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SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 15, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

“Slavonic Dance, Op. 72, #2 ” *Dvorak*

Jeff Leeman and Virginia Leeman, Piano Duet

*HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision” *(vv. 1-3)*

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my redeemer, my love Thou hast won,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leah Davis, Deacon

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

People: *And thank You for Your ever-renewing springs of hope, encouragement, and strength – which never run dry!*

Leader: **With the power and the presence of Your Holy Spirit, let us take these ever-flowing gifts and use them to our fullest potential.**

People: *In our worship and in our life, we ask O Lord that you guide our actions, speak to us the words we need to hear, and allow your Spirit to change us.*

Leader: **Charge us and empower us to be Your people of bold courage, faith and love.**

People: *And in this spirit, let us come together to bear witness to your great love and rejoice in it!*

***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.***

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 42:1-8,1

Julie Center

Leader: **As a deer longs for flowing streams,**

People: *So my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.*

Leader: **When shall I come and behold the face of God?**

People: *My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"*

Leader: **These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:**

People: How I went with the crowd...with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving....

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul,

People: And why are you disquieted within me?

Leader: Hope in God; for I shall again praise, my help and my God.

People: My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you....

Leader: Deep calls to deep...

People: Your waves and your billows have gone over me.

Leader: By day the Lord commands steadfast love,

People: And at night his song is within me...

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams,

People: So my soul longs for you, O God.

OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

To give towards your **2021 Stewardship Pledge Contribution** or make a plate donation, please text as follows:

Text: 860-854-1995

\$___ Pledge

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To give **online**, please visit our website at southportucc.org

To **mail** us your offering or pledge, please send a check to:
Southport Congregational Church, PO Box 366, Southport, CT 06890

Thank you!

OFFERTORY **“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”** *Walters*

Leslie Uhl, Soloist

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ever-flowing God, we pray that you accept these gifts and transform them into instruments of peace in the world. Remind us that your generosity to us far surpasses anything we might give to you – and teach us to respond to this generosity in the best way we can. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12: 4-7, 12-26

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. **6** There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. **7** Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good...

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. **13** 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. **14** Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

15 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. **16** 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. **17** 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? **18** But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. **19** If they were all one part, where would the body be? **20** As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

21 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!” **22** On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23** and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, **24** while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, **25** so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. **26** If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

SERMON

“WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?”

Julie Beck

*HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (*vv. 1-2 and refrain*)

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided-
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided-
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

*BENEDICTION

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“Thy Will Be Done” Mendelssohn

Leslie Uhl and Jeff Leeman, Soloists

POSTLUDE

“Processional in G Major” Stanley

Virginia Leeman, Organ



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

SUMMER BEACH SERVICES CONTINUE ON SASCO BEACH AT 8:15AM!

Services are casual – bring a beach chair and/or blanket!

Come join us as we share the Sundays with First Church Congregational.

Leadership Schedule:

Southport Congregational - August 22

First Church Congregational - August 29

ROOMS WITH A VIEW IS BACK FOR 2021! We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our annual fundraiser this year. Save the date! The Opening Party is November 4, and show dates are from November 5 through 7. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Chris Philip at cwmphilip@gmail.com. He is looking for people to help with graphic design, digital design, advertising, PR and administrative duties.

WE WISH PAUL AND LAURA WHITMORE WELL ON THEIR VACATION!

Paul and Laura are currently taking a well-deserved break to disconnect and recharge until September 7. For all pastoral and church concerns, please contact our **Student Minister, Julie Center**, who will be covering for the Whitmores, at jcenter@southportucc.org or by phone at (203) 255-1594.

PIVOT HOUSE MEALS BEING SHARED EACH WEEK! Every Wednesday in July and August, SCC has joined up with The Little Pub to provide a hot meal to the 50 men who are working to break the chains of addiction in their own lives.

USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY is Deacon Leah Davis. We thank Leah and Student Minister Julie Center for assisting Julie Beck with today's service!

WE THANK OUR TALENTED MUSICIANS, Virginia Leeman, Jeff Leeman, and Leslie Uhl for providing us with beautiful music during today's service. We are grateful to Virginia Leeman for filling in for Elaine DeGrood today.

THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM LEAD – Thank you to Parker Whitmore for his help with the live streaming of today's service!

THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS are given by Hedy Mosier in loving memory of her father, Karl Zimmermann.