



# *Southport Congregational Church*

*United Church of Christ*

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## **SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

January 16, 2022, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

Harp Selections

*Wendy Kerner, harp*

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN    ***“Our God Our Help In Ages Past”***

**Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.**

**Under the shadow of thy throne,  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.**

Leader: God created all the races and nations of the world, willing us all to live together in peace and harmony.

**People: God created us to be a family. But there is strife in our human family; injustice abounds, and we are a divided people.**

Leader: God calls us to “let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream” (Amos 5:24)

**People: We must work passionately to bridge the gulf between us, to overcome injustices that oppress others and to restore God’s beloved community.**

Leader: We must be determined to change what we can.

**People: We must have the courage to accept what we cannot change. And above all, may we be wise enough to know the difference. Let us worship God together in love, for justice and peace for all.**

\*THE INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*Julie Center, Student Minister*

\*HYMN

*“Amazing Grace”*

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise, than when we’d first begun.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

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*Thank you!*

OFFERTORY

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” *arr. Helvey*

*Senior Choir  
Nancy Long, handbells*

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the Babe was born for you, Christ the Babe was born for you.

\*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Receive these gifts, O God, as expressions of our gratitude and loving devotion. May they be used to multiply your love among us and all people. Amen.**

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,  
 where moth and rust consume  
 and where thieves break in and steal;

but store up for yourselves  
 treasures in heaven,  
 where neither moth nor rust consumes  
 and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is,  
 there your heart will be also.

SERMON

**“Time, Treasures & The Best Of Life”**

*Rev. Paul Whitmore*

*“I’ve reached a point in my life this past year where I realized just how vital the idea and essence of time is; who and what gets my time these days. We don’t time back. So in 2022 and beyond, the people, the projects, the energy, the everything...Life...If it gets my time and gets me out of bed, then I’ll go to sleep knowing it was worth it and it was all time wisely spent. Time is our most valuable currency.”*

*~Dwayne Johnson*

\*HYMN

**“O God Of Vision”** (vv. 1-3)

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\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**“Shalom To You Now”**

*Senior Choir*

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.  
 May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.  
 In all your living and through your loving,  
 Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE

**“Ronde de Nuit”** *Alphonse Hasselmans*

## O God of Vision

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1. O God of vi - sion far great - er than all hu - man schem -  
 2. Pour out your Spir - it on all now as - sem - bled be - fore  
 3. Grant to us in - sight, O God, for this time of de - ci -  
 4. Break the sun's rays in - to col - or, a rain - bow a - round  
 5. Grate - ful, we come now by Christ's in - vi - ta - tion clear - spo -

1. ing, gath - er us now in your pres - ence, re - fresh - ing, re -  
 2. you. May our di - ver - si - ty here be a means to a -  
 3. sion. May we dream chal - leng - ing dreams of both depth and pre -  
 4. us. Storm clouds, though real and near, are not e - nough to con -  
 5. ken. We seek the nour - ish - ment found in fruit crushed and bread

1. deem - ing. Show us a - new life in your breath - tak - ing  
 2. dore you. Wom - en and men, young, old, and youth - ful a -  
 3. ci - sion. Speak through the dark. Dis - pel by light - ning's bright  
 4. found us. Arched in the sky, beau - ty and pro - mise are  
 5. bro - ken. Christ for us all! Come, let us an - swer the

1. view, love - ly be - yond all our dream - ing.  
 2. gain, make us as one, we im - plore you.  
 3. spark what - ev - er clouds dim our vi - sion.  
 4. high, giv - ing us hope to as - tound us.  
 5. call, of - fering our lives as the to - ken.

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 MUSIC: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665

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**OUR ADULT EDUCATION SERIES CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT ON ZOOM** Join Rev. Laura Whitmore and Julie Center for an introductory look at how people all over the world have tried to answer the questions: *“How did I get here?”*, *“What is my purpose in the world?”* and *“What is the meaning of life?”* We discussed Hinduism this past Wednesday and will continue with a broad overview of how Buddhism (January 19), and Islam (January 26) answer these questions for their believers. The class will be from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Zoom links will be sent before each class.

**SIP AND SWAP: HOLIDAY DECORATIONS EXCHANGE** – Join us this Friday, January 21, at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to have some fun and cheer!! Bring any holiday decorations you no longer use, want or need and join us for an evening of lighthearted fun and fellowship while *swapping those decorations for others* that appeal to you! Anything left will be donated to our Carousel Thrift Shop. And *even if you have nothing to swap – just come for the fellowship!* Wine and dessert will be provided.

**THE 2022 STEWARDSHIP GIVING CAMPAIGN IS IN PROCESS.** Currently, we have **\$570,000 in pledges toward our 2022 needs of \$750,000.** If you have made your 2022 pledge - thank you! If not, please make it today! You can do so in 3 ways:

- **ONLINE.** Scan the **QR code** (right) with your phone’s camera and a notification will pop up. Tap on the notification and it will bring you to SCC’s Stewardship Giving Form on our website. You can also navigate to the form from our website [www.southportucc.org](http://www.southportucc.org) where it is found under the “Giving” tab.



- **Paper Form.** Mail or drop off the paper form included in your 2022 Stewardship Giving Packet.
- **Email.** Send an email to Paul DiPrato at [pdiprato@southportucc.org](mailto:pdiprato@southportucc.org) with your pledge information.

**THE 179<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – All church members are encouraged to attend the 179<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting to be held in Fellowship Hall on February 27 immediately following worship. We will review the past year via the yearly reports prepared by the Officers of the Boards and Committees, to elect new Officers, transact business, adopt the annual budget and make plans for the new year. **Submissions for the Annual Report by Committee Chairs and Officers need to be given to the Church Office as soon as possible, but no later than February 6, 2022.** Reports should be sent via email to Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org). The 2021 Annual Report will be available for your review a few days before the meeting. Please call the office if you would like a copy.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are dedicated to the glory of God. If you would like to donate an arrangement for upcoming Sundays, please contact Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org).

**YOUTH SUNDAY – JANUARY 23** This service is always a highlight for our SCC youth. We look forward to hearing our High School Youth Group Co-Presidents, Kieran Heske and Aidan King preach, as well as all our youth who participate in this special service.

**THE CAROUSEL THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED THROUGH JANUARY** and will reopen on February 1. Donations will still be accepted on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** is lovingly hosted today in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship thanks to our Fellowship Committee!

**USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY** are Deacons Leah Davis and Jeffrey Earls. **USHERS ARE NEEDED** every Sunday - please contact Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) if you would like to volunteer!

**THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM "DREAM TEAM"** Techs Austin Rasmussen and Torin Schott, directed by Mike Messina.

**WE THANK HARPIST WENDY KERNER AND OUR SENIOR CHOIR** for today's beautiful music.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** will meet today in the Chapel with Sydney King to learn about Martin Luther King Jr., and his vision of freedom. Childcare for infants through 3 years old will be in Room 5 with Alyssa Santa and Ella Schott.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** meets tonight at 7 p.m. in the Youth Room. **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** will meet this Tuesday, January 18, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. in the Youth Room.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** meets this Tuesday, January 18, at 5:30 p.m., in the Youth Room, with dinner gratefully provided by Clara Grosner and family.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:**

- \***SENIOR CHOIR** rehearses in Sanctuary, Sundays, 9:00 a.m., and in Music Room, 11:15 a.m.
- \***THE HANDBELL CHOIR** rehearses on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room
- \***THE CHERUB CHOIR** rehearses on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel
- \***THE JUNIOR & TEEN CHOIRS** rehearse on Sundays at 9 a.m. in Room 6

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**Senior Minister - Paul D. Whitmore**

**Associate Minister - Rev. Laura H. Whitmore**

**CHURCH STAFF:**

Student Minister – Julie Center

Director of Administration – Paul DiPrato · Communications Manager – Jackson Siegel

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Investment Manager - Nancy Long · Facilities & Grounds Manager – Tim O’Neill

Director of Music - Elaine DeGroot

Youth Choir Director - Phillip Bettencourt · Assistant Youth Choir Director - Marnie Kruse

Soloists - Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle, Leslie Uhl

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

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**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Greg Berg ◊	- 2022
Devin Santa	- 2022
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Stuart Tilghman	- 2022
Ellen Levinson	- 2023
Erno Bacso	- 2024
Ron Manning	- 2024
Jim Vadas	- 2024

**BED FUND COMMITTEE**

Oladele Ogunsuyi	Deacons
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Sherry Greer	Missions

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Kristin Hathaway	- 2022
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Kirk Jackson	- 2023
Bob MacGuffie	- 2023
Liz Waiksnis	- 2023
Craig Gillespie	- 2024
Karen Jones	- 2024
Hedy Mosier	- 2024
Traci Provost	- 2024
Peggy Stuart	- 2024
Leahkay White	- 2024

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

Denise Caron-Quinn	- 2022
Leah Davis	- 2022
Katie Traynor	- 2022
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Jeffrey Earls	- 2024
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Oladele Ogunsuyi	- 2024
Tamberlyn Chapman	- 2025
Sadhana Joliet +	- 2025
Joe Pezzimenti	- 2025

**MUSIC COMMITTEE**

Doug Goodman	- 2022
Dwight Holmberg	- 2022
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Irene Santa	- 2023
Peary Spaght ◊	- 2023
Jack Ijams	- 2024
Ruth Merchant	- 2024
Ed Sanford	- 2024
Jeff Provost	Deacon Liaison

**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

Carol Lasseter-Rice	- 2022
Ann Lillis	- 2022
Hedy Mosier	- 2022
Jean Schluter	- 2022
Robin Marshlow	- 2023
Traci Provost	- 2023
Erika Wright	- 2023
Amy Cawman	- 2024
Betsy Gillespie	- 2024
Katie Traynor	- 2024
Marney White	- 2024

**CARING TEAM**

Tamberlyn Chapman	Deacons
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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Jim Biggs	- 2023
Gary Johnson	- 2023
Joe Ryan	- 2023
Dave Stuart	- 2023
Katia Mead	- 2024
Bridget Schulten	- 2024
Trevor Uhl, Treasurer	- 2022
Greg Berg, B&G Liaison	- 2022

**CAROUSEL THRIFT SHOP**

Doug Goodman	- 2022
Gloria Miller	- 2022
Susan Kunkel ◊	- 2023
Janet Sherwood	- 2023
Karen Macdonald	- 2024
Les Miller	- 2024
Nancy Pandolfi	- 2024

**HISTORIAN**

Sally Ijams	- 2022
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**LAY DELEGATES**

Les Miller	- 2022
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Leah Davis	Deacon Liaison
Pam Poling	Staff Liaison

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Joyce Hergenhan	Council
Sydney King	Council
Patti Spaght ◊	Council
Jeffrey Earls	Deacons
Ellery Malkin	Education
Elinor Biggs	Missions
Stephani Whittaker	Trustees

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+ Denotes Scribe

◦ Denotes Vice Chair

ALM Denotes "At Large Member"