

## **First Congregational Church**

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### **Press Release**

#### **Churches and Synagogue Unite for 9/11 Memorial**

The First Congregational Church of Manchester will host an observance of September 11th, 2001 at the Meetinghouse on Monday, September 11th at 7:30 pm to which the entire community is invited.

Senior Minister, the Rev. Dr. Steven Berry stated, "As the fifth anniversary of the attacks approaches, it is important and appropriate to reflect on that experience and our response to it through public worship, prayer and music.

Whatever conviction each of us holds about the politics of war and the eradication of terrorism, our deepest calling is to be people of peace who learn how to hold in our hearts, minds and being, a reverence for life."

The service will include portions of a major work for mixed chorus and a baritone solo taken from MEMORIAL by Rene Clausen and conducted by FCC's organist and choir director Linda Hueckel. Clergy and lay readers from the local community will participate in this reflective worship service.

Dr. Berry added, "We can not be numbed to the conditions that exist in our world and need to learn how to respond appropriately, creatively, constructively and prayerfully. This interfaith worship service includes a few of those criteria and it is hoped, will offer comfort and consolation to those who attend."

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