

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

January 10, 2021, at ten o'clock

Liturgist, Deacon Tamberlyn Chapman

PRELUDE

“Greensleeves Interlude” *Martin - Hayes*

Elaine DeGrood, Piano

WELCOME

Rev. Paul Whitmore

HYMN

“Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming”

(See Insert)

Sung by our Senior Choir Soloists

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Laura Whitmore

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

People: **Thank you for our renewing gifts of encouragement, strength, healing and fresh possibilities – the tools for our life!**

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

People: **Help us to be people of bold courage, faith, justice and love; so together we can bring about Your kingdom here on earth. With faith, hope love and joy, we come to worship You!**

THE INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

GLORIA PATRI

Sung by our Senior Choir Soloists

*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

Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr, Student Minister

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

“The Gift of Each Day” *John Rutter*

**The gift of each day rising out of darkness;
The promise of light and the birth of new life,
The dawn of new hope and a new beginning
If we turn to the light.**

**The gift of each day stirring all around us;
The sights of the earth and sea and sky.
Forever fresh as the day we first saw them,
Forever new as creation's first day.**

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive these gifts, O God, as expressions of our gratitude and loving devotion. May they be used to multiply your love among us and all people. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

The measure you give will be the measure you get. *Matthew 7:2; Mark 4:24; Luke 6:38*

In everything do to others as you would have them do to you. *Matthew 7:12*

I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: therefore, be as wise as a serpent, and pure as a dove. *Matthew 10:16*

Whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it, and stay with him until you depart. As you enter the house, salute it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. *Matthew 10:11-14*

SERMON **“THE SCORPION, THE WOLF, AND THE PLANE.”** *Rev. Paul Whitmore*

HYMN **“O Beautiful For Spacious Skies”**
(See Insert) Sung by our Senior Choir Soloists

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE **“O Jesu, Sweet”** *Robert Leax*
Shannon Doyle & Leslie Uhl

POSTLUDE **“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”** *arr. Carter*



“FAITH AND FOOD” OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT EDUCATION SERIES Join our Student Minister, **Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr** along with First Church Windsor Associate Pastor, **Peter Kralovec-Kirchherr** (Ali's husband) as our Wednesday Night Adult Education Series continues on ZOOM. **Ali** and **Peter** will take you through this *Faith and Food* series featuring liturgies around food; food and food rituals; create your own grace workshop; new research on food ecology; and a kitchen cooking show challenge! Wednesdays January 13, 20 & 27 at 7:30 p.m.

A WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS: CREATING LASTING FAMILY CONNECTIONS We are excited to offer you the opportunity to participate in one of the most successful family enrichment programs in the nation. Led by long-time SCC friend and founder of the **A Chance to Dance** fundraiser, **Nancy Billington**. The *Creating Lasting Family Connections* workshop will include a focused exploration of: **Interpersonal communication skills; Expression of feelings and self-awareness; Effective strategies to strengthen family relationships**. Why? Research shows that clear and consistent messages from parents to be one of the most influential factors as teens make behavioral decisions regarding their school and social activities including alcohol and drug use. *Effective communications can reduce stress in families!* This workshop will be offered to SCC, along with our friends from Trinity Episcopal Church, as follows: Option 1- **Tuesdays at 10-11:30 a.m.** or Option 2- **Tuesdays at 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays Jan 12, Jan 19, Jan 26, Feb 2, Feb 9.** Please email the office by clicking [HERE](#) to let us know if you plan to join, Zoom credentials will then be provided.

WE THANK ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE PLEDGED TO OUR 2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN! The campaign is nearing its end, and we are getting closer to our goal of \$700k in pledges! We are hopeful that **we can achieve this goal, but only if we do it together!** So, **if you have yet to pledge, please consider doing so as soon as possible.** Please know that 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.

“THOUGHTS ON SCC” VIDEOS Be sure to check out this week’s video, featuring Raj Jaged, by clicking [HERE](#). Or you may also go to our Facebook and Instagram feeds where they are also posted.

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S GROUPS resumed on this past week. If you would like to join these discussion groups, please contact the [office](#). We will be meeting remotely until further notice.

WE THANK OUR SENIOR CHOIR SOLOISTS: Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle and Leslie Uhl for today’s beautiful music.

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# Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

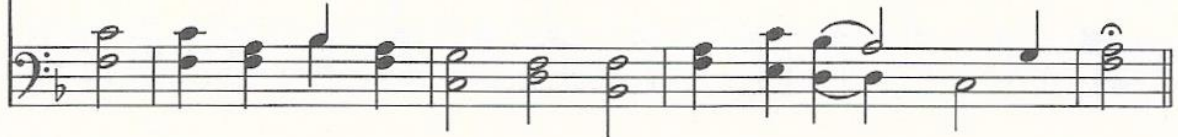
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German: anon., 15th century  
Tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934

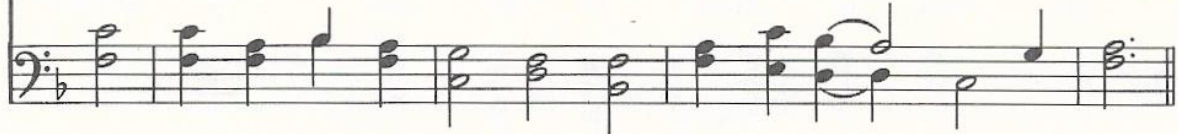
ES IST EIN' ROS' 7.6.7.6.6.7.6.  
German: Melody, 16th century  
Arr. by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621



1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The Rose I have in mind,



Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As men of old have sung.  
With Mar - y we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er kind.



It came, a flower - et bright, A - mid the cold of  
To show God's love a - right, She bore to men a



win - ter, When half spent was the night.  
Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.





# O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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Katharine Lee Bates, 1859-1929

MATERNA C.M.D.  
Samuel A. Ward, 1848-1903

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress  
3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,  
4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years

For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!  
Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!  
Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.  
Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.  
Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine.  
And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea. A - men.

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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 |

#### 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 |
| Kassandra 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 Waiksniis      | - 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-Quinn | - 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  |

#### 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 |

◊ Denotes Chairperson

+ Denotes Scribe

◦ Denotes Vice Chair

ALM Denotes "At Large Member"