



# *Southport Congregational Church*

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## **SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

February 13, 2022, at ten o'clock

### **PRELUDE**

“The Nightingale” *Deborah Henson Conant*

“To A Wild Rose” *Edward MacDowell*      *Wendy Kerner, harp*

### **\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

***“Be Thou My Vision”***

**Lord, be my Vision, be my guiding star;  
Nothing is more to me, Lord, than you are;  
You're my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Your presence my light.**

**You are my Wisdom, and You my true word;  
I ever with You, and You with me, Lord;  
You're my Creator, I your true child,  
You in me dwelling, through Christ reconciled.**

**I need no riches, no earthly vain praise;  
You're my inheritance, now and always.  
You and You only, first in my mind.  
High King of Heaven, thy Treasure I find.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Andrew Malkin*

**Leader:** What a joy it is that we can gather as a congregation of love and faith! As we celebrate our life together as a community of faith, and as we celebrate all of God's gifts that fill our lives, let us sing, rejoice, and give thanks!

**People:** *For God has come to us in Jesus Christ to make us whole and make us new!*

**Leader:** Let us give thanks for Christ's presence that brings peace, unity, compassion and joy.

**People:** *For God has shown us love, giving us light for our darkness, and strength for all our days. Let us arise and shine, for our light has come!*

\*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

*Rev. Paul Whitmore*

SONG

"Jesus, Take the Wheel" *Carrie Underwood*

*Leslie Uhl, soloist*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Julianne Center, Student Minister*

\*HYMN

*"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

# Take My Life and Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

VIENNA 7.7.7.7.

Melody by Justin H. Knecht, 1752-1817



- 1 Take my life, and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move, At the impulse of Thy love.
- 3 Take my voice, and let me sing, Always, only for my king
- 4 Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold.
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure store.



- Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in endless praise.  
Take my feet and let them be, Swift and beautiful for Thee.  
Take my lips and let them be, Filled with messages from thee.  
Take my intellect and use, Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take myself and I will be, Ever, only, all for Thee.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## CALL TO OFFERING

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To give **online**, please visit our website at [southportucc.org](http://southportucc.org)

To **mail** us your offering or pledge, please send a check to:  
Southport Congregational Church, PO Box 366, Southport, CT 06890

*Thank you!*

The Lord is my shepherd. Nothing shall I want.  
 My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.  
 The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life,  
 Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.

And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
 I will fear no evil, for you are with me,  
 Your rod and staff will comfort me.  
 The Lord is my shepherd, nothing I shall want.  
 My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd who restores my life.  
 Leads me in the path of righteousness  
 For the sake of the Lord's name.

You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies.  
 You anoint my head with oil, anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.  
 Surely goodness and mercy, shall follow me all the days of my life,  
 And in the house of my God, I will live forever.  
 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**\*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**

***O God, you have given us everything we have and enjoy! You have granted us  
 life and have graciously poured out your love upon us. In gratitude we give to  
 others who are in need of your love – and your help, through our generosity.  
 Bless these gifts that they may express all this. Amen.***

**SCRIPTURE**

*(Romans 8:37-39)*

No, in all these things we are completely victorious through the one who loved us.  
 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor the present, nor  
 the future, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able  
 to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

\*HYMN

*“Lord, I Want To Be A Christian”*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;  
 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
 In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;  
 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
 In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;  
 Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
 In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;  
 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
 In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Seek Ye First”

*Senior Choir and Congregation*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God’s righteousness,  
 and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Flowers In The Valley” *English Folk Tune*

*Wendy Kerner, harp*

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***S'MORES AND HOT CHOCOLATE WITH OUR CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY, 4:30 P.M.***  
Our High School Youth Group invites children of SCC to an afternoon of fun and games while enjoying s'mores and hot chocolate by the fire pit at The Barn! This is a great way to get reacquainted with one another as we head into spring!

***OUR ADULT EDUCATION SERIES CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT ON ZOOM*** Come join Julie on Zoom for a look into the Old Testament's Minor Prophet, Micah. This is an interactive event, so grab your Bibles, read each book prior to our meeting and let's discuss! On February 23, we will continue with Malachi. The class will be from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Zoom links will be sent before each class.

***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 the Sanctuary, on Sunday, February 27, immediately following worship. We will review the past year, elect new Officers, adopt the annual budget, and make plans for the new year. The 2021 Annual Report will be available for your review a few days before the meeting. Please contact Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) if you would like a copy.

***OUR 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT "Whatever Is True"*** will be held on **March 11** (6 p.m. - 10 p.m.) and **March 12** (8 a.m. - 3 p.m.), with the option of attending one or both days. In order to participate, you must **pre-register by, or on, Sunday, March 6** by emailing Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org).

***THE 2022 STEWARDSHIP GIVING CAMPAIGN NEEDS YOUR HELP*** We are almost at our goal of **\$750,000**. If you have not pledged yet, please consider making one today by going to our website giving page at [southportucc.org](http://southportucc.org). Thank you to all who have already pledged! 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](#) 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.



***NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED*** All friends of SCC who are considering membership are invited to attend a luncheon hosted by the Board of Deacons, on Sunday, March 6, immediately following worship. This is a special opportunity for those on their faith journey to meet with others doing the same, as well as members of SCC. New Members will be received into the Congregation on Sunday, March 20, during worship. If you would like to attend the luncheon or need more information, please contact Pam in the Church Office at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org).

***CHURCH SCHOOL*** will meet today in the Chapel with Sydney King to learn about “The Fruits Of The Spirit” with this week’s focus on Goodness. Childcare for infants through 3 years old will be in Room 5 this morning with Kaela Cohen and Alina Bogatikova.

***PRAYER MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20*** Join Student minister Julianne Center in the Library after worship for a time of intentional prayer for our community. All are welcome. If you are interested in participating in a prayer ministry, where we office prayer son behalf of those in need, please let Julianne know at [jcenter@southportucc.org](mailto:jcenter@southportucc.org).

***FAMILY MISSION TRIP TO RED SHIRT TABLE - NEW DATES JULY 3 TO JULY 9***  
Due to the Senior High Youth Group’s Mission Week being pushed back by a week because of public schools now not finishing until June 20, the Family Mission Trip is has been rescheduled to the first full week of July. Join us for a family vacation you won’t forget! We now have a long-term lease in a building in Hermosa, South Dakota about 25 minutes north of the Reservation. Let’s spend a week together sharing your joy and love with the children of Red Shirt Table. Play games, help them learn, become a friend and bring hope to those who struggle. In addition, you will learn about Native American culture and visit some of the country’s historic sites including Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse monument and the site of the massacre at Wounded Knee. *Due to the sensitive nature of the Rez, the minimum age is 7.* The cost is \$900 per person and is due February 27. You will be responsible for your airfare. Please contact Laura at [lwhitmore@southportucc.org](mailto:lwhitmore@southportucc.org) for more information.

***CAROUSEL DONATIONS ARE NEEDED*** Our beloved Carousel Thrift Shop is short on inventory because the goods have been flying out the door! As a result, decorative items, select furniture and artwork are needed. The Shop has new donation hours: Tuesday through Saturday, from 10:30 a.m. until noon. If these times are not suitable, please contact Store Manager Susan Kunkel at [carousel@southportucc.org](mailto:carousel@southportucc.org), for an appointment.

***COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)*** The Town of Fairfield is sponsoring a CERT disaster training course for 5 consecutive Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., starting February 26. Please visit [www.fairfieldct.org/Community-Emergency-Response-Team](http://www.fairfieldct.org/Community-Emergency-Response-Team) for registration information.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** is hosted today in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship, by Elinor Biggs and Laura Whitmore. **Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments for future Sundays.** If you would like to volunteer, a member of the Fellowship Committee would be more than happy to lend a hand. Please contact Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) to sign up or to answer any questions - thank you!

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** were given by Ray and Nancy Long in celebration of the marriage of their daughter, Emily Long, to Brian Walls. If you would like to donate an arrangement for upcoming Sundays, please contact Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org).

**USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY** are Deacon Jeffrey Earls and Ushers Ellery Malkin and Alisa Ryan, under the direction of Deacon Andrew Malkin. **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 Jack Waiksnis and Austin Rasmussen, directed by Mike Messina.

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

**THE MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP** meets every Thursday at 7 a.m. in the Youth Room, led by Rev. Paul Whitmore. All men are welcome to come and grow in faith and fellowship. Email Paul at [pwhitmore@southportucc.org](mailto:pwhitmore@southportucc.org) to be put on the list to receive the email blast about the weekly topic.

**THE WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP** meets every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Room, led by Rev. Laura Whitmore. Join Laura to discuss current events, spirituality, and new psychological ideas and much more. The curriculum runs parallel to the Men's Group, allowing for conversation during the week. Contact Laura at [lwhitmore@southportucc.org](mailto:lwhitmore@southportucc.org) to be put on the list.

**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 a.m. in the Chapel
- \***THE JUNIOR & TEEN CHOIRS** rehearse on Sundays at 9 a.m. in Room 6