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SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 31, 2021, at ten o'clock

Music Appreciation Sunday

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision” *arr. Joseph Martin*

Elaine DeGrood, Piano

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN **“I Sing The Mighty Power of God”** (*page 6*)

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Julie Center

Leader: Let us sing to the Lord a new song!

People: For God has done marvelous things!

Leader: Our Lord has given us life...

People: Praise God for his steadfast love and faithfulness...

Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

People: Let us break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it...

People: Let the floods clap their hands; let us sing together for joy!

*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.*

SONG

“The B-I-B-L-E”

*Cherub Choir
Marnie Kruse, Director*

OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Rev. Laura Whitmore

SONG

“I Can See Clearly Now” *Johnny Nash* *Teen and Junior Choirs
Phillip Bettencourt, Piano*

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Julie Center

*HYMN

“Pass It On” *(page 7)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Laura Whitmore

“Let There Be Peace On Earth” *arr. Barbara R. Broome
Nancy Long and Rachel Dorset
Handbell Soloists*

CALL TO OFFERING

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Text: 860-854-1995

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Southport Congregational Church, PO Box 366, Southport, CT 06890

Thank you!

My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my in-most calm
while to the Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth,
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night He giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to the Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from Singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Compassionate God, you instill in each of us the possibility to make your ideal vision come alive for each one of your children. Receive these gifts that they may grant new life to those in need, hope to those who are struggling, and freedom to all. Amen.

**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

*HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” *(vv. 1-3, page 8)*

*BENEDICTION

Recessional on “Ode To Joy” *arr. Hobson*

Elaine DeGrood, Organ

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***THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING*** will occur immediately following worship. Coffee Hour refreshments in celebration of Music Sunday will be available in the tent, but please return to the Sanctuary so that we may begin promptly. The preliminary budget for 2022, recommended by the Board of Trustees and the Council, will be presented then. Since we will be discussing programs for all of 2022 that impact every member, it would be valuable if **all members** could attend this usually short meeting.

***WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL*** to all our musicians this morning - the Senior Choir and soloists, the Teen, Junior and Cherub Choirs, and the Handbell Choir and their directors, Elaine DeGrood, Phillip Bettencourt and Marnie Kruse. Our choirs provide us with wonderful music all year and it is appropriate that we take this Sunday to pay tribute and recognize their talents!

***RECONNECT WITH ROOMS WITH A VIEW!!! 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 café, The Hadley! Our easy-to-use online volunteer sign-up request was sent on October 29 - check your email! Questions? Please email Chris Philip at [cwmphilip@gmail.com](mailto:cwmphilip@gmail.com) - THANK YOU! YOUR SUPPORT IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR FUNDRAISER!***

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET SIGN UP!** 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! All donated food items must be dropped off by November 14. We THANK YOU for doing what you can to help!

**USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY** are Deacons Andrew Malkin and Jeff Provost under the direction of Deacon Ann Lillis.

**THIS MORNING'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the Roots and their extended family, in loving memory of Marianne Challis.

**THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM "DREAM TEAM"** techs Torin Schott and Jack Waiksnis, with Director Parker Whitmore.

**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.

**CHERUB AND JUNIOR CHOIRS** will rehearse on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel. 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 Chapel after the Children's Sermon. Childcare for Infants through 3 years old will be in Room 5 with Alyssa Santa and Scarlett Rex.

**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** will not meet tonight, but will resume next Sunday, November 7, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. All High School students are invited to join!

**THE SOUTHPORT CONGREGATIONAL PRESCHOOL** is now having open admissions for the 2022-23 year! Please contact Laura Amicucci, Preschool Director, at [scpreschool01@gmail.com](mailto:scpreschool01@gmail.com), for more information . . . and 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](http://www.hopct.com/scps) for more information.

# I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

ELLACOMBE C.M.D.  
"Gesangbuch," Wirttemberg, 1784

1 I sing the might-y power of God, That made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;  
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, But makes thy glo - ries known;

That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, And built the loft - y skies.  
He formed the crea-tures with his word, And then pro-nounced them good.  
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from thy throne,

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, Wher-e'er I turn my eye:  
While all that bor-rows life from thee Is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at his com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.  
If I sur-vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up-on the sky!  
And ev - ery-where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there. A-men.

A higher setting may be found at No. 459

WORKS IN CREATION

## Pass It On

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1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire go - ing,  
 2. What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are bud - ding,  
 3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that I've found—

and soon all those a - round can warm up in its glow - ing;  
 the birds be - gin to sing, the flow - ers start their bloom - ing;  
 on God you can de - pend, it mat - ters not where you're bound;

that's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per - i - enced it:  
 that's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per - i - enced it:  
 I'll shout it from the moun - tain top, I want my world to know:

you spread God's love to ev - ery - one, you want to pass it on.  
 you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.  
 the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

WORDS and MUSIC: Kurt Kaiser, 1969

PASS IT ON  
Irr.

# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.

Arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, Earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er, All who live in love are thine;  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.  
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

ADORATION AND PRAISE