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THE SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

May 16, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

“Through The Love Of God” *Wyrzten*

“Morning Song” *Kurt Kaiser*

Elaine DeGrood, Piano

WELCOME

Rev. Paul Whitmore

HYMN

“Praise To The Lord, The Almighty” *(vv. 1-3)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast though not seen, how thy desires e'er have been,

Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,

If with his love he befriend thee.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP - *Responsive*

Rev. Paul Whitmore

Leader: Thank you, God, for the gift of life and love that you give us, and that we are able to share together today!

People: And thank you, for our ever-renewing gifts of hope, encouragement, strength, and fresh possibilities - the tools for our life!

Leader: With the power and presence of your Holy Spirit, may we take these gifts and use them to our fullest potential.

People: And in our worship and in our life, we ask for you to be with us every step on our journey - and to guide us in our actions, to speak to us the words we need to hear, and to let your Spirit change us, charge us, and empower us to be your people - of bold courage, faith and love. It is with this spirit that we come to worship and rejoice together today!

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

Rev. Paul Whitmore

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

Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr

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

“Thy Word Is Like A Garden, Lord” *Harlan*

Senior Choir

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Loving God of all life, all hope, all opportunity and all generosity –
you give us everything we have in this life. And with our gratitude,
we share our abundant gifts from you with your greater family in need.
May you bless these gifts that they may express your Spirit, and our love. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:1-5

SERMON

“TRUTH IN SUFFERING”

David Stuart

HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *(vv. 1-3)*

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of Heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit, Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit, Let us find thy promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hose above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.**

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God”

Senior Choir

POSTLUDE

“Psalm XIX” *Fibich*

Elaine DeGroot, Organ

WELCOME BACK TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP! We are thrilled to be worshipping together again! Please remember to observe social distancing guidelines and wear masks at all times, thank you.

THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS are given to the glory of God.

USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY are Deacons Jeff Provost, Katie Traynor and Andrew Malkin and Leah Davis.

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM ON THE FRONT LAWN for a wonderful reception in honor of our mothers. Please maintain physical distancing practices as you get your refreshments.

IN-PERSON CHURCH SCHOOL CONTINUES. Please drop off students (age 4 through grade 5) in the Barn before the start of worship. Middle School Church School (grades 6 through 8) will continue with Mrs. Jameson in the youth room.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT EDUCATION 7:30 p.m. on Zoom Join us for the last in our series of “Eat, Drink and Be Merry” with **Student Minister, Julie Center**. Peppered throughout the Bible are two competing ideologies of “Eat, Drink, and be Merry.” We are looking at what Isaiah, Paul, and - most importantly - Jesus have to say about how we should eat, drink, and live! If you missed previous weeks, you're welcome to join us for a lively discussion.

THE MEN OF PIVOT HOUSE MINISTRIES NEED YOUR HELP! PIVOT MINISTRIES, one of the agencies we support, has lost the use of their kitchen and **NEEDS OUR HELP** to feed 50 hungry men on May 23, 2021! If you would like to help bring some love and care and food to these men (we enjoyed their Gospel Choir 2 years ago) then please [CLICK ON THIS LINK](#) to go to the signup page. (No account is necessary to volunteer).

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING SYDNEY SINCLAIR ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6 Indeed, this rumor is true! Sydney enthusiastically announced his retirement from his role as Church Sexton to the SCC staff in April. While bittersweet for us, it is with great love and gratitude that we celebrate this next step in Sydney's life journey! As a token of our love for Sydney, we will be honoring him with a retirement celebration on his last day, Sunday, June 6 after worship. As part of the celebration, we will be providing Sydney with a gift of thanks. Should you wish to contribute to this gift, you can donate by text, online, or by dropping a check off at the office.

TEXT 73246 and write Sptccgiving Sydney \$ _____ Or ONLINE by clicking [HERE](#)

NEW WORSHIP GUIDELINES IN PLACE AS OF MAY 23 Beginning Sunday, May 23, reservations will no longer be required! For everyone's health, masks will still be required. We will no longer be taking temperatures, but we do ask that if you are feeling unwell, for any reason, that you please stay home and join us on our livestream. Seating in the Sanctuary will remain physically distant, although you may sit with friends and people outside of your "pod". And of course, you may always join us through our livestream channel now found directly on the home page of our website: southportucc.org

INTERESTED IN COMBINING CAMARADERIE AND DOING GOOD? Carousel reopens on Tuesday, June 1, and we need help. The Carousel has openings for the following positions: **Cashiers, Greeters, Donation Sorters, and Department Manager Assistants.** We know everyone is busy, so we have created shifts that can be as short as 2 hours, once a week! And, besides the Cashier and Greeter positions, your shift can be off store shopping hours. Training by our kind Carousel family will be provided. So, don't horse around (get it?) email or call Susan Kunkel, our Carousel Manager, today at carousel@southportucc.org or (203) 520-4253 to learn more. What an opportunity to try something different this summer!

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

