



Southport Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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Rev. Paul Whitmore, Senior Minister

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SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 17, 2022, at ten o'clock

Easter Sunday

PRELUDE

“Canzona per Sonare, No. 4” *G. Gabriele/King*

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” *G.F. Handel/Gale*

“Psalm XIX” *B. Marcelo/Smith* **“Alleluia”** *W.A. Mozart/Smith*

“Magnificat Primi Toni” *J. Pachelbel/King* **“The Rejoicing”** *G.F. Handel/Smith*

Steve Perrett and Gretchen Perret, Trumpets

Meredith Moore, French Horn

Anthony DeQuattro, Tympani

Tyler Miller, Euphonium

Elaine DeGrood, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN **“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”** *(vv. 1-4)*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exhalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave , the skies, Alleluia!**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Joe Pezzimenti, Deacon

Leader: This is a day of great celebration!

People: **Easter is here! Christ is risen!**

Leader: We feel His presence within us and among us, in the energy of our gathering.

People: **The living spirit of Christ has called us from our homes and from our lives, to be together as a vital and joyful community of faith!**

Leader: We come to be lifted; to be loved; to be encouraged, and to be strengthened.

People: **And we come to uplift, to love, to encourage and to strengthen one another – with our love reignited; our souls renewed; and our faith stirred to new life – as we step into the presence, mystery and joy of this Easter day. Now and forever more!**

***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

Julianne Center, Student Minister

*(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.)*

ANTHEM

“Heavenly Sunlight” *Cook/Zelley*
Directed by Phillip Bettencourt

All Youth Choirs

Walking in sunlight, all of my journey;
Over the mountains, through the deep vale;
Jesus has said, "I'll never forsake thee,"
Promise divine that never can fail.

(refrain) Heavenly sunlight! Heavenly sunlight!
Flooding my soul with glory divine;
Hallelujah! I am rejoicing,
Singing His praises, Jesus is mine!

Shadows around me, shadows above me,
Never conceal my Savior and Guide;
He is the light in Him is no darkness,
Ever I'm walking close to His side.

(refrain)

In the bright sunlight, ever rejoicing,
Pressing my way to mansions above;
Singing his praises, gladly I'm walking,
Walking in sunlight, sunlight of love.

(refrain)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN

"The Day Of Resurrection" (vv. 1-3)

Children are invited to go to the Chapel to attend Church School.

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain
His own "All hail," and, hearing may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end. Amen.**

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 for your kindness and loving support!

*OFFERTORY

“Hallelujah Chorus” from “Messiah”, G.F. Handel
(Please stand at the start of the song, according to tradition.)

Senior Choir

Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!

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The Kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ, and of His Christ

He shall reign for ever and ever,

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords,

And He shall reign for ever and ever.

King of the Kings and Lords of Lords! Hallelujah!

*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, we come with our offerings in response to your love. With the new life we
find in the risen Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. Receive the work we
do and the gifts we bring, that they may be a blessing in your sight. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-8

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright, the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’”

Then they remembered his words.

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John 12:24, 27

...Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed.  
But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

...and what shall I say? “Father, save me from this hour”?  
No. It was for this very reason that I came to this hour.

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Matthew 28:20

I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

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John 10:37,38;14:11

Do not believe me unless I do the works of my Father.  
But if I do them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.

...at least believe on the evidence of the results – the works themselves.

SERMON

**“Believe The Results”**

*Rev. Paul Whitmore*

HYMN

*“Thine Is The Glory” Handel*

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering son;  
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave cloths where thy body lay.**

*(refrain)*      **Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let His church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.**  
*(refrain)*

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conquerors, Through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**  
*(refrain)*

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*“Alleluia” Hayes*

*Senior Choir*

1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POSTLUDE

*“My Spirit Be Joyful” J.S. Bach/Smith*

**TODAY IS EASTER SUNDAY!** Our thanks to the Youth Choirs, directed by Phillip Bettencourt and Marnie Kruse, our Senior Choir, and to guest instrumentalists Meredith Moore, Tyler Miller, Gretchen Perrett, Steve Perrett, Anthony DeQuattro for today's glorious music.

**CHURCH SCHOOL KIDS, FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 8** will meet today in the Chapel for special activities! Childcare for infants through 3 years old will be in Room 5 this morning with Alina Bogatikova and Alyssa Santa.

**CHURCH SCHOOL MUSICAL, "GODSPELL"** We are excited to announce that the Church School will perform "Godspell" on **Children's Sunday, June 5**, during worship. Rehearsals begin during Church School on April 24, and all children are invited to participate. Other activities will be provided for children who choose not to do so, but we truly hope they can. After the musical, the All-Church Picnic will be held at the Parsonage!

**ADULT SOCIAL WITH PICKLEBALL, APRIL 29, 6 P.M.** 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 Super Duper Weenie and beverages will be provided. RSVP to Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) by April 25. The rain date is May 6.

**CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION, SATURDAY, APRIL 30 and SUNDAY, MAY 1**  
This is always a special and inspiring weekend! On Saturday at 5:00 p.m., in our Sanctuary, our Confirmands will read their faith statements. Then on Sunday during the worship service, they will receive the Rite of Confirmation. Our young people have prepared for a year for these services of faith affirmation so please offer your support by attending.

**OUR 2<sup>nd</sup> HOUR PROGRAMS RETURN** Immediately following worship on **May 15**, Rev. Paul Whitmore will present Part 1 of a 2-part series. The first is **A Final Gift**, a handbook compiled by Laura which will greatly aid your family in dealing with the myriad details at the time of death, relating to a service, legal matters, etc. Many church members and friends who have used this handbook recommend it. Join Paul and learn all about this resource and the issues you want to consider before your family has to. During the second part, **Preparing Your Life, Financially and Legally**, which will take place after worship on **May 22**, we will have a legal and financial expert discuss the practical hows of implementing the practical elements of preparing your life's final gift as it pertains to wills, bequests, estate planning, and other financial vehicles that help ensure your assets are distributed per your intention upon passing. The objective is to help attendees understand the latest on the legal and financial pieces of life planning.

**THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER RETURNS! MAY 21, 6 P.M.** This very popular event is back, 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.

**USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY** are Deacons Jeff Nickell, Katie Traynor, Jeffrey Earls and Oladele Ogunsuyi, under the direction of Deacon Joe Pezzimenti.

**USHERS ARE NEEDED** every Sunday - please contact Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) if you would like to volunteer!

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** is in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship, hosted by members of our Fellowship Committee: Betsy Gillespie, Robin Marshlow, Hedy Mosier and Traci Provost. **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!

**THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM "DREAM TEAM"** Techs Asha Joliet and Trevor Uhl, directed by Parker Whitmore.

**WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL** to Alisa Ryan for arranging the beautiful lilies and other flowers that decorate the sanctuary today. Enclosed with this bulletin is a list of those who have generously contributed the lilies and other decorations in memory, or in honor, of loved ones. Lilies may be taken after the service by those who contributed them. Because the office will be closed tomorrow, flowers will be available at the office entrance for pick up as well. Others will go to shut-ins and nursing homes. Thank you for your contributions! If you would like to donate an altar arrangement for Sundays in May and June, please contact Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org).

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** will not meet tonight so that you can enjoy Easter Sunday with your family - see you next Sunday!

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, MONDAY, APRIL 18**  
We will back in the office Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

**THE MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP** meets every Thursday at 7 a.m. in the Youth Room, led by Rev. Paul Whitmore. We will not meet this week, but will meet again on April 28. 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. We will not meet this week, but will meet again on April 28. 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. To be put on the list to receive the email blast about the weekly topic, contact Laura at [lwhitmore@southportucc.org](mailto:lwhitmore@southportucc.org).

***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.

## ***Memorial and Honorary Easter Lilies and Decorations***



### ***Southport Congregational Church, April 17, 2022***

***Barbara Abbott, in memory of her parents and in honor of her children.***

***Anonymous, in honor of the Women's Group and Laura's leadership.***

***Marivonne Basten & Peter Britton, in memory of Peter Foote.***

***Grace Berg, in honor of Susan Kunkel, with great appreciation.***

***Phillip Bettencourt, in memory of Marianne Challis, Grandpa John & Grandma Jeri Skinner.***

***Phillip Bettencourt, in memory of Cynthia Dworken.***

***Jim & Elinor Biggs, in honor of their cherished children and grandchildren, in California, Colorado and Connecticut.***

***Debbie & Jim Burns, in honor of our loving family and friends.***

***The Chang Family, in honor of our children.***

***Alice Cecsarini, in memory of her husband Henry, and her daughter Linda.***

***Alice Cecsarini, in honor of her daughter, Lois Cecsarini, and her son, David Cecsarini.***

***Paul & Lisa DiPrato, in memory of Pasqua Iaffaldano.***

***Susan Foushee, in memory of Bobby Ray Foushee.***

***Susan Foushee, in memory of John Nolen.***

***Eleanor Fraser, in memory of Hector & Nancy Fraser.***

***The Gillespie Family, in memory of Lois & Jim Gillespie, and Nancy & Joe Thorne.***

***Doug & Katie Goodman, in memory of deceased loved ones.***

***Katie Graham, in loving memory of Pamela Hunt Wombles.***

***Courtenay Hardy, in memory of Steven Della Rocca.***

***Courtenay Hardy, in memory of Blaise Courtenay Hardy.***

*Courtenay Hardy, in memory of Elva Mary Florrid Hardy.*

*Joyce Hergenhan, in loving memory of her parents, John and Goldie Hergenhan.*

*David Huntington in loving memory of Joan Huntington.*

*David Huntington in loving memory of his parents, David H.S. Huntington & Catherine D. Huntington, and Joan's parents, Douglas C. Stewart & Josephine H. Stewart.*

*Jack Leslie, in memory of his mother, Joanne Leslie.*

*The Long Family, in loving memory of Warren T. Long.*

*Ray & Nancy Long, in honor Emily, Brain, Leslie, Chris, Jude and Cadence.*

*Karen Macdonald, in honor of Prayer Partners.*

*Linda Magovern, in memory of her mother, Nancy S. Phillips.*

*Linda Magovern, in honor of Supreme Court Justice Kentanji Brown Jackson.*

*Andrew Malkin, in loving memory of John W. Stokes II.*

*Robin Marshlow, to the people of Poland who have opened their hearts to the people of Ukraine.*

*The Mead Family, in memory of Stephen Amelkin.*

*The Merchant Family, in loving memory of Matt Merchant.*

*The Merchant Family, in loving memory of Jack & Helen Morrow, and Chuck & Rosemary Merchant.*

*Elaine Milone, in memory of her husband, Durwood Milone.*

*Hedy Mosier, in memory of her mom and dad.*

*Howard & Judy Reynolds, in memory of loved ones.*

*The Root Family, in memory of Marianne Challis.*

*The Root Family, John & Jeri Skinner, and Elizabeth Skinner.*

*Ali & Brad Sforza, in memory of their grandparents Shirley & Bob Roehrich, Mary & Tony Sforza, Marion & Walter Kloots, and Silvia & Joseph Vlatnick.*

*Ali & Brad Sforza, in memory of Nick Cordero and Sharon Sforza.*

*Ali & Brad Sforza, in honor of their children, Penelope and Ford Sforza.*

*Ann Shaw, in loving memory of John Shaw.*

*Craig Skinner, in memory of his parents, John & Jeri Skinner.*

*Craig Skinner, in memory of his loving wife, Elizabeth Skinner.*

***Juliana Smith***

***Serena Smith, in memory of her mother, Metta B. Beach.***

***The Spaght Family, in memory of Monroe & Elizabeth Spaght, and Charles & Thelma Unger.***

***Sarah Stewart and children, in memory of William A. Stewart and Catherine Callahan Basta.***

***Sarah Stewart and children, in honor of Jolanta Lukowski.***

***Wendy Stone, in memory of Radford Stone.***

***Rev. Cecily Stranahan, in memory of Brandon Stoddard, beloved brother.***

***Rev. Cecily Stranahan, in honor of Anne Stoddard Paterson, beloved sister.***

***Linda Tors, in memory of Franklin & Ann Stromgen.***

***Linda Tors, in memory of Christopher Tors.***

***Roger & Anita True, in memory of Charles & Marjorie True.***

***Leslie, Trevor, Carter, Charlie and Amelia Uhl, in memory of Leslie's father, George Leeman.***

***The Vadas Family, in memory of George, Mary and Paul Vadas, and Michelle Boyd.***

***Melanie Verrengia, in memory of Julie Flanagan Verrengia.***

***Katherine Watts, in memory of Ellen Watts Burke.***

***Grace & Steve Weitzer, in memory of loved ones: George Adams, Abbot & Sylvia Weitzer,  
and Lewis Adams.***

***Carol & Dwight Wheeler, in memory of Virginia & Frank Hayes.***

***Carol & Dwight Wheeler, in memory of Phyllis & Henry Wheeler.***

***Laura & Paul Whitmore, in honor of Scott, Aleigha, Audra and Parker Whitmore.***

***Laura & Paul Whitmore, in memory of Scott & Audrey Hutchinson.***

***Laura & Paul Whitmore, in memory of Edwin, Bette Belle and Luann Whitmore.***

***Laura & Paul Whitmore, in memory of of Jamie Skelton.***

***Packer & Laura Wilbur, with celebration and joy on the engagement of their grandson, Giles, to Hattie!***

***Peter & Rena Wiswell, in memory of Annie Wiswell.***

***Peter & Rena Wiswell, in memory of George Wiswell.***

***Margee Zellers, in memory of her parents, Jack and Peg Zellers.***