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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

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Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

**November 21, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude

Introit: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter

Lighting of the Candle

\*Processional Hymn: #23 "We Gather Together"

\*Call to Worship:

Whether sitting in the pews, walking through a leaf pile  
Or gathering around an open table

**How wonderful are the works of your hands, O God**

Meeting new friends and old,  
Sharing our plenty in gratitude,

**How wonderful are the works of your hands, O God**

In your goodness, you have made us able to hear the music of the world,  
the wildness of the winds, the whisperings of trees in the wood,  
and the precious voices of loved ones singing reveal to us that you are in our midst.

**How wonderful are the works of your hands, O God**

Come, let us worship God.  
Amen.

\*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: "For Everyone Born A Place at the Table"

Shirley Erena Murray

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *With a Voice of Singing*

Martin Shaw

\*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: The Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address

Pastoral Prayer

Ghoufran Allababidi

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer*

The image shows a musical score for a pastoral prayer response. It consists of four staves of music. The top two staves are for the vocal line, and the bottom two are for the piano accompaniment. 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." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with clear lyrics underneath.

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 104:1, 2b-5, 10-13; Luke 14:15-24

Rebecca Crosby

Sermon: **Grace at Table: The Words That Come Before All Else**

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

\*Hymn: #27 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Go Now in Peace*

Don Besig

Postlude

*\*Congregation Standing*

We thank all of our Sunday School readers who participated in the sharing of the Thanksgiving Address today and for Marcy Conway, flutist. We offer thanks to Ghoufran Allababidi, President of the Tree of Life Educational Fund, and Rev. Rebecca Crosby of the Crosby Fund for Haitian Education. Thanks to Tribal Crafts and the Lakota Quilter for the Morning Star Quilt displayed on our Communion Table this morning.

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**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.**

# 769 For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,  
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

*Refrain*



and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



jus - tice and joy!

## Scripture Lessons

### Psalm 104:1, 2b-5, 10-13

<sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord my God, thou art very great!

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

<sup>2b</sup> you stretched out the heavens like a tent,

<sup>3</sup> you set the beams of thy chambers on the waters,

who make the clouds thy chariot,

who ride on the wings of the wind,

<sup>4</sup> who make the winds thy messengers,

fire and flame thy ministers.

<sup>5</sup> You set the earth on its foundations,

so that it should never be shaken.

<sup>10</sup> Thou make springs gush forth in the valleys;

they flow between the hills,

<sup>11</sup> giving drink to every wild animal;

the wild asses quench their thirst.

<sup>12</sup> By them the birds of the air have their habitation;

they sing among the branches.

<sup>13</sup> From thy lofty abode you water the mountains;

the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy work.

### Luke 14:15-24

<sup>15</sup> One of the dinner guests, said to Jesus, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" <sup>16</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. <sup>17</sup> At the time for the dinner he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' <sup>18</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' <sup>19</sup> Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' <sup>20</sup> Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' <sup>21</sup> So the servant returned and reported this. Then the owner of the house became angry and said, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.' <sup>23</sup> Then the owner said, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup> For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.'"

## Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address: Greetings to the Natural World

### The People

Today we have gathered and when we look at the faces around us we see that the cycles of life continue. We have been given the duty to live in balance and harmony with each other and all living things. So now, we bring our minds together as one as we give greetings and thanks to each other as People.

**Now our minds are one.**

### The Earth Mother

We are all thankful to our Mother the Earth, for she gives us all that we need for life. She supports our feet as we walk about upon her. It gives us joy that she continues to care for us as she has from the beginning of time. To our mother, we send greetings and thanks.

**Now our minds are one.**

### The Waters

We give thanks to all the waters of the world for quenching our thirst and nurturing life for all beings. Water is life. We know its power in many forms- waterfalls and rain, mists and streams, rivers and oceans. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to the spirit of Water.

**Now our minds are one.**

### The Fish

We turn our thoughts to all the Fish life in the water. They cleanse and purify the water. They also give themselves to us as food. We are grateful that we can still find pure water. So, we turn now to the Fish and send our greetings and thanks.

**Now our minds are one.**

### The Plants and Trees

Now we turn toward the vast fields of Plant life. As far as the eye can see, the Plants grow, working many wonders. They sustain many life forms. Since the beginning of time, the grains, vegetables, beans and berries have helped the people survive. Standing around us we see all the Trees. Many peoples of the world recognize a Tree as a symbol of peace and strength. With our hearts and minds gathered together, we give thanks and look forward to seeing Plant life and Trees for many generations to come.

**Now our minds are one.**

### The Animals

We gather our minds together to send greetings and thanks to all the beautiful Animal life of the world, who walk about with us. They have many things to teach us as people. We are honored by them when they give up their lives so we may use their bodies as food for our people. We see them near our homes and in the deep forests. We are glad they are still here and we hope that it will always be so. Let us send our thanks to the animals.

**Now our minds are one.**

### The Birds

We put our minds together as one and thank all the Birds who move and fly about over our heads. The Creator gave them beautiful songs. Each day they remind us to enjoy and appreciate life. The Eagle was chosen to be their leader. To all the Birds-from the smallest to the largest-we send our joyful greetings and thanks.

**Now our minds are one.**

### The Four Winds

We are all thankful to the powers we know as the Four Winds. We hear their voices in the moving air as they refresh us and purify the air we breathe. They help us to bring the change of seasons. From the four directions they come, bringing us messages and giving us strength. With one mind, we send our greetings and thanks to the Four Winds.

**Now our minds are one.**

### The Stars

We now give thanks for the Stars who are spread across the sky like jewelry. We see them at night, helping the Moon to light the darkness...when we travel at night, they guide us home. With our minds gathered as one, we send greetings and thanks to the Stars.

**Now our minds are one.**

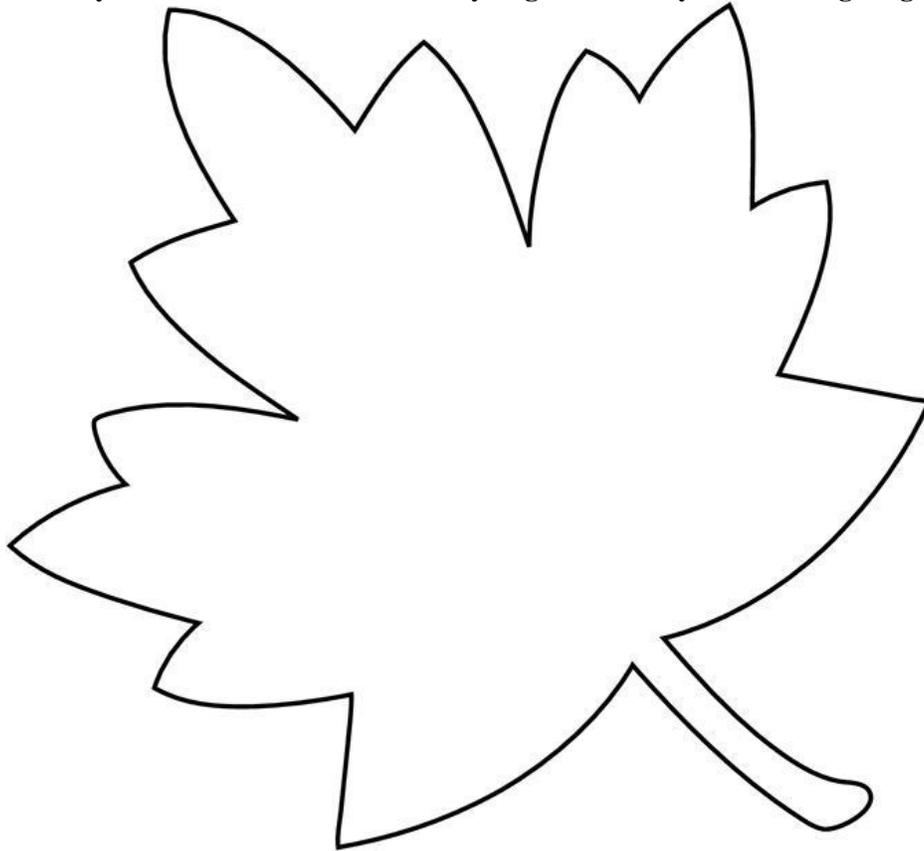
### The Great Spirit

We now turn our thoughts to the Creator, or Great Spirit, and send greetings and thanks for all the gifts of Creation. Everything we need to live a good life here on Mother Earth. For all the love that is still around us, we gather our minds together as one and send our choicest words of greetings and thanks to the Creator.

**Now our minds are one.**

*We have now arrived at the place where we end our words. Of all the things we have named, it was not our intention to leave anything out. If something was forgotten, we leave it to each individual to send such greetings and thanks in their own way. And now our minds are one.*

**We invite you to share the enclosed litany of gratitude at your Thanksgiving tables.**



**A Word About Masks and Covid Safety:** We are asking that everyone mask indoors in order to support health safety measures. In addition, we will continue to open the Meetinghouse windows for proper ventilation, so please dress accordingly as the weather becomes cooler. We'll do our best to offer guidelines that make our life together as safe as possible.

**Stewardship 2022 Campaign:** As Steve reminded us on Stewardship Sunday, "Our work is not over. Now is a time of rebuilding." Now is a time to continue our work, and we can only do it with your financial support. Please return your Commitment Card for 2022 as soon as you can to help the Trustees prepare the 2022 budget, including support for more than 75 charities that depend on us. Please help to forge The Way Ahead.

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service:** All are invited to an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service held at Christ the King church this coming Tuesday, November 23rd at 7 pm. Church choirs from Christ the King, St. Anne's Episcopal Church and The First Congregational Church will be singing together.

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**Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week**

**Yoga** Tuesday, November 23 at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** Tuesday, November 23 at 7:00 pm at Christ the King.

**Memorial - Bob White** Saturday, November 27 at 11:00 am in Meetinghouse.