

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

July 25, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

“Petite Aria” *Hahn*

“Chanson” *Sibelius*

Elaine DeGrood, Piano

*HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.**

**‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise,
Than when we’d first begun.**

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Laura Whitmore

Leader: **What a gift it is to worship together today!**

People: What a gift to be together as a community of love, faith, support and joy!

Leader: **Let us gather in the grace, peace, strength, hope and good courage that our God provides.**

People: In our worship and in our life, let us celebrate God's grace and gifts in all that we say and do.

Leader: **Gathering in thankfulness and joy, let us worship and pray...**

People: As we commit our lives, and all that God has given to us, for the celebration of life, and for the care of all God's people.

*THE INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

Julie Center

*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 – Psalms 139 *selected verses*

Leader: Search me, O God and know my heart;

People: ***Test me and know my thoughts,***

Leader: And lead me in the way everlasting.

People: ***O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;***

Leader: Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.

People: ***Where can I go from your spirit?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;***

Leader: If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

People: *Even there your hand shall lead me.*

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts;

People: *You knit me together in my mother's womb.
I am in awe of you, because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made; your creation is wonderful!*

Leader: When I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth,

People: *Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
I come to the end, and I am still with you.
Search me, O God, and know my heart;
And lead me in the ancient way – in the way everlasting.*

SONG

“The Gift of Each Day” *Rutter*

*Shannon Doyle, Soloist
Nancy Long, Soloist*

OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Laura Whitmore

CALL TO OFFERING

To give towards your **2021 Stewardship Pledge Contribution**, please text the following:

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

“In the Garden” *Dobrinski*

*Shannon Doyle, Soloist
Nancy Long, Handbells*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious, Loving and Giving God, with gratitude for your overflowing blessings in our lives, we give thanks for the opportunity to share our gifts with others. May you accept our gifts in the spirit of love, that they may serve you well, bring healing and help, and shine your light of love to all. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139 (See Responsive Reading)

You knit me together in my mother's womb.
I am in awe of you,
because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your creation is breathtaking!

Matthew 18:3

...Unless you transform and become like little children,
you will never experience the kingdom of heaven.

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SERMON

**“THE WISDOM OF SIMPLICITY - PART II”** *(see insert)*

*Rev. Paul Whitmore*

\* HYMN

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

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest.  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

**“Largo”** *Handel*

*Elaine DeGroot, 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 - July 25

First Church Congregational - August 1

Southport Congregational - August 8

First Church Congregational - August 15

Southport Congregational - August 22

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.

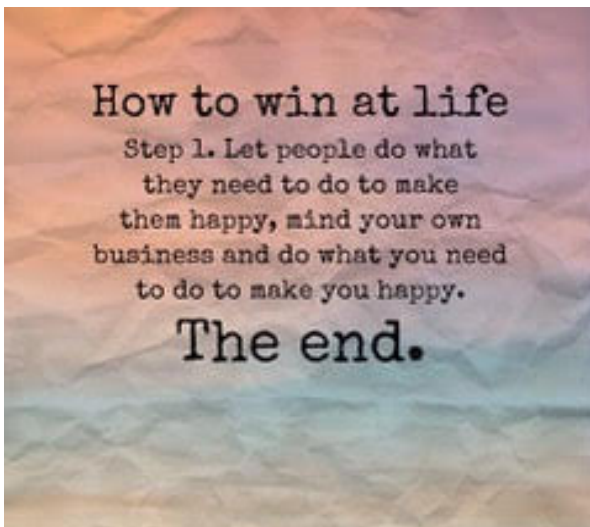
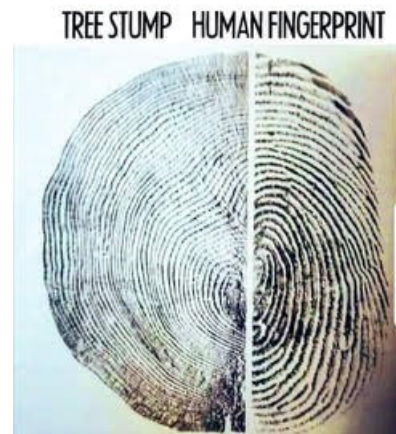
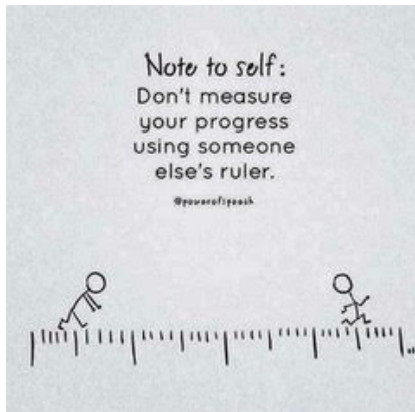
SCC BACKPACK ASSEMBLY EVENT IS HAPPENING SOON! Please join the Mission Outreach Board as we assemble 325 backpacks for the students of the Horizons programs which take place at Greens Farms Academy and Sacred Heart University. Date & Time TBA.

USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY is Deacon Leah Davis.

THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM TEAM – Thank you to Parker Whitmore, Hannah Kleinbeck and Ella Chapman for their help with the live streaming of today's service!

THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS are given by the DeMattia Family in loving memory of Janet DeMattia, whose memorial service was held here yesterday. **If you would like to donate an altar flower arrangement**, dates are available for Sundays in August. Please contact Pam ppoling@southportucc.org for additional information - thank you!

WE WISH PAUL AND LAURA WHITMORE WELL ON THEIR VACATION – during August. Our Student Minister, Julie Center will be covering for Paul and Laura while they are away. If you have a pastoral need during that time, please contact Julie at jcenter@southportucc.org, or call the church office at 203-255-1594.





'Do not ask your children to strive'
by William Martin

Do not ask your children to strive for extraordinary lives. Such striving may seem admirable, but it is the way of foolishness. Help them instead to find the wonder and the marvel of an ordinary life. Show them the joy of tasting tomatoes, apples and pears. Show them how to cry when pets and people die. Show them the infinite pleasure in the touch of a hand. And make the ordinary come alive for them. The extraordinary will take care of itself.



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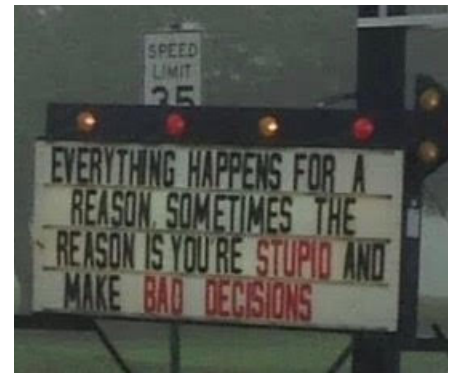
Sometimes you gotta cha-cha your way to change.

3 steps forward,
1 step backwards,
10 steps forwards,
3 steps backwards.

Forgive yourself for slow progress.
Keep moving. You'll get there.

Karen Salmansohn

Marriage is hard. Divorce is hard. Choose your hard.
Obesity is hard. Being fit is hard. Choose your hard.
Being in debt is hard. Being financially disciplined is hard. Choose your hard.
Communication is hard. Not communicating is hard. Choose your hard.
Life will never be easy. It will always be hard. But we can choose our hard. Pick wisely.



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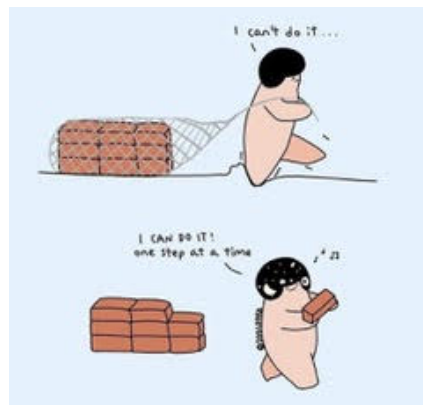
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MarketWatch
The stock market is falling. Should you sell?

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MarketWatch
Dow futures up over 200 points as stocks attempt bounce after Thursday...

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To those I may have wronged,
I ask forgiveness.

To those I may have helped,
I wish I did more,

To those I neglected to help,
I ask for understanding.

To those who helped me,
I sincerely thank you so much...

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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
Greg Berg	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 Baco	- 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

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”