



Southport Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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Rev. Paul Whitmore, Senior Minister

Rev. Laura Whitmore, Associate Minister

THE SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

February 7, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

“Solitude” *Cryil Scott*

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” *arr. Kraus*

Elaine DeGrood, Piano

WELCOME

Rev. Laura Whitmore

HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” *(vv.1-3)*

Senior Choir Soloists

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair;

May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day, When from the heart we say,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

The powers of darkness fear, When this sweet chant they hear,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Ye nations of mankind, In this your concord find,

May Jesu Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around Ring joyous with the sound,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Julie Center, Student Minister

Leader: In this and every season of our lives, let us worship God with hearts full of awe and wonder.

People: **For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.**

Leader: In each new heartbeat of hope and in each new day of our lives, we receive God's gift of time.

People: **Let us receive each hour as a blessing and recognize each day as a chance to deepen our relationship with God. Let us awaken in this moment to the ways God breaks forth into the world... and to the whispers of God's peace.**

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.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Laura Whitmore

PASTORAL PRAYER

Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr, 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!

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Our faith in you reveals itself in the generosity with which we give.
Accept these offerings as a sign of love for you, and our commitment
to honor you in or world. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE *(italics added)*

**I have said these things to you *so that my joy may be in you,
and that your joy may be complete.***

John 15:11

**I speak these things in the world
so that *they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.***

John 17:13

...Enter into the joy of your master.

Matthew 25:21b

Happy are those who trust in the Lord.

Proverbs 16:20

Happy are those who keep my ways.

Proverbs 8:32

Happy are those who are kind to the poor.

Proverbs 14:21

Happy are those who have no reason to judge themselves...

Romans 14:22

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**We have no right to ask when sorrow comes, "Why did this happen to me?"**

***Unless we ask the same for every moment of happiness that comes our way.*** ~ Unknown

**Better to lose count while naming your blessings**

**– than to lose your blessings while counting your troubles.**

~ Maltbie Babcock

**Prosperity is not without many fears and distastes,**

**and adversity is not without comforts and hopes.**

~ Francis Bacon

**A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor a person without trials.**

~ Confucius

SERMON

**“HOW TO STAY UN-HAPPY”**

*Rev. Paul Whitmore*

COMMUNION

*(Please take the elements in unison with the Ministers.)*

HYMN

**“How Great Thou Art”**

*Senior Choir Soloists*

**O Lord my God! I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

*Refrain:*       **Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
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How great thou art, how great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from my lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;**

*Refrain*

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin;**

*Refrain*

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!**

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BENEDICTION

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**“God Be In My Head”** *John Rutter*

*Senior Choir Soloists*

POSTLUDE

**“Swing Low Sweet Chariot”** *arr. Kaiser*

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40 DAYS OF DELIGHTS WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES: Join Rev. Laura Whitmore and Julie Center today a 11:30 a.m. on Zoom for our "40 Days of Delights" workshop! Similar to the Advent Calendar project, we will create a calendar of the 40 days of Lent with each day having a different positive message to focus on. Join us on Zoom, click **HERE** to participate (please do not click until the event is about to start.)

AN EVENING OF KIRTAN WITH SCOTT WHITMORE FROM BEAUTIFUL MAUI Join Scott Whitmore on Zoom for an evening of learning more about Kirtan (meditative chanting) and then share in some meditative time together. Kirtan is a type of sacred music and meditation style, which is based on ancient chants. The format is call and response: Scott leads the mantra, the audience sings it back. As you sing with each other, you feel a deep connection with the music and you will experience a sense of inner peace and calm. When the music stops, your mind is quiet and your soul is refreshed.

2021 ANNUAL GIVING ~ WE NEED YOUR HELP! **THANK YOU** to every person and family who has pledged so generously, we now have \$694k in 2021 pledges. We are getting very close to being able to meet our needs for 2021! **If you have not yet pledged, PLEASE do so as soon as possible.** Even a modest pledge helps us with our ministries and missions! Making a pledge is easy, just email/call our Business Manager, Paul DiPrato at pdiprato@southportucc.org or (203) 255-1594. Or click **HERE** for the Stewardship page on our website.

CALL TO THE 178TH ANNUAL MEETING Our 178th Annual Meeting will immediately follow worship on **Sunday, February 28 via Zoom**. We will review the past year's activities, celebrate the election of new officers of the Church and adopt the annual budget, so together we can make plans for the year ahead. The yearly reports prepared by officers of the Boards and Committees will be on hand for review. This is an informative meeting, please join us to celebrate this past year and plan for 2021!

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS Are given to by Joanne Lenci in memory of all loved ones.

WE THANK OUR SENIOR CHOIR SOLOISTS Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle and Leslie Uhl for this mornings beautiful music.

ALTAR FLOWERS If you would like to donate altar flowers we would be very appreciative. Please contact Pam Poling: ppoling@southportucc.org.

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*Senior Minister - Paul D. Whitmore Associate Minister - Rev. Laura H. Whitmore*

**CHURCH STAFF:**

Student Minister – Ali Marie Kralovec-Kirchherr · Student Minister – Julie Center  
 Business Manager – Paul DiPrato · Communications Manager - Alisa Ryan  
 Church Secretary - Pam Poling · Bookkeeper - Maria Bogatikova  
 Investment Manager - Nancy Long · Director of Music - Elaine DeGroot  
 Youth Choir Director - Phillip Bettencourt · Assistant Youth Choir Director - Marnie Kruse  
 Soloists - Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle, Leslie Uhl · Custodian - Sydney Sinclair

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Ryan McClay ◊ Moderator  
 Cari Schott Clerk  
 Joyce Hergenhan ALM  
 Patti Spaght ALM  
 Paul Doocy ALM  
 Pat Riemersma. ALM  
 Susan Kunkel Carousel  
 Ann Lillis Deacon  
 Denise Caron-Quinn Deacon  
 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  
 Hank Greer  
 Cindy Jackson  
 MacKay Jameson ◊  
 Adrienne MacGuffie  
 Les Miller  
 Skip Morse  
 Jennifer O'Neill ◊  
 Dave Stuart

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Greg Berg - 2021  
 Tim O'Neill ◊ - 2021  
 Devin Santa - 2021  
 Mike Tanguay - 2021  
 Stuart Tilghman - 2021  
 Ellen Levinson - 2022  
 Erno Bacso - 2023  
 Ron Manning - 2023  
 Jim Vadas - 2023

**BED FUND COMMITTEE**

Oladele Ogunsuyi Deacon  
 Bridget Schulten Chairman  
 Sherry Greer Missions

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Kristin Hathaway - 2021

Melissa Ogunsuyi - 2021  
 Jo Anne Parady - 2021  
 Beth Santa ◊ - 2021  
 Leslie Uhl - 2021  
 Christina Whittaker Haas - 2022  
 Katie Keiser - 2022  
 Erik Mayville - 2022  
 Ellery Malkin - 2023  
 Laura McClay - 2023  
 Cari Schott - 2023  
 Cassandra Savicki - 2023

**PRESCHOOL BOARD**

Laura Amicucci Director  
 Paul DiPrato Treasurer  
 Rebecca Mallay - 2021  
 Sharon Keiser - 2022  
 Jess Miller ◊ - 2022  
 Leslie Uhl - 2022  
 Barbara Evans - 2023  
 Amy Sperrazza - 2023  
 Kristin Hathaway BOCE Rep.  
 Katie Holley Parent Rep.  
 Stephani Whittaker Trustees Rep.

**MISSION OUTREACH BOARD**

Lisa Doocy - 2021  
 Elinor Biggs - 2021  
 Mary Lou McGuire + - 2021  
 Linda Murphy - 2021  
 Andrea Pezzimenti - 2021  
 Sherry Greer ◊ - 2022  
 Tyler Hathaway - 2022  
 Kirk Jackson - 2022  
 Bob MacGuffie - 2022  
 Liz Waiksnis - 2022  
 Barbara Evans - 2023  
 Karen Jones - 2023  
 Hedy Mosier - 2023  
 Traci Provost - 2023  
 Peggy Stuart - 2023  
 Johanna Jackson Youth Rep

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

Denise Caron-Quin - 2021  
 Leah Davis - 2021  
 MacKay Jameson - 2021

Andrew Malkin - 2022  
 Marjory Palmer ◊ - 2022  
 Jeff Provost - 2022  
 Jeffrey Earls - 2023  
 Ann Lillis - 2023  
 Oladele Ogunsuyi - 2023  
 Tamberlyn Chapman - 2024  
 Sadhana Joliet + - 2024  
 Joe Pezzimenti - 2024

**MUSIC COMMITTEE**

Doug Goodman - 2021  
 Dwight Holmberg ◊ - 2021  
 Laura Wilbur - 2021  
 Irene Santa - 2022  
 Peary Spaght - 2022  
 Jack Ijams - 2023  
 Ruth Merchant - 2023  
 Ed Sanford - 2023  
 Jeff Provost Deacon Liaison

**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

Joan Fleitas - 2021  
 Carol Lasseter-Rice - 2021  
 Ann Lillis - 2021  
 Hedy Mosier - 2021  
 Jean Schluter - 2021  
 Robin Marshlow - 2022  
 Traci Provost - 2022  
 Erika Wright - 2022  
 Betsy Gillespie - 2023  
 Amy Cawman - 2023  
 Katie Traynor - 2023  
 Marney White - 2023

**CARING TEAM**

Tamberlyn Chapman Deacons

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Jeff Nickell - 2021  
 Tim Stuart ◊ - 2021  
 Stephani Whittaker - 2021  
 Jim Biggs - 2022  
 Gary Johnson - 2022

Joe Ryan - 2022  
 Dave Stuart - 2022  
 Katia Mead - 2023  
 Bridget Schulten - 2023  
 Trevor Uhl Treasurer  
 Tim O'Neill B&G Liaison

**CAROUSEL THRIFT SHOP**

Doug Goodman - 2021  
 Gloria Miller - 2021  
 Susan Kunkel ◊ - 2022  
 Janet Sherwood - 2022  
 Karen MacDonald - 2023  
 Amanda Marino - 2023  
 Les Miller - 2023

**HISTORIAN**

Sally Ijams - 2021

**LAY DELEGATES**

Gloria Miller - 2021  
 Les Miller - 2021

**FLOWER COMMITTEE**

Leah Davis Deacon Liaison  
 Pam Poling Staff Liaison

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Paul Doocy Council  
 Joyce Hergenhan Council  
 Pat Riemersma 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"