



Southport Congregational Church

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Julie Center, Student Minister

SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 7, 2021, at ten o'clock

Communion Sunday

Veterans Sunday

PRELUDE

Selected Works

Wendy Kerner, Harp

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

Rev. Laura Whitmore

Flag Bearers & Color Guard

Jerry Joliet

U.S. Navy, Submarines, Lieutenant

Ron Manning

U.S. Navy, Lieutenant

SOLO

“The Star Spangled Banner”

Leslie Uhl, Soloist

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN “O Beautiful For Spacious Skies”

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*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Julie Center

Leader: Let us join together in our celebration of life this day!

People: ***Today, we give thanks to God for those leaders who promote peace, and for those who have risked their lives for our liberties and freedom.***

Leader: As we worship this morning, may we open our minds and hearts to notice the abundance of God’s blessings in our midst – through God’s entire creation, and through all those who serve God.

People: ***And may we open our arms and hands to do God’s work – as we re-commit to peace and cooperation through genuine listening, prayer, love of neighbor, help to those in need and words of understanding – so that we all may be God’s instruments of peace.***

*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

*HYMN

“This Is My Father’s World”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

SOLO

“Be Thou My Vision”

Wendy Kerner, Harp

CALL TO OFFERING

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please text as follows:

Text: 860-854-1995

\$___Pledge

\$___Plate

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

Thank you!

OFFERTORY

“Give Me Jesus” *arr. Patterson*

Senior Choir

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

And when I feel afraid, and when I feel afraid,
and when I feel afraid, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

And when the trumpet sounds, and when the trumpet sounds,
when the trumpet sounds, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Compassionate God, you bless each of us with the possibility to make your ideal vision come alive for each one of your children. May you receive these gifts from our hearts and hands that they may grant renewed life to those in need, hope to those who are struggling, and freedom to all. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:9-13

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done.
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
Our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.**

SERMON “HIDDEN TREASURES FOR YOUR WELL-BEING!: PART III”

Rev. Paul Whitmore

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(Please take the elements in unison with the Ministers.)

Communion is gluten-free and non-alcoholic so that all may be included.

*HYMN
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“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

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*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” *Rutter Senior Choir*

ROOMS WITH A VIEW 2021 - Today is the last day to see the show, from noon to 5 p.m. Immediately after worship, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea in the tent and then head to La Terasse at The Hadley Café, designed by our own Christian Arkay-Leliever, to purchase a bite to eat. Please take a moment to congratulate Chris Philip, Executive Director, for the exciting return of Rooms with a View!

THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS In addition to our flag bearers, Jerry Joliet and Ron Manning, we gratefully acknowledge the service of the following church members:

Jim Biggs ~ U.S. Army, Sergeant
Jacob Chang ~ U.S. Navy, Lieutenant
Dick Dmochowski ~ U.S. Navy, Lieutenant
Brad Evans ~ U.S. Navy, Lieutenant
Dwight Gesswein ~ U.S. Marines Corps, 1st Lieutenant
Bill Grabe ~ U.S. Army, Captain
Hank Greer ~ Air Force, Captain
David Huntington ~ Ensign, U.S. Navy
Chuck Matteson ~ U.S. National Guard, Sergeant
Sterling McDevitt ~ U.S. Navy, Lieutenant
Les Miller ~ U.S. Marines Corps Reserve, Sergeant
Skip Morse ~ U.S. Army, Specialist 4th Class
Howard Reynolds ~ U.S. Army, Captain
Bob Runk ~ U.S. Army, Sergeant
Hugh Smith ~ U.S. Army, Specialist 3rd Class
Mike Tanguay ~ U.S. Marine Corps, Corporal
Erin Trew ~ U.S. Marine Corps, Sergeant E-5

If you are not on this list but should be, please let us know so we may include you in the future.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET SIGN UP! Just a few more items are needed for our Thanksgiving baskets of food to our friends who are suffering from food insecurity! Please see the e-blast that was sent on October 12 for information on how to sign up! All donated food items must be dropped off by next Sunday, November 14. We THANK YOU for doing what you can to help!

USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY are Deacons Ann Lillis, Oladele Ogunsuyi, Tamberlyn Chapman and Sadhana Joliet under the direction of Deacon Jeffrey Earls.

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL to all of our musicians this morning, the Senior Choir and soloists, under the direction of Elaine DeGrood. Special thanks to guest musician, Wendy Kerner, for the beautiful harp music.

THIS MORNING'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by the MacGuffie family, in loving memory of Adrienne's father, Samuel Bertuzzi, who died 25 years ago this week.

OUR AMERICAN AND CHURCH FLAGS were both donated by a veteran church member and his wife several years ago in memory of Captain Thomas Tucker Oliver, who gave his life for our Country on February 7, 1967.

THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM "DREAM TEAM" techs **Asha Joliet** and **Jack Waiksnis**, with Director **Trevor Uhl**.

LET'S DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS! It's the most wonderful time of the year...and there is nothing more beautiful than our Sanctuary and the rest of the church all decked out for Christmas! Elves of all ages are invited to join Laura Whitmore on **Sunday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.** to set up and decorate trees, windows, and all the nooks and crannies of the Church! Please RSVP to Laura (lwhitmore@southportucc.org) and let her know you want to join in the fun!

SENIOR CHOIR rehearses in Sanctuary on Sundays at 9:00 a.m., and in the Music Room at 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, and ***THE JUNIOR CHOIR*** in Room 6, also at 9 a.m. The Teen Choir rehearses at 11:30 a.m. in Room 6.

CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY Grade K - 8 will meet with Julie Center in the **YOUTH ROOM** Childcare for Infants through 3 years old will be in Room 5 with Alina Bogitakova and Ellie Nickell.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP will meet **Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.** led by Student Minister, Julie Center. We welcome all Middle Schoolers to join!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP will meet tonight from **7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**, led by Rev. Laura Whitmore. All High School students are invited to join!

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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Katharine Lee Bates, 1859-1929

MATERNA C.M.D.
Samuel A. Ward, 1848-1903

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years

For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine.
And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea. A - men.

THE NATION

This Is My Father's World

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1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears, all
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise, the
 3. Our God has made this world; oh, let us ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the flow - ers bright, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 Our God has made this world and shines in all that's fair; in
 God trusts us with this world, to keep it clean and fair. All

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; God's hands the won - ders wrought.
 rust - ling grass I hear God pass, who speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 earth and trees, the skies and seas, God's crea - tures ev - ery - where.

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional English melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

TERRA BEATA

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing 431

1. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;
 2. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure,
 3. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own;
 here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;
 grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.

in my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for
 here you heard my Son's dear sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort

ev - er, go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing you are my own.
 glo - ry, go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en at peace and pure.
 stilled you; go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.

WORDS: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983
 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

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