



Southport Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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Rev. Paul Whitmore, Senior Minister

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THE SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

May 23, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” *Kraus*

“Sheep May Safely Graze” *Keveren*

Elaine DeGrood, Piano

WELCOME

Rev. Laura Whitmore

HYMN

“I Sing The Mighty Power Of God” *(vv. 1-3)*

**I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.**

**I sing the wisdom that ordained, the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.**

**Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!**

**There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that man can be, thou, God, art present there. Amen.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, hear what God has done, for God's promises are true.

People: *We have come here today, to seek and feel and find God's presence.*

Leader: God is transforming all of humankind,

People: *And we celebrate God's transformation in the lives of others.*

Leader: God is transforming you and me,

People: *And we have come to celebrate God's transforming love for us!*

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

"I Will Sing New Song Of Gladness" *Dvorvak*

Leslie Uhl, Soloist

PASTORAL PRAYER

Julie Center, Student Minister

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

"A Blessing of Music" *Martin*

*Senior Choir
Nancy Long, handbells*

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

“Be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ, has forgiven you.”
Ephesians 4:32

SERMON

“HELPERS”

Rev. Paul Whitmore

HYMN

“I Would Be True”

**I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare,
I would be brave for there is much to dare.**

**I would be friend of all, the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving, and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift,
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go, My Children”

Senior Choir and Congregation

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine for,
Ever, go, my children, with my blessing you are my own.**

POSTLUDE

“La Marche” *Handel*

Elaine DeGrood, Piano

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***THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS*** are given by the Flower Committee to the glory of God.

***USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY*** are Deacons Tamberlyn Chapman, Leah Davis, Ann Lillis and Oladele Ogunsuyi.

***THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM IN THE COURTYARD AFTER WORSHIP.*** 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.

***WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR A GIFT OF THANKS FOR SYDNEY SINCLAIR'S RETIREMENT.*** If you wish, you can donate by:

TEXT 73256 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](http://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](mailto: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*** Trevor Uhl, Hannah Kleinbeck, Caroline Graham for their help with the livestreaming of today's service!

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