



Southport Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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Rev. Paul Whitmore, Senior Minister

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SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

March 13, 2022, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

“A Dream of Hope” *Schumann*

Elaine DeGrood, piano

“At Peace” *Granados*

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”

(see page 5)

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sadhana Joliet, Deacon

1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Luke 4:18

Leader: Just as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

People: Since by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

Leader: On the contrary...God has so composed the body...that there may be no discord...but that the members may have the same care for one another.

People: If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together...We are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Leader: Let us worship today – honoring our unity. One world. One humanity. Under God. Indivisible.

People: Let us worship, pray, and act in our unity – to make peace. To uplift the downtrodden. To relieve suffering. And to create justice, 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 *Rev. Laura Whitmore*

*(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register Pads, found at the ends of the pews.
If you are a visitor, please give us your address.)*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Revs. Laura & Paul Whitmore

Genevieve Sherwood Barney, *born February 11, 2020*
Daughter of Paula (Yanosy) Barney and Adam Barney
Godparents – Elizabeth Barney and Timothy Kucab

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

*As the living and loving spirit of Christ, we as this family of faith, receive
Genevieve Barney into our love and care. We promise to support her, and her
parents, in their efforts to guide her in the way of life and faith, and will
provide through our own example, the knowledge and love of God.*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*HYMN

“We Would Be Building”

(see page 6)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Julianne Center, Student Minister

CALL TO OFFERING

To give towards your **2022 Stewardship Pledge Contribution** or make a **plate donation**,
please text as follows:

Text: 860-854-1995

\$ *amt* Pledge

\$ *amt* Plate

To give by **Venmo**, use @southport_congregational

To give **online**, please visit our website at 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!

OFFERTORY

“Peace”

An original choral composition by Peary Spaght

Peace I give to you, my peace I leave with you.

Not as the world gives do I give unto you.

Let not your heart be pained, neither let it be afraid.

Peace that’s everywhere, peace beyond compare, peace.

Peace I give to 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

*Our loving God, you who have guided, comforted, encouraged, and inspired us
to offer hope and tangible help to others, we offer these gifts for your blessing,
that they, and we, may be instruments of your will, bringing your light, love,
peace, safety, and justice to those in need. With our love and gratitude we
pray. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:13

It is God who works in you,
to will and to act
in order to fulfill God’s good purpose.

MESSAGE

“God’s Good Purpose”

Rev. Paul Whitmore

Peary Spaght, 1843 Society Co-Chairperson

ANTHEM

“1843”

Cherub, Junior, Teen and Senior Choirs

A medley of two gospel songs arranged by Peary Spaght

Refrain: Joy to the world
All the boys and girls now
Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea
Joy to you and me

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Edelweiss”

Come, O Lord, be with us; fill us with joy and thanksgiving.
May our hearts fill with peace, come with your love and surround us.
Friendship and peace, may they bloom and grow; bloom and grow forever.
Bless us now, bless our friends; bless all people forever.

POSTLUDE

“Hornpipe” *G. F. Handel*

Elaine DeGrood, piano

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# 677 Let There Be Peace on Earth

C Am Dm7 G7 C F C Dm G7

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me;

C B7 Em B7 G G7

let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

Am Em C7 F G7 C

\*With God our cre - a - tor, chil - dren all are we.

Am7 D7 G Am7 D7 G7

Let us walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

C Am Dm7 G7 C F C Dm G7

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now.

C B7 Em B7 G

With ev - ery step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow:

to take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

\* Original words: "With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony."

WORDS: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson, 1955

MUSIC: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson, 1955; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1987

WORLD PEACE

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Purd E. Deitz, 1897-

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Jean Sibelius, 1865-1957



1 We would be build - ing; tem - ples still un - done O'er crum - bling  
 2 Teach us to build; up - on the sol - id rock We set the  
 3 O keep us build - ing, Mas - ter; may our hands Ne'er fal - ter



walls their cross - es scarce - ly lift, Wait - ing till love can  
 dream that hard - ens in - to deed, Ribbed with the steel that  
 when the dream is in our hearts, When to our ears there



raise the bro - ken stone, And hearts cre - a - tive bridge the hu - man rift.  
 time and change doth mock, The un - fail - ing pur - pose of our no - blest creed.  
 come di - vine com - mands And all the pride of sin - ful will de - parts.



We would be build - ing; Mas - ter, let thy plan  
 Teach us to build; O Mas - ter, lend us sight  
 We build with thee, O grant en - dur - ing worth



Re - veal the life that God would give to man.  
 To see the tow - ers gleam - ing in the light.  
 Un - til the heaven - ly king - dom comes on earth. A - men.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** will meet today in the Chapel with Rev. Laura Whitmore, continuing with *Fruits of The Spirit*, and a lesson on Self-Control, and how all the fruits are dependent on this important skill! Childcare for infants through 3 years old will be in Room 5 this morning with Alyssa Santa and Kaela Cohen.

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS** – If you are interested in making SCC your spiritual home and becoming a member, you are invited to attend a luncheon in the **Library beginning immediately after worship today. New Members will be received into the Congregation on Sunday, March 20, during worship.**

**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.

**LET'S GET BACK TOGETHER!** The Fellowship Committee invites you to attend three very fun events. We would love to see you at each one:

**March 18: Trivia Night for Everyone!**

Adults will compete in teams of 1-4 people in Fellowship Hall and children and youth will compete in teams of 1-4 in the Chapel. \$10/Team Entry Fee Beer, Wine, Beverages, and Pizza will be served. **RSVP to Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) by today, March 13.**

**April 29: Pickleball Social Event**

Adults can sign-up to play on the Whitmore's Pickleball Court or choose to hang out with friends, drinking a cool beverage, while watching the fun! Food will be available through Food Trucks and beverages will be provided. RSVP to Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) by April 17. The rain date is May 6.

**May 21: The Progressive Dinner Returns!**

This very popular event will return, and we hope you will be there! We will begin with cocktails at the home of one of our members, then break into smaller groups for dinner at assorted homes, and then gather back together for dessert at the Parsonage. RSVP to Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) by May 2.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** is hosted today in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship by Melissa Ogunsuyi, assisted by Robin Marshlow from the Fellowship Committee. **Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments for future Sundays.** If you would like to volunteer, 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!



***ST. GEORGE'S COMMUNITY SUPPER VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!*** On the third Monday of every month, SCC volunteers provide a bagged dinner meal for a community supper hosted by St. George's Episcopal Church in Bridgeport. Our volunteers prepare the meals in advance and deliver to St. George's in the afternoon. SCC provides condiments, cutlery, napkins, juices, snacks, desserts and bags. We need volunteers to provide the sandwiches and fresh fruit. Your meal prep expenses will be reimbursed. If you would like to volunteer for this needed program, please contact our SCC coordinator Hedy Mosier [himosey@yahoo.com](mailto:himosey@yahoo.com) for more information.

***USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY*** is Deacon Jeffrey Earls under the direction of Deacon Sadhana Joliet. ***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 Ella Conopask and Jonathan Stekloff, directed by Trevor Uhl.

***WE THANK OUR SENIOR CHOIR SOLOISTS, THE SENIOR, TEEN, JUNIOR AND YOUTH CHOIRS*** for today's beautiful music and ***PEARY SPAGHT***, and for his musical adaptation.

***TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS*** were given by Jan and Robin Hogen in memory of Ted Schaefer. If you would like to donate an arrangement for upcoming Sundays, please contact Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org).

***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.