



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 24, 2021, at ten o'clock

Youth Sunday

PRELUDE

“God Bless the Child” *Evans*

“Because” *Lennon/McCartney*

Elaine DeGrood, Piano

WELCOME

Aidan King

HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

(See Insert)

Youth Choir

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

John Pezzimenti

Leader: Jesus says, “I stand at the door and knock!” Will we open the door and answer the call?

People: **We will listen intently to hear Christ’s knock to come into our lives, and then we will fling open the door to welcome him in.**

Leader: Will we open the door to Christ’s love and message of justice for all? Will we take a stand against violence and the killing of children and youth? Will we move our nation toward the challenge of Christ’s peace for all?

People: **Our love is stronger than hate, our actions are stronger than violence, our promise to keep our children alive is stronger than our politics. We will work to stand strong to protect you and all of our children and bring peace to our daily lives.**

Leader: Come with open hearts and open minds and seek to serve with love in your hearts. Come with open eyes and open ears to see and hear all that God is showing and calling us to do!

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.*

SONG

“(What A) Wonderful World” *Sam Cook, Herb Alpert & Lou Adler*
Directed by Phillip Bettencourt

Channing Malkin, Kendall Caron-Quinn & Ellie Nickel

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Andre Mead

SOLO

“A Thousand Years” *Christina Perri & David Hodges*

Ava Pezzimenti

PASTORAL PRAYER

Lily Mattison

CALL TO OFFERING

Emily Best

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To **mail** us your offering or pledge, please send a check to:

Southport Congregational Church, PO Box 366, Southport, CT 06890.

Thank you!

OFFERTORY

“I Lived” *Ryan Tedder & Noel Zancanella*
Directed by Phillip Bettencourt

Youth Choir

Hope when you take that jump, you don't fear the fall.
Hope when the water rises, you build a wall.
Hope when the crowd screams out, they're screaming your name.
Hope if everybody runs, you choose to stay.

**Hope that you fall in love and it hurts so bad.
The only way you can know, you give it all you have.
And I hope that you don't suffer, but take the pain.
Hope when the moment comes, you'll say...**

I-I-I I did it all.

I-I-I I did it all.

**I owned every second that this world could give,
I saw so many places, the thing that I did,
Yeah, with every broken dream
I swear I lived.**

**Hope that you spend your days, that they all add up.
And when that sun goes down, hope you raise your cup.
I wish that I could witness all your joy and all your pain,
But until my moment comes, I'll say...**

I-I-I I did it all.

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UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

John Kleinbeck

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.

READING ON LOVE

"I am a Christian" *Maya Angelou*

Ella Conopask

ANTHEM

"Humble and Kind" *Lori McKenna*
Directed by Phillip Bettencourt

Youth Choir

**You know there's a light that glows by the front door
Don't forget the key's under the mat
When childhood stars shine: Always stay humble and kind.**

**Go to church 'cause your mama says to,
Visit grandpa every chance that you can
It won't be wasted time: Always stay humble and kind.**

**Hold the door, say please, say thank you
Don't steal, don't cheat and don't lie
I know you got mountains to climb,
But always stay humble and kind.
When the dreams you're dreamin' come to you,
When the work you put in is realized,
Let yourself feel the pride,
But always stay humble and kind.
Don't expect a free ride from no one,
Don't hold a grudge or a chip, and here's why
Bitterness keeps you from flyin': Always stay humble and kind.**

**Hold the door, say please, say thank you
Don't steal, don't cheat and don't lie
I know you got mountains to climb,
But always stay humble and kind.
When the dreams you're dreamin' come to you,
When the work you put in is realized,
Let yourself feel the pride,
But always stay humble and kind.**

**When it's hot, eat a root beer popsicle,
Shut off the AC and roll the windows down.
Let that summer sun shine: Always stay humble and kind.**

**Don't take for granted the love this life gives you,
When you get where you're goin' don't forget to turn back around
Help the next one in line: Always stay humble and kind.**

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13

Chloe Mattision

SERMON

“REFLECTIONS ON OUR LIVES AT SCC”

David Burton, Alex Joliet, Hannah Kleinbeck & Ava Pezzimenti

HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

(See Insert)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Laura Whitmore

POSTLUDE

“Hymme” *Vangelis*

Elaine DeGrood, Organ

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***WE THANK OUR SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP*** for leading us in today's special Youth Sunday!

***THE CAROUSEL IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF CHILDREN'S CLOTHING*** Please consider donating gently used children's clothing, in all sizes, that your family no longer needs. The Carousel will be working with the Missions Outreach Board to distribute to agencies whose clients are in need. Donations can be left outside of The Carousel. Thank you!

***"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 the Faith & Food Series concludes this week 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! Wednesday, January 27 at 7:30 p.m.

***CALL TO THE 178<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING*** Our 178<sup>th</sup> *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!

***2021 ANNUAL GIVING ~ WE NEED YOUR HELP!*** Thanks to all who have pledged so generously, we now have \$667k in 2021 pledges. We are getting closer to our goal of \$700k. **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](mailto:pdiprato@southportucc.org) or (203) 255-1594. Or click [HERE](#) for the Stewardship page on our website.

***MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GROUPS*** are on Zoom. These groups meet to discuss current events, spirituality, new psychological ideas and much more! The Men's and Women's Group discussions run parallel to one another, allowing for great conversation during the week. These groups are welcoming and supportive, if you haven't yet had a chance to join them, please do so. If you would like to join these discussion groups, please contact the [office](#). We will be meeting remotely until further notice.

***A WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS: CREATING LASTING FAMILY CONNECTIONS*** We are excited to offer this terrific program on strategies to help reduce stress in families. This national award-winning workshop, *Creating Lasting Family Connections*, is being offered to SCC and Trinity Episcopal Church parents, to learn effective strategies to strengthen your family's relationships -- especially with teens and pre-teens. **Tuesdays at 10-11:30 a.m. OR Tuesdays at 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays Jan 26, Feb 2, Feb 9.** Join these workshops on [Zoom](#).

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Amazing Grace!

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1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779; st. 4 anonymous
 MUSIC: Virginia Harmony, 1831; harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

NEW BRITAIN
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Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo- ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo- ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them, they turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro- vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

WORDS: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981
 MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. James Snyder, 1994

HERE I AM, LORD
 77.74 w. refrain

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Harmony

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

hold your peo-ple in my heart. heart.
 heart, in my heart.
 heart, in my heart.

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Youth Choir Director - Phillip Bettencourt · Assistant Youth Choir Director - Marnie Kruse

Soloists - Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle, Leslie Uhl · Custodian - Sydney Sinclair

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Ann Lillis	- 2023
Oladele Ogunsuyi	- 2023
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Betsy Gillespie	- 2023
Amy Cawman	- 2023
Katie Traynor	- 2023
Marney White	- 2023

CARING TEAM

Tamberlyn Chapman	Deacons
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Jeff Nickell	- 2021
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Jim Biggs	- 2022
Gary Johnson	- 2022
Joe Ryan	- 2022
Dave Stuart	- 2022
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Bridget Schulten	- 2023
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Amanda Marino	- 2023
Les Miller	- 2023

HISTORIAN

Sally Ijams	- 2021
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Beth Santa	Education
Elinor Biggs	Missions
Stephani Whittaker	Trustees

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+ Denotes Scribe

◦ Denotes Vice Chair

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