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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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September 12, 2021

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Come, Gentle Spirit*

Marian Wood Chaplin

Lighting of the Candle

*Processional Hymn: #26 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Call to Worship

Reza Mansoor, President of the Islamic
Association of Greater Hartford

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

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

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Holy Spirit, Light Divine*

John Carter

*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

Children's Message

Hymn: #364 "This Little Light of Mine"

(First verse only, as children leave outside to back parking lot. Congregation remains seated.)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *As We Are Gathered*

Refrain

As we are gath-ered, Je - sus is here; one with each

Fine

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

to Refrain

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

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 43: 1-3, 18-19; Jeremiah 29: 10-12

Sermon: **More Faithful In This Present Crucial Hour** Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #504 "God of Justice, God of Mercy" (verses 1, 2, and 5)

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Go Forth Into The World*

John Rutter

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

It is a pleasure to welcome Dr. Reza Mansoor to Old Lyme. In addition to being a cardiologist at Hartford Hospital, he's a longtime friend of our congregation and he is the president of the Islamic Association of Greater Hartford.

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*The memorial flowers this morning are given in honor of those whose lives were lost on 9/11.*  
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A Word About Masks: We are asking that everyone mask indoors in order to support health safety measures. So please come prepared, and we'll do our best to offer guidelines that make our life together as safe as possible.

Help Create A Mural For Our Community!: Thanks to the Fiscal Sponsorship of the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut and a number of community organizations and faith communities, Public Art for Racial Justice Education (PARJE) is creating 4 murals in 4 neighboring towns—New London, Norwich, East Lyme and Old Lyme. For Old Lyme's mural, at the Middle School, the theme is of Langston Hughes, "I, too, sing America"; it will depict a large round table where all are welcome and will help celebrate Old Lyme's tradition of hosting refugees and those seeking sanctuary. We will have the use of the Lyme Academy of Fine Arts' studios for the creation of these 4 murals, to strengthen what Martin Luther King called "The Beloved Community." In support, Sustainable Connecticut has offered a \$7,500 matching grant for each of our 4 murals, if we raise \$30,000 by Oct. 15, 2021. To show broad community support, we need support from at least 75 people from each of our 4 communities. Your contribution, however large or small, is critical to reach our goals! Becky Crosby and David Good will be available after the service to answer questions and receive your support.

SECWAC: On September 14, join us for a presentation by Professor Laurent Dubois, Co-Director of the Democracy initiative at the University of Virginia on "Haiti & Democracy," based on his 2013 book "Haiti: The Aftershocks of History" and current events in Haiti. To register as a virtual attendee please see the weekly email for the link.

Crisis in the Southern Peninsula of Haiti: If you would like to help with the crisis in the Southern Peninsula of Haiti, here are a few good organizations that are on the ground at work: Haitian Health Foundation (Norwich based group that focuses on healthcare and community development), World Central Kitchen (hot meals for thousands), Doctors without Borders (medical assistance), and Mercy Corps (relief and infrastructure).

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

BYE *Sunday, September 12 at 12:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

JPF/SPF *Sunday, September 12 at 4:00 pm* in the Library, Fellowship Hall and Sheffield Hall.

SECWAC *Tuesday, September 14 at 5:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall or Zoom.

Trustees *Tuesday, September 14 at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Hall.

American Blood Drive *Wednesday, September 15 at 9:00 am* in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, September 15 at 7:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study *Thursday, September 16 at 11:00 am* on Zoom.

Adult Forum *Sunday, September 19 at 11:30 am* in the Fellowship Hall.