



# *Southport Congregational Church*

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## **COMMUNION SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

June 6, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

**“Air”** *Bach.*

*Darwin Shen, Violin*

**“Arioso”** *Bach*

*Elaine DeGrood, Piano*

WELCOME

*Rev. Laura Whitmore*

\*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

*Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr*

Leader: We gather this day to value our life, to value our love, and to value the many ways we can contribute to healing and caring for the world around us.

***People: We gather together to feel and to seek God's presence in our lives - individually, and together, as a community of faith.***

Leader: We gather this day to listen for God's voice;

***People: To open our ears to hear, and our hearts to sense God's intention.***

Leader: Immersed in this community of faith, we are blessed by God's presence made manifest through the love and compassion of our neighbors, families and friends.

***People: In thankfulness and joy, let us worship and pray, committing all that God has given us for the celebration of life, and for the care of all God's people.***

\*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.***

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**“The Lord Is My Shepherd”** *Rutter*

*Senior Choir  
Darwin Shen, Violin*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Generous God, you who freely provide the gifts of love and grace so that we may have abundant life, accept these gifts of our gratitude, time and personal resources. We dedicate our lives and this offering, for your work here and throughout the world. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE

*I Corinthians 12:12-21,24-27*

**Just as a body, though one, has many parts, and all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so, the body is not made up of one part but of many.**

**Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.**

**If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?**

**But in fact, God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as God wanted them to be.**

**If they were all one part, where would the body be?  
As it is, there are many parts, but one body.**

**The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!”**

**...But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.**

**If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it!**

**Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.**

SERMON

**“HEALTHY, HAPPY, GRATEFUL DEPENDENCY”** *Rev. Paul Whitmore*

# CELEBRATION OF SYDNEY SINCLAIR'S RETIREMENT

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(Please take the elements in unison with the Ministers.)

**Communion is gluten-free and non-alcoholic so that all may be included.**

### \*HYMN

#### **“Called As Partner In Christ’s Service”**

**Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring, to fulfill God’s chosen end.**

**Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together, gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.**

### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**“Edelweiss”** *Rodgers* *Senior Choir and Congregation*

**Come O Lord be with us, fill us with joy and thanksgiving,  
May our hearts fill with peace, come with your love and surround us.  
Friendship and peace may they bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever.  
Bless us now, bless our friends,  
Bless all people forever.**

### POSTLUDE

**“Intermezzo Sinfonica”** *Mascagni*

*Elaine DeGrood, Organ  
Darwin Shen, Violin*



**CELEBRATION FOR SYDNEY SINCLAIR - THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM IN THE COURTYARD AFTER WORSHIP.** This week we're celebrating Sydney Sinclair's retirement. While we are sad to see him leave, we are excited for what lies next for him and we wish him the best and look forward to having him visit with us! If you would still like to contribute to a gift of thanks for Sydney, you can donate as below:

TEXT 73256 and write Sptccgiving Sydney \$\_\_\_\_\_ Or ONLINE by clicking [HERE](#)

**NEXT WEEK, JOIN US IN CELEBRATING ALI KRALOVEC-KIRCHHERR'S MINISTRY** as we wish her the best in the next step of her ministry journey and rejoice in the time spent with us at SCC!

**CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK!** We invite all our graduating High School Seniors to attend as well as all children of the church! Church School concludes for the summer that day, June 13.

**JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S BLESSING OF THE FLEET, JUNE 12, 2021.** The Parade starts at 11:00 a.m. from Southport Congregational Church and will proceed down Main Street to Harbor Road and will end at Ye Yacht Yard. You are invited to watch from any of those roads and are only asked to maintain physical distancing. The Blessing will begin at 12:00p.m. from the Lower Warf. There will be 50 Boats, six bands, and the Governor's Horse Guard! Revs. Paul and Laura Whitmore, and Julie Center will be taking part in the Blessing and the Parade.

**DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE OVER 300 RECOGNIZED INDIGENOUS TRIBES HERE IN CT?** On our Senior High Youth Mission Trip, we will be exploring and serving a few of those indigenous cultures! We will be providing food for and hosting a food drive for the eastern Pequot Tribal Nation while we study the history of the Pequots in our town and visit the Pequot Nation and the Institute for American Studies Museum & Research Center which celebrates many CT Native American Cultures.

**USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY** are Deacons Joe Pezzimenti, Katie Traynor, Leah Davis and Jeff Provost.

**WE THANK THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM TEAM** Parker Whitmore, Ava Pezzimenti and John Pezzimenti for their help with the livestreaming of today's service!

**THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS** are given by Liz Waiksnis, in loving memory of her mother, Mary MacKenzie Favata, whose memorial service was held here yesterday. **If you would like to donate an altar flower arrangement**, our available dates are June 20, Father's Day, and June 27, as well as Sundays in July and August. Please contact Pam [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) for additional information - thank you!

***IN KEEPING WITH OUR NEW WORSHIP GUIDELINES, reservations are no longer required!*** Any vaccinated parishioners and guests are welcome to wear a mask, if more comfortable doing so, although one is no longer required. Unvaccinated parishioners and guests are asked to remain masked, for the safety of themselves and others. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

***WE WANT TO WISH ALL OF THE FATHERS AT SCC A VERY HAPPY FATHER'S DAY.*** Join us on June 20, for worship at 10:00a.m.

***WE CELEBRATE JUNE AS PRIDE MONTH.*** We acknowledge Pride as a time to show our support and allyship to the LGBTQIA community and the beauty in living as one's most authentic self. For those looking to celebrate locally, Bridgeport is offering a pride celebration. For more details you may visit [https://www.ctpridecenter.org/bpt\\_pride\\_2016](https://www.ctpridecenter.org/bpt_pride_2016).



