Worship at Granby United Church of Christ
South and First Congregational Churches
October 17, 2021 at 10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Sandra Fischer, Rev. Denny Moon & Pastor Todd Yonkman

PRELUDE *Meditation* Roy Danielsen
Norman McFarlane, Organist

*** INVITATION**

One: Storms have torn the fruit from its limbs and stripped the branches from its trunk,

All: Yet the ancient tree dreams of an orchard, ripening together, roots intertwined.

One: Detractors have darkened our horizons and clouded our souls,

All: Still we dream of a light which will shine from within and lead us across the waters.

One: Forces and changes threaten to shatter and scatter our lives,

All: But we dream of the depths where all things are whole, for only by dreaming can we find the way.

* **HYMN No. 6** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SUNG RESPONSE *This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3X) Let it shine. (3X)*

CHILDREN EXCUSED FOR KALEIDOSCOPE CORNER (10:00 AM)

SCRIPTURE

One: As we hear the words of scripture,

All: Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.

1 Kings 3:1-15

One: The grass withers and the flower fades,

All: But the Word of God shall stand forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* African-American spiritual
Becky Sears, Alto; Rick Handville, Keyboard; Chris LaVigne, Saxophone

SERMON Rev. Todd Yonkman

SUNG RESPONSE: We Are Dreaming Together (on reverse side)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Dr. Sandra Fischer

*** HYMN No. 258** *Holy Wisdom*

There are a thousand ways to live into our commitment to this community, as our benediction reminds us. If you're able to make a donation, there's a collection plate when you leave the parking lot. If you are not, your presence here is a gift in and of itself—thank you for being a part of us today. Please join us in the benediction.

*** BENEDICTION**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak; help the afflicted;
Honor all people; love and serve God,
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Rigaudon* Charles Callahan (1951-)