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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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September 26, 2021

Stewardship Sunday

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *The Gift of Love*

Hal H. Hopson

Lighting of the Candle

*Processional Hymn: #25 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

*Call to Worship:

Great Spirit, you have turned your face toward us, and opened your heart to humanity.

And so, O God, do we turn to you now.

We turn to you for purpose and direction,

For joy and peace,

For a way out of hopeless situations,

For justice,

For forgiveness,

For love.

We turn to you, O God, for all these things offered through Jesus the Christ,
the maker of redemption and the bringer of hope.

Let us worship God.

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #380 “We Are Not Our Own”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Cantate Domino*

Giuseppe Pitoni

*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: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

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 3/4. The first system has the lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The second system has the lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!" The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 30: 18-21; Mark 16: 7; John 14: 1-7

Sermon: **He is Going Ahead of You...**

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #411 "We Would Be Building"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Peace of God*

Eugene Butler

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.

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!

Donations Needed for Pilgrim Fellowship service trip to NYC on October 16th for the Breakfast Run. We'll be serving breakfast and offering some personal care items to people living on the street. We are collecting: winter hats, gloves, socks, underwear, and recycled bags. For food, we are collecting: potato chips, bottles of water, wax paper sandwich bags, fruit, and loaves of multigrain bread for sandwiches.

Confirmation Class is starting October 3rd at 4-6 pm. To sign up, please email Laura.

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

Deacons *Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, September 29 at 7:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall.

Writing at the Well *Wednesday, September 29 at 9:30 am* in the Fellowship Garden.

Bible Study *Thursday, September 30 at 11:00 am* on Zoom.

Grief Group *Thursday, September 30 at 5:30 pm* in the Library.