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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

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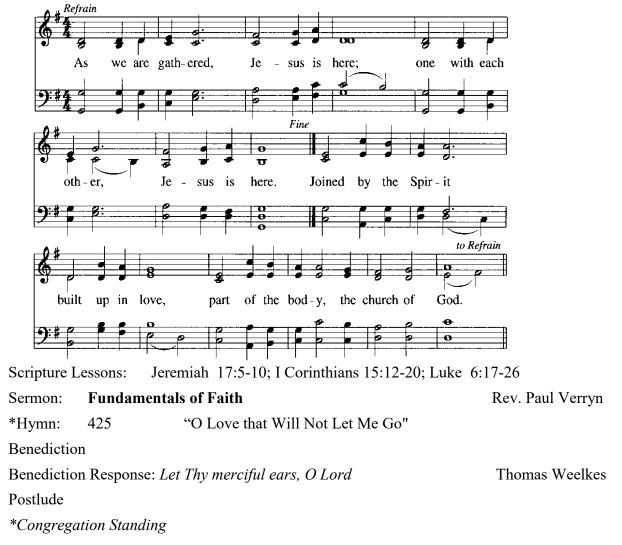
**February 13, 2022** 10:00 AM Prelude Introit: Come, Gentle Spirit Come Marian Wood Chaplin \*Processional Hymn: #26 "Praise to the Lord., the Almighty" \*Call to Worship: This is the day that the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever. Let us worship God. \*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer Welcome and Announcements \*Hymn: #407 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Offertory Invitation Offertory Anthem: Holy Spirit, Light Divine \*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. Congregation remains seated.)

**Pastoral Prayer** 

John Carter

## Pastoral Prayer Response: As We Are Gathered



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. For over thirty years our church has been in partnership with the Rev. Paul Verryn and the churches he has served in South Africa. At this time Paul serves on the Church Unity Commission (CUC) and does extensive work in counselling and healing, engaging communities and church leaders of all denominations. He is involved in ministries of justice throughout all of Southern Africa.

**<u>Run/Walk for Refugees:</u>** TODAY at 11:30 am, please join us in the Run for Refugees as we walk our 5K together in Old Lyme. Please see our last e-blast for registration link.

**Online Lecture and Discussion:** Beginning this Sunday (February 13th) at 4:00 pm, we'll have the opportunity to learn about Haitian Vodou, and the life of a specific Vodou Temple in Port-au-Prince, Temple Nah-Ri-Veh. We'll be joined by Prof. Elizabeth McAlister from Wesleyan University, who will be in conversation with Jean-Daniel Lafontant, a Vodou Houngan (Priest) who guides the Nah-Ri-Veh community. Both are sources of profound wisdom about Haitian history and its religious practices.

**Paul Verryn:** On Wednesday February 16th, our friend the Rev. Paul Verryn will give us an opportunity to be in dialogue with him to learn about what's been happening in South Africa during the past couple years. We'll gather in the Meetinghouse at 5:00 pm. Join us if you can!

**Tree of Life Journey:** Mark your calendars! The Tree of Life Journey, Teach Your Children Well, will be taking place this spring from March 8–20, 2022, and there are a few more seats available (with an optional extension to Turkey – March 20-28, 2022). For more information and application, please email us at www.tolef.org.

<u>The Partnership Store</u>. While FCCOL is not currently hosting an indoor coffee hour, the Partnership Store is still available after Sunday services.

**Church World Service Blanket Drive**. Warm blankets were distributed to many families in Houston during this winter's cold snaps. The heavyweight blanket is 64" long and 40" wide. These blankets can also provide padding for homeless people who are sleeping on sidewalks, as a tent for shelter or a suitcase for refugees carrying their meager belongings. Each blanket costs \$10. Please make checks payable to LBS, indicating in the memo line "Blanket Drive." CWS envelopes are available in the pews and can be put in the offering plates or sent to the church c/o LBS.

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week Run/Walk for Refugees Today, February 13 at 11:30 am in Old Lyme. Online Lecture and Discussion Today, February 13 at 4:00 pm on Zoom. March Newsletter Deadline Monday, February 14. LWS Monday, February 14 at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium. Affordable Housing Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Book Group Wednesday, February 16 at 11:00 am on Zoom. Paul Verryn Wednesday, February 16 at 5:00 pm in Meetinghouse. Old Lyme Ringers Wednesday, February 16 at 6:30 pm in Sheffield Auditorium. Senior Choir Wednesday, February 16 at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bible Study Thursday, February 17 at 11:00 am on Zoom.