

# Southport Congregational Church

United Church of Christ 524 Pequot Avenue Southport, Connecticut 06890 office@southportucc.org

Rev. Paul Whitmore, Senior Minister Rev. Laura Whitmore, Associate Minister Julie Center, Student Minister

### SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 24, 2021, at ten o'clock

**PRELUDE** 

"Poème" Fibich
"Romance" Shostakovich

Darwin Shen, Violin Elaine DeGrood, Piano

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Creatures of Our God and King" (Page 5, vv.1-3)

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Joe Pezzimenti

Leader: Let us gather together this hour, in the grace, peace, strength, hope

and good courage that our Lord provides.

People: Because God has put a new song in our mouths, we will sing our

praise to God with thanks.

Leader: Because God not only blesses us, but hears our pleas, let us put our

trust in God's steadfast love.

People: Because God's law has been written upon our hearts, let us delight

in doing God's will.

Leader: In our worship and in our life, may we celebrate God's grace and gifts

in all we say and do.

People: Gathering in thankfulness and joy, let us worship and pray,

committing all that God has given to us for the celebration of life,

and for the care of all people.

*THE INVOCATION	& LORD'S	PRAYER	(Trespasses
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### \*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

Tamberlyn Chapman

**ANTHEM** 

"Pass It On" Kurt Kaiser

Phillip Bettencourt, Piano Teen and Junior Choirs

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sydney King

\*HYMN

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" (Page 6)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Katie Goodman

### **CALL TO OFFERING**

To give towards your **2021 Stewardship Pledge Contribution** or make a plate donation, please text as follows:

Text: 860-854-1995

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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

(Anthem) "God Our Creator" arr. Hayes

Darwin Shen, Violin Senior Choir

God our creator, source and sustainer, Ground of our being, light of our day; God of all wisdom, goodness and beauty Met at Your altar, humbly we pray.

God our creator, finish creating
Bring to completion work now begun,
Till all unlike You meets transformation,
God and creation molded as one.

God all sources, grant us your wisdom; God of all goodness, teach us Your grace; God of all beauty, help us to see You, Finding your image etched on each face.

### UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Our faith in you reveals itself in the generosity with which we give. Accept these offerings as a sign of our love for you, and our commitment to honor you in our lives and in our world.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:25-37, Matthew 25:14-30 (Page 4)

SERMON "ONE MAN'S SPIRITUAL JOURNEY"

John Traynor

\* HYMN "For All The Saints" (Page 7)

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Seek Ye First, Alleluia" Senior Choir

POSTLUDE "Chanson De Matin" Elgar

Darwin Shen, Violin Elaine DeGrood, Organ

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#### Luke 10:25-37 The Parable of the Good Samaritan

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?"

And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But, desiring to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?"

He said, "The one who showed mercy on him."

And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

### Matthew 25:14-30 The Parable of The Talents

For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.'

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.'

And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.'

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.'

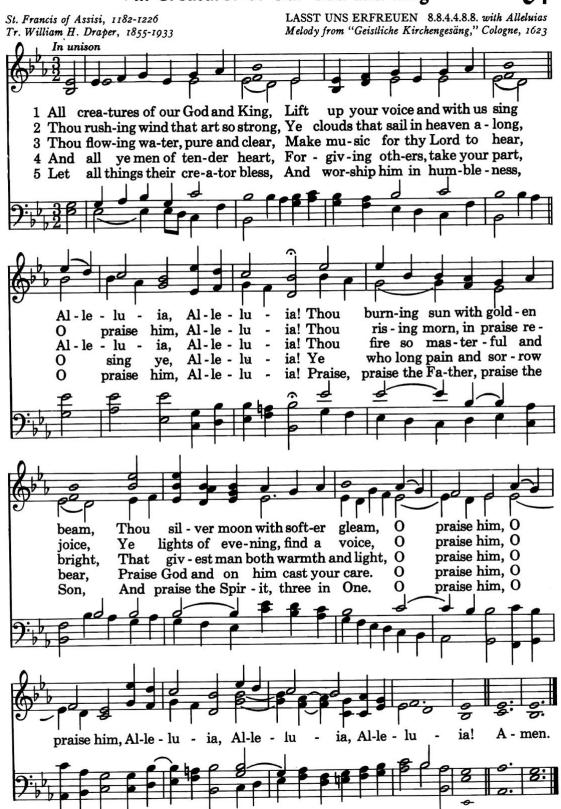
He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents.'

For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth."

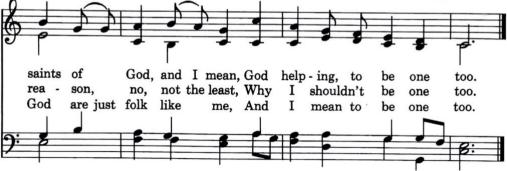
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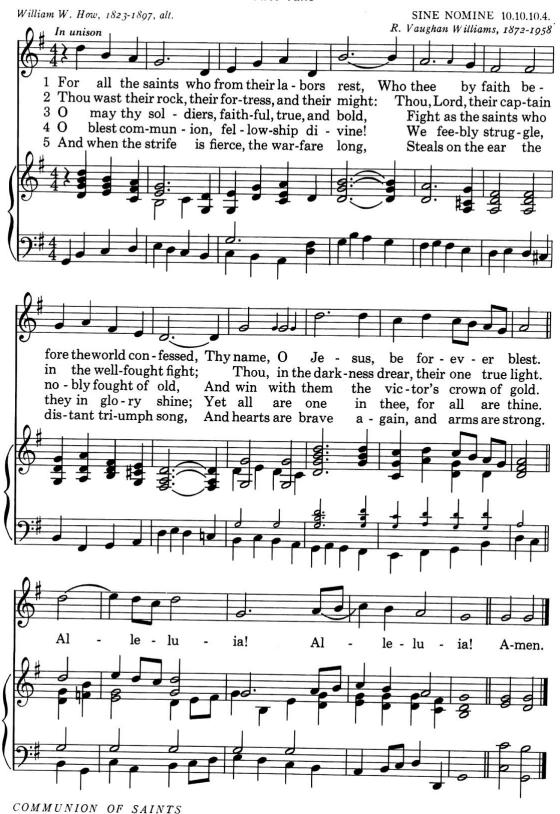
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WORKS IN CREATION



## For All the Saints

### First Tune



TODAY IS LAITY SUNDAY On this Sunday, we celebrate the spiritual ministry of our laity by having our lay people (people from our congregation) lead the entire service. We also recognize how the people of our congregation minister to each other in many ways throughout the year – by teaching Church School, driving one another to the doctor in times of need, preparing meals during times of illness and grief, making telephone calls or visits, caring for families, offering spiritual or financial assistance to one another, reaching out to the poor and those in need...the list goes on. We are grateful to all the spiritual leaders in today's service: Tamberlyn Conopask, Katie Goodman, Sydney King Joe Pezzimenti, and our speaker, John Traynor. John is the Chief Investment Officer with People's Bank. He can often been seen on CNBC as he is a very well-respected visionary for the behaviors of the market. John is a deeply spiritual man who has worked to integrate work and faith in his daily life. John attended Villanova University as a rower and while there, met his wife Katie. They raised four children in Fairfield and are now raising their golden doodle puppy, Gipper.

OUR SECOND HOUR PROGRAM IS "THE EXAMINED LIFE - PART II" led by David Stuart, Don Burton, Rev. Cecily Stranahan and Rev. Paul Whitmore. Today's discussion will continue based on conversation from last week. All are invited to attend!

*PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN COCKTAIL PARTY* – On Friday, October 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Laura and Paul invite parents with young children, age newborn through Grade 5, to join them for a night out at the Parsonage. Please join us at 612 Pequot Avenue to share in a lighthearted night of old friends and making new connections with our church members like you who are also raising young children!

**NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 AT 11:15 a.m. - CONGREGATIONAL PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP, IN THE SANCTUARY.** All church members are asked to attend the Congregational Preliminary Budget Meeting. The budget for 2022, as recommended by the Board of Trustees and the Church Council, will be presented. Since we will be discussing programs for all of 2022 that impact every member, it is important that all members attend the meeting.

HELP US MAKE ROOMS WITH A VIEW A HUGE SUCCESS!!! We Need YOU!! There are two ways you can get involved! You can volunteer to work at the show or you can donate food to help feed our designers and stock up our cafe The Hadley! Our easy-to-use online volunteer sign-up request was sent on October 19 - check your email! If you have questions, please email Chris Philip at cwmphilip@gmail.com THANK YOU! YOUR SUPPORT IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR SHOW!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET SIGN UP! It may seem early, but the holidays will be upon us soon, and the Mission Outreach Board wants to make sure we can provide healthy and full 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! We THANK YOU for doing what you can to help!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR!** Following worship, we invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall for a special time of conversation with refreshments provided by the Fellowship Committee.

*USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY* are Deacons Denise Caron-Quinn and Leah Davis under the direction of Deacon Joe Pezzimenti.

**THIS MORNING'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Ron and Gloria Manning, in memory of Ron's brother Ted and his cousin, Len Manning.

THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM "DREAM TEAM" tech Henry Schott, under the direction of Director Parker Whitmore.

WE THANK OUR TALENTED MUSICIANS - the Teen and Junior Choirs, the Senior Choir, violinist Darwin Shen, Phillip Bettencourt and Elaine DeGrood for providing us with beautiful music during today's service.

**SENIOR CHOIR** rehearses in the 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.

**CHERUB AND JUNIOR CHOIRS** will rehearse on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel. The Teen Choir will rehearse at 11:30 a.m. in Room 6.

*CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY* Grade K - 8 will meet in the Chapel after the Children's Sermon. Childcare for Infants through 3 years old will be in Room 5 with Alina Bogitakova and Ella Schott.

*MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP* will be held on **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 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. for all High School Students.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** will meet this Tuesday from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided by the Bacso Family.

**THE SOUTHPORT CONGREGATIONAL PRESCHOOL** is now having open admissions for the 2022-23 year! Please contact Laura Amicucci, Preschool Director, at scpreschool01@gmail.com for more information. . . If you would like to support the school in a very creative way, Hands On Pottery in Fairfield is hosting a **Pottery Painting Fundraiser** between October 26 and November 5. Finished pieces will be ready by December 6. Please visit this link www.hopct.com/scps for more information.













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26TH Annual Interior Design & Art Show

## **OPENING PARTY**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

### SHOW DATES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

### FEATURING

### 12 VIGNETTE DESIGNERS

Alexis Blake | Laura Casale | Olivia Charney Sean Desmond | Judy Fisher | Edwina Hunt Nickey James | Fiona Leonard | William Lyon Christopher Maya | Ruger Interiors | Eneia White

### ART INSTALLATION BY ARC FINE ART

*Featured work by* Frances Ashforth, Charlotte Culot Richard Dupont, Gary Komarin, Christopher P. Leidy, Charlie Miesmer, Mia Fonssagrives Solow

### POP UP CAFE - THE HADLEY

Designed by Christian P. Arkay-Leliever

### SPECIAL EVENTS

A Night at The Hadley - A Design Industry Event A Collector's Night - A Conversation with David Netto, followed by a reception to meet our featured artists

Presenting Sponsors:

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