



Southport Congregational Church

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SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

July 4, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” *Bach and Biggs* *Jeff Leeman, Piano*
Virginia Leeman, Organ

*HYMN

“My Country, ‘Tis Of Thee”

**My country, ‘tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims’ pride,
From every mountain side, Let freedom ring.**

**My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills, Like that above.**

**Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees, Sweet freedom’s song;
Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break; The sound prolong.**

**Our father’s God, to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright, With freedom’s holy light;
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King.**

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leah Davis, Deacon

Leader: Let us join together in our celebration of this day, and of this weekend where we give thanks for our freedom, and lift up God’s vision and desire for freedom, dignity and justice for all!

People: This is a great and beautiful day that God has made.

Leader: This is a day that God has given us to receive, use, and share with complete joy and to its fullest!

People: This is a day of gratitude for all that has been sacrificed and provided for our benefit. And this is a day for us to commit to all of the ways we can continue to share these gifts of abundant life with the world!

Leader: Let us thank God for this day and for our very lives...

People: With prayers from our hearts, and with lives led with integrity, service, joy, and loving devotion!

*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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Ann Lillis, Deacon

CALL TO OFFERING

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

To: **73256** Message: **Sptccgiving Pledge \$**___

To give to the **Sunday Offering**, please text the following:

To: **73256** Message: **Sptccgiving 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

“Give Me Jesus” *Hogan*

Leslie Uhl, Soloist

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we thank you for creating us and giving us all that we have in our lives! We thank you for your gift of Christ through whom our lives are measured and renewed. We thank you for our ability to serve those in need. Help us to remember your gifts, that we may praise you with lives of joy and service, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

“AUDACITY 7/4/76”

Les Miller

*HYMN

“God Of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand”

**God of our fathers, whose almighty hand,
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band,
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

**Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.**

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless You” *Rutter*

Leslie Uhl, Soloist

POSTLUDE

“Tuba Tune in D Major” *Lang*

Virginia Leeman, 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 HAVE BEGUN - ON SASCO BEACH AT 8:15AM!***

Come join us as we share the Sundays with Fairfield First Congregational Church. Southport Congregational Church will be leading worship on July 11. Fairfield First will be leading on July 18. Southport Congregational will again be leading on July 25. Services are casual – bring a beach chair and/or blanket!

***MISSION TRIP*** - This past week, Rev. Laura Whitmore, Julie Center, Tim O'Neill, Vicki Stuart and Sydney King spent the week at Red Shirt Table Reservation in South Dakota, sharing gifts and providing support there while working on our new mission facility. The whole Youth Group will return there next year in post Covid safety.

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORSHIP LEADERSHIP!*** We thank Deacons Leah Davis and Katie Traynor for ushering and greeting today, and we thank Deacons Ann Lillis and Leah Davis for assisting Les Miller with today's worship service. And special thanks to Les Miller for his spiritual leadership and preaching – always a meaningful treat!

***THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM TEAM*** – Thank you to Trevor Uhl, Carter Uhl, Charlie Uhl, and Amelia Uhl for their help with the livestreaming of today's service!

***THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS*** are given by the Flower Committee to the Glory of God. **If you would like to donate an altar flower arrangement**, dates are available for Sundays in July and August. Please contact Pam [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) for additional information - thank you!

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