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SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

June 20, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

“Scottish Legend” *Beach*

“Simple Gifts” *Marohnic*

Elaine DeGrood, Piano

*HYMN

“This Is My Father’s World”

**This is my Father’s world; And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings, The music of the spheres.**

**This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father’s world; The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker’s praise.**

**This is my Father’s world; He shines in all that’s fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father’s world; O, let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.**

**This is my Father’s world; Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king; let heaven ring. God reigns; let the earth be glad.**

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon, Denise Caron-Quinn

Leader: We gather this morning to worship as children of God's promise.

People: We gather so we may be strengthened to live as God's children in the peaks and valleys of our lives.

Leader: We gather to continue on our pilgrimage of love, healing, hope and service.

People: Let us continue on our journey together, praising God, and following in the footsteps of Christ.

*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

SOLO

"I'll Walk With God"

Nancy Long, Handbells

**I'll walk with God from this day on,
His helping hand I'll lean upon,
This is my prayer, my humble plea,
May the Lord be ever with me.**

**There is no death, tho' eyes grow dim,
There is no fear when I'm near to Him.
I'll lean on Him forever,
And He'll forsake me never.**

**He will not fail me,
As long as my faith is strong,
Whatever road I may walk along.**

**I'll walk with God, I'll take his hand,
I'll talk with God, He'll understand;
I'll pray to Him, each day to Him,
And He'll hear the words that I say.
His hand will guide my throne and rod,
And I'll never walk alone,
While I walk with God!**

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 **“How Can I Keep From Signing?”** *Courtney* *Senior Choir*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

(see insert)

*HYMN

“We Would Be Building”

**We would be building; temples still undone,
O'er crumbling walls their crosses scarcely lift,
Waiting till love can raise the broken stone,
And hearts creative bridge the human rift.**

**We would be building;
Master, let thy plan,
Reveal the life that God would give to man.**

**Teach us to build; upon the solid rock,
We set the dream that hardens into deed,
Ribbed with the steel that time and change doth mock,
The unfailing purpose of our noblest creed.**

**Teach us to build;
O Master, lend us sight,
To see the towers gleaming in the light.**

**O keep us building, Master; may our hands,
Ne'er falter when the dream is in our hearts,
When to our ears there come divine commands,
And all the pride of sinful will departs.**

**We build with thee,
O grant enduring worth,
Until the heavenly kingdom comes on earth.**

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

(see insert) **“Go In Peace”** *Waters and White*
Senior Choir and Congregation

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go In Peace” *Waters and White*

Senior Choir and Congregation

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

POSTLUDE

“Recessional of Joy” *Hopson*

Elaine DeGrood, Organ



WE WISH ALL OF THE FATHERS AT SCC A VERY HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM IN THE COURTYARD AFTER WORSHIP FOR REFRESHMENTS and to celebrate and honor all fathers.

DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE 5 RECOGNIZED INDIGENOUS TRIBES HERE IN CT?

On our Senior High Youth Mission Trip, which is this week, we will be exploring and serving three of those indigenous cultures! We will be hosting a food drive for the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation, studying the history of the Pequots in our town, and visiting the Pequot Nation and the Institute for American Studies Museum & Research Center.

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 www.ctpridecenter.org.

USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY are Deacons Andrew Malkin and Ann Lillis, and we thank Denise Caron-Quinn for assisting Rev. Paul Whitmore with today’s worship service.

WE THANK THIS WEEK’S LIVESTREAM TEAM Parker Whitmore for his help with the live streaming of today’s service!

THIS WEEK’S FLOWERS are given by Elizabeth Parady and Jo Anne Parady in memory of Ron Parady, beloved father and husband, who departed this world at sunrise on Father’s Day, 2003. **If you would like to donate an altar flower arrangement**, our available dates are June 27, as well as Sundays in July and August. Please contact Pam ppoling@southportucc.org for additional information - thank you!



SCRIPTURE

Be strong and of good courage,
and do the work!
Fear not, be not dismayed;
for the Lord God, is with you.
He will not fail you or forsake you,
until all the work...is finished.

1 Chronicles 28:20



Make me to have joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed, rejoice!

Psalms 51:8



Whatever is true,
whatever is honorable,
whatever is just,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is gracious,
...if there is any excellence,
if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about *these* things.

Philippians 4:8



We are afflicted in every way,
but not crushed;
perplexed,
but not driven to despair;
persecuted,
but not forsaken;
struck down,
but not destroyed...

2 Corinthians 8,9



...lo, I am with you always, (says Christ) even to the close of this age.

Matthew 28:20