.

Reading the South African Kairos Document

Members and friends are invited to gather for a reading and study group of the South African Kairos Document with Steve. 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. Large format copies are available as well. Email: fccol@fccol.org for the zoom link.

Adult Forum with Writer Nadine Pinede and Poet Marilyn Nelson

Sunday, February 9th at 11:15 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Poet and church member, Marilyn Nelson, and author, Dr. Nadine Pinede will join us for worship and offer an Adult Forum of poetry and discussion. The daughter of Haitian immigrants, and the first Rhodes Scholar of Haitian descent, Dr. Pinede will share her novel, *When the Mapou Sings*, and her research into the little known Haitian Renaissance. We'll honor our church partnership with Haiti and the Crosby Fund for Education as well.

2025 Stewardship (Financial) Campaign Update

Our 2025 campaign, which provides the financial resources for the church to operate every year, is nearing the "home stretch." So far, we have received 250 generous commitments totaling \$580,259 which is very close to our goal of \$600,000. Last year we received 280 commitments. So, we would very much appreciate for those who have not yet made a commitment to come forward. We would like to exceed the goal this year, so that we don't have to rely on a contribution from our

Endowment Fund, which we needed to do last year. If you have not yet made a commitment, and/or have misplaced your commitment card, please call the office (860-434-8686) and we will make sure you get one. You can also give us your commitment over the phone or enter a pledge on our website at www.fccol.org/donate. THANK YOU!
Treasurer, Bob McCracken, and the Board of Stewardship

Church World Service Blanket Drive: During February and March, the Ladies Benevolent Society collects the annual offering for the Church World Service Blanket Drive. In 2024, 27,275 blankets were distributed to people who were affected by tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires and flooding. Over 7,000 blankets were already distributed to this year's flooding victims. Donations are urgently needed to replenish the warehouse inventory. Each blanket costs only \$10. Please make checks payable to LBS, indicating in the memo line "Blanket Drive." CWS envelopes are available in the pews and can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church c/o LBS.

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.

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.

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.

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 a room to rent for a period of time would be greatly appreciated.

Car Wanted: Our caretaker, Bill Slivinski, is in need of a car. Please let us know if you can help. Call the office at 860-434-8686. Thank you!

Florence Griswold Museum is hosting a Lecture by photographer William Earle Williams "The Evolution of Their Kindred Earth from Concept to Exhibition" at FCCOL on Saturday, February 22nd at 4:00 – 5:00pm in the Meetinghouse. Over the past forty years Williams has made sites of African American history more visible through his exquisite photographs.

If anyone wants to write a letter of thanks to **Bishop Mariann Budde**, here is her address: Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde, Washington National Cathedral, 3101 Wisconsin Ave., NW Washington, DC 20016

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

SHARING OF PEACE

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 and gluten free bread in our communion service.