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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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September 19, 2021

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Draw the Circle Wide*

Mark Miller

Lighting of the Candle

*Processional Hymn: #250 "Here in this Place"

*Call to Worship:

Come into this place and let its silence heal your spirit
Come into this place of memory and let its history warm your heart
Come into this place of prophecy and power
And let its vision change your heart.
Friends, Let us worship God together, Amen.
(adapted from prayer by William Schultz)

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #72 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Sanctus from "St. Cecilia Mass"*

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

Children's Message

Lisa Doggart and Rodney Brown

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: *Hear Our Prayer*

The image shows a musical score for a pastoral prayer response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -
cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace."

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 102; John 15: 12-17

Sermon: **I Call You Friends**

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

*Hymn: #54 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *A Prayer of Saint Patrick*

John Rutter

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

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.

Writing at the Well: Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 22nd, 9:30-10:30am in the Fellowship Garden. Using informal writing prompts, participants will give voice to memories and the stories that make up our lives. Bring a notebook, chair, and a fast writing pen. No writing experience necessary...just a willingness to pay attention and tap into the wellspring. Facilitated by Laura.

Stewardship 2022 Campaign Begins: To plan the work of the church in 2022, we need to know your giving intent. You will receive in the mail a letter with a Commitment Card for 2022. Please return your Commitment Card as soon as possible. We urgently need your support to continue the work of the church. Your commitment matters. Thank you!

Adult Forum: Our first Adult Forum of the season meets today following the 10:00 am service at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. The topic will be Affordable Housing and we'll have our own Tim Hildner reporting on the Lyme initiatives and Michael Fogliano, Chair of the OL Affordable Housing Committee.

Help Create A Mural For Our Community! Public Art for Racial Justice Education (PARJE) is creating 4 murals in 4 neighboring towns—New London, Norwich, East Lyme and Old Lyme. Old Lyme's mural will depict a large round table where all are welcome and will help celebrate our tradition of hosting refugees and those seeking sanctuary. Sustainable Connecticut has offered a \$7,500 matching grant for each mural, if we raise \$30,000 by October 15, 2021. 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! For more information, please see the Church's weekly emails.

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

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

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

Book Group *Tuesday, September 21 at 11:00 am* in the Sheffield Hall.

Writing Group *Wednesday, September 22 at 9:30 am* in the Garden.

Board of Missions *Wednesday, September 22 at 5:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, September 22 at 7:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study @ Essex Meadows *Friday, September 24 at 11:00 am* at Essex Meadows.

Stewardship Sunday *Sunday, September 26 at 10:00 am.*