



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

June 27, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

“Arietta” *Rocherolle*

“American Tapestry” *Martin*

Elaine DeGrood, Piano

*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 thou 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

Sadhana Joliet, Deacon

Leader: Let us thank God for this new day!

People: And for our renewing gifts of hope, encouragement, strength, and fresh possibilities!

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

People: In worship and in life, we come ready to think, pray, become renewed and rejoice.

Leader: Be with us, God, and guide us in our life and in our worship.

People: Guide us in our actions. And speak to us the words we need to hear, letting your Spirit change us and empower us to be your 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.***

SOLO

“They Could Not” *Harris and Cloninger Beau Allen, Soloist*

OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PASTORAL PRAYER

Leah Davis, 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 “**Lord, I Want To Be A Christian**” *Lantz* *Senior Choir*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Loving God, we dedicate our lives and our gifts so your creation may flourish.
May those who receive these gifts be blessed by your love and inspired to give
to others, bringing your Kingdom closer. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE (*see insert*)

SERMON “**TENACIOUS FAITH - PART II**” *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

“Shalom” *Young*

Senior Choir

POSTLUDE

“Canon Variations” *Pachelbel*

Elaine DeGrood, Piano

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***PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS IN THE COURTYARD FOLLOWING THE SERVICE, PROVIDED WITH LOVE FROM OUR FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE!***

***YOUTH MISSION*** - Last week, 11 of our high school youth and 3 adults learned the history of and visited members from three of Connecticut’s five Native American tribes. This coming week, Rev. Laura Whitmore, Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr, Julie Center, Tim O’Neill, Vicki Stuart and Sydney King will spend 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.

***USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY*** are Deacons Sadhana Joliet and Leah Davis, who we thank for assisting us with today’s worship service.

***WE THANK THIS WEEK’S LIVESTREAM TEAM*** - Mike Messina, Ella Chapman and John Pezzimenti 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!

***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](http://www.ctpridecenter.org).

***JOIN US FOR SUMMER BEACH SERVICES, SUNDAYS ON SASCO BEACH AT 8:15AM*** with Fairfield First providing worship leadership. SCC's first Sunday will be July 11.

## TENACIOUS FAITH - PART II

June 27, 2021

*Scripture Passages*

And behold, *they* brought to Jesus a paralytic, lying on his bed; *and when Jesus saw their faith* he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."  
*Matthew 9:2*

What does it profit...if a person says that he or she has faith, but has not works?  
Can his faith save him? Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. *James 2:14,17*

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.  
*Timothy 4:7*

He said to them, "...If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you."  
*Matthew 17:20*

Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; *your faith has made you well.*" And instantly the woman was made well. *Matthew 9:22*

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.  
*Hebrews 11:1*

We walk by faith, not by sight. *2 Corinthians 5:7*

If I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.  
*1 Corinthians 13:2*

A person is justified by works and not by faith alone. *James 2:24*

As the body apart from the spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead.  
*James 2:26*

And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith. *Matthew 21:22*

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**Associate Minister - Rev. Laura H. Whitmore**

## 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  |
| Tim O’Neill         | 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 Bacso      | - 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 |
| Tim O’Neill, B&G Liaison | - 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   |
| Beth Santa         | Education |
| Elinor Biggs       | Missions  |
| Stephani Whittaker | Trustees  |

◊ Denotes Chairperson

+ Denotes Scribe

◦ Denotes Vice Chair

ALM Denotes “At Large Member”

