



Southport Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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Rev. Paul Whitmore, Senior Minister

Rev. Laura Whitmore, Associate Minister

SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 1, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

“To A Wild Rose” *arr. Hartmann/MacDowell*

“Grace” *arr. Wallace/Head*

Elaine DeGroot, Piano
Rachel Dorset, Handbells

***HYMN**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, fount of Thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise to Thee an altar; here by Thy great help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

(adapted from Psalm 118)

Katie Traynor

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: These are the lives that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and honor them!

Leader: This time of community and worship is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: Let us give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose steadfast love endures forever!

*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.*

RESPONSIVE READING – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Leader: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

People: *a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;*

Leader: a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;

People: *a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

Leader: a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

People: *a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;*

Leader: a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

People: *a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.*

OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PASTORAL PRAYER

Jeffrey Earls

CALL TO OFFERING

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

Text: 860-854-1995

\$___Pledge

\$___Plate

To give **online**, please click [here](#) to be taken to our website.

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

Thank you!

OFFERTORY

“By The Waters of Babylon” *Dvorak*

Leslie Uhl, Soloist

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For the life you have given, O Lord, for the world in which we dwell, for the insights of truth and the joys of love, we give you our gratitude and offer our gifts as an expression of our faith, commitment and love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (See Responsive Reading)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

Luke 10: 3-11

3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. **4** Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. **5** Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ **6** And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. **7** Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. **8** Whenever

you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; **9** cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, **11** ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’

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SERMON

**“Are You My Tour Guide?”**

*Julie Center*

\* HYMN

**“Come and Find the Quiet Center”**

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed;  
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**

**Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we’re shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.**

**In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other’s pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain;  
there’s a place for deepest dreaming, there’s a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit’s lively scheming there is always room to spare!**

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE **“Donna Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)”** *arr. Tucker*

*Leslie Uhl, Soloist  
Rachel Dorset, Handbells*

POSTLUDE

**“Allegretto Opus 142”** *Schubert*

*Elaine DeGrood, Piano*

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS IN THE COURTYARD FOLLOWING THE SERVICE, PROVIDED WITH LOVE – FROM OUR FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE!

SUMMER BEACH SERVICES CONTINUE ON SASCO BEACH AT 8:15AM!

Services are casual – bring a beach chair and/or blanket!

Come join us as we share the Sundays with First Church Congregational.

Leadership Schedule:

Southport Congregational - August 8

First Church Congregational - August 15

Southport Congregational - August 22

ROOMS WITH A VIEW IS BACK FOR 2021 We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our annual fundraiser this year. Save the date! The Opening Party is November 4, and show dates are from November 5 through 7. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Chris Philip at cwmphilip@gmail.com. He is looking for people to help with graphic design, digital design, advertising, PR and administrative duties.

WE WISH PAUL AND LAURA WHITMORE WELL ON THEIR VACATION

Beginning August 1, Paul and Laura will be taking a well-deserved break to disconnect and recharge. We wish them sunny days and lots of travel, tennis, hiking and fun. For all pastoral and church concerns, please contact our **Student Minister, Julie Center**, who will be covering for the Whitmores, at jcenter@southportucc.org or by phone at (203) 255-1594. The Whitmores return on September 7.

PIVOT HOUSE MEALS BEING SHARED EACH WEEK! Every Wednesday in July and August, SCC has joined up with The Little Pub to provide a hot meal to the 50 men who are working to break the chains of addiction in their own lives.

USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY are Deacons Jeffrey Earls and Katie Traynor.

THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM TEAM – Thank you to Trevor Uhl, Ava Pezzimenti and John Pezzimenti for their help with the live streaming of today's service!

THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS are given by the Flower Committee. **If you would like to donate an altar flower arrangement**, August 8 and 22 are available. Please contact Pam ppoling@southportucc.org for additional information - thank you!

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Senior Minister - Paul D. Whitmore

Associate Minister - Rev. Laura H. Whitmore

CHURCH STAFF:

Student Minister – Julie Center

Director of Administration – Paul DiPrato · Communications Manager – Jackson Siegel

Church Secretary - Pam Poling · Bookkeeper - Maria Bogatikova

Investment Manager - Nancy Long · Facilities & Grounds Manager – Tim O’Neill

Director of Music - Elaine DeGroot

Youth Choir Director - Phillip Bettencourt · Assistant Youth Choir Director - Marnie Kruse

Soloists - Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle, Leslie Uhl

CHURCH COUNCIL

Ryan McClay ◊	Moderator
Cari Pfeiffer	Clerk
Joyce Hergenhan	ALM
Patti Spaght	ALM
Paul Doocy	ALM
Sydney King	ALM
Susan Kunkel	Carousel
Marjory Palmer	Deacons
Denise Caron-Quinn	Deacons
Leah Davis	Deacons
Beth Santa	Education
Melissa Ogunsuyi	Education
Sherry Greer	Missions
Lisa Doocy	Missions
Tim Stuart	Trustee
Kristin Hathaway	Preschool
Tim O’Neill	B&G
Irene Santa	Music
Carol Lasseter-Rice	Fellowship
Bridget Schulten	Ex Officio

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Paul Doocy ◊
Cindy Jackson
Adrienne MacGuffie
Les Miller
Jennifer O’Neill ◊
Dave Stuart
John Traynor

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Greg Berg ◊	- 2022
Devin Santa	- 2022
Mike Tanguay	- 2022
Stuart Tilghman	- 2022
Ellen Levinson	- 2023
Erno Bacso	- 2024
Ron Manning	- 2024
Jim Vadas	- 2024

BED FUND COMMITTEE

Oladele Ogunsuyi	Deacons
Bridget Schulten	Chairman
Sherry Greer	Missions

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kristin Hathaway	- 2022
Melissa Ogunsuyi	- 2022
Jo Anne Parady	- 2022
Beth Santa ◊	- 2022
Leslie Uhl	- 2022
Christina Whittaker Haas	- 2023
Katie Keiser	- 2023
Erik Mayville	- 2023
Ellery Malkin	- 2024
Laura McClay	- 2024
Cari Pfeiffer	- 2024
Kassandra Savicki	- 2024

PRESCHOOL BOARD

Laura Amicucci	Director
Paul DiPrato	Treasurer
Elinor Biggs	-2022
Rebecca Mallay	- 2022
Sharon Keiser	- 2023
Jess Miller ◊	- 2023
Leslie Uhl	- 2023
Barbara Evans	- 2024
Amy Sperrazza	- 2024
Kristin Hathaway	BOCE Rep.
Allie Sherman	Parent Rep.
Stephani Whittaker	Trustees Rep.

MISSION OUTREACH BOARD

Elinor Biggs	- 2022
Lisa Doocy	- 2022
Mary Lou McGuire +	- 2022
Linda Murphy	- 2022
Andrea Pezzimenti	- 2022
Sherry Greer ◊	- 2023
Tyler Hathaway	- 2023
Kirk Jackson	- 2023
Bob MacGuffie	- 2023
Liz Waiksnis	- 2023
Craig Gillespie	- 2024
Karen Jones	- 2024
Hedy Mosier	- 2024
Traci Provost	- 2024
Peggy Stuart	- 2024
Leahkay White	- 2024

BOARD OF DEACONS

Denise Caron-Quinn	- 2022
Leah Davis	- 2022
Katie Traynor	- 2022
Andrew Malkin	- 2023
Marjory Palmer ◊	- 2023
Jeff Provost	- 2023
Jeffrey Earls	- 2024
Ann Lillis	- 2024
Oladele Ogunsuyi	- 2024
Tamberlyn Chapman	- 2025
Sadhana Joliet +	- 2025
Joe Pezzimenti	- 2025

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Doug Goodman	- 2022
Dwight Holmberg	- 2022
Laura Wilbur	- 2022
Irene Santa	- 2023
Peary Spaght ◊	- 2023
Jack Ijams	- 2024
Ruth Merchant	- 2024
Ed Sanford	- 2024
Jeff Provost	Deacon Liaison

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Carol Lasseter-Rice	- 2022
Ann Lillis	- 2022
Hedy Mosier	- 2022
Jean Schluter	- 2022
Robin Marshlow	- 2023
Traci Provost	- 2023
Erika Wright	- 2023
Amy Cawman	- 2024
Betsy Gillespie	- 2024
Katie Traynor	- 2024
Marney White	- 2024

CARING TEAM

Tamberlyn Chapman	Deacons
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jeff Nickell	- 2022
Tim Stuart ◊	- 2022
Stephani Whittaker	- 2022
Jim Biggs	- 2023
Gary Johnson	- 2023
Joe Ryan	- 2023
Dave Stuart	- 2023
Katia Mead	- 2024
Bridget Schulten	- 2024
Trevor Uhl, Treasurer	- 2022
Tim O’Neill, B&G Liaison	-2022

CAROUSEL THRIFT SHOP

Doug Goodman	- 2022
Gloria Miller	- 2022
Susan Kunkel ◊	- 2023
Janet Sherwood	- 2023
Karen Macdonald	- 2024
Les Miller	- 2024
Nancy Pandolfi	- 2024

HISTORIAN

Sally Ijams	- 2022
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LAY DELEGATES

Les Miller	- 2022
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FLOWER COMMITTEE

Leah Davis	Deacon Liaison
Pam Poling	Staff Liaison

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Paul Doocy	Council
Joyce Hergenhan	Council
Sydney King	Council
Patti Spaght ◊	Council
Jeffrey Earls	Deacons
Ellery Malkin	Education
Elinor Biggs	Missions
Stephani Whittaker	Trustees

◊ Denotes Chairperson

+ Denotes Scribe

◦ Denotes Vice Chair

ALM Denotes “At Large Member”

