



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 31, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

“Larghetto” *From Symphony II, Beethoven*

Meredith Moore, French Horn and Elaine DeGrood, Piano

WELCOME

Rev. Laura Whitmore

HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty” (vv.1-3)

Senior Choir

(See Insert)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr, Student Minister

Leader: What a joy it is that we can gather as a congregation of love and faith! As we celebrate our life together and as we celebrate all of God's gifts that fill our lives, let us sing, rejoice, and give thanks!

People: **For God has come to us in Jesus Christ to make us whole, and make us new!**

Leader: Let us give thanks for His presence that brings peace, unity, compassion and joy.

People: **In our worship, may we receive God's abundant love, light, and strength for this moment, and for all of our days. Let us arise and shine, for our light has come!**

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

Julie Center, 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

“Reach Out To Your Neighbor” *Copeland*

Beau Allen, Soloist

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord of all being, we raise our voices in thanksgiving for all the marvelous gifts you bring, and we ask you to bless these gifts that we share. Help us to celebrate all your gifts so we may thank you in song, in prayer, in word and deed, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:15-21 New Century Version Italics added

Jesus said to them, “Be careful and guard against all kinds of greed. The value of life is not based on how much one owns.”

Then Jesus told this story: “There was a rich man who had some land, which yielded a good crop. He thought to himself, ‘What will I do? I have no place to keep all of my yield!’

Then he thought, ‘I know what I’ll do: I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I’ll store all my grain and my other goods. *Then* – I’ll finally be able to say to myself, “I have enough good things to last for many years. *Now* I’ll rest, eat, drink, and be merry!”

“But God said to him, ‘You foolish man! Tonight your soul is required of you; so now who will get those things you have stored up for yourself?’”

“This is how it will be for those who gather too much for themselves and are not rich toward God.”

SERMON

“WHAT MATTERS MOST”

Rev. Paul Whitmore

SONG

“A Gaelic Blessing” *John Rutter*

Senior Choir

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Air” *from Water Music, Handel*

Meredith Moore, French Horn and Elaine DeGrood, Organ

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**EMPLOYMENT NETWORKING EVENT FOR ALL**, our Wednesday Night Adult Education Series Continues! Churches are a wonderful place of fellowship and community and networking events are used by people in a wide variety of fields as an exchange of information and ideas so when you put the two together, you get an event to help our church members navigate the unsteady waves of unemployment that are rocking our nation. **Rev. Paul Whitmore** invites everyone: those who are currently working, those who have recently become unemployed, and those who have recently re-gained employment, to join him for a compassionate, uplifting, and supportive time to share recent success stories and to help each other navigate these difficult employment times. Bring your best practices to share with your SCC Family! Wednesday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m. Join us on ZOOM by clicking [HERE](#) to participate (please do not click until the event is about to start.)

**40 DAYS OF DELIGHTS WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES:** Lent is around the corner and we have a lot of spiritual and educational events planned! To prepare our children, Rev. Laura Whitmore and Julie Center will be hosting a "40 Days of Delights" workshop for families on **February 7th at 11:30 a.m.** Similar to the Advent Family Calendar project, families will create a calendar of the 40 days of Lent with each day having a different positive message to focus on. Look for more details in the Newsletter, but mark your calendars today!

**2021 ANNUAL GIVING ~ WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Thanks to all who have pledged so generously, we now have \$690k 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.

**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!

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS** Now that our Christmas tree is down we will resume having flowers on the altar each week, if you would like to donate altar flowers we would be very appreciative. Please contact Pam Poling: [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org).

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.

"Stralsund Gesangbuch," 1665

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wón-drous-ly reign-eth,
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend thee;
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal-va-tion!
 Shel-ters thee un-der his wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-tain-eth!
 Sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-tend thee.
 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore him.

All ye who hear, Now to his tem-ple draw near;
 Hast thou not seen How thy de-sires e'er have been
 Pon-der a-new What the Al-might-y can do,
 Let the A-men Sound from his peo-ple a-gain:

Join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
 Grant-ed in what he or-dain-eth?
 If with his love he be-friend thee.
 Glad-ly for aye we a-dore him. 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

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
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 Waiksnsis	- 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
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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
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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"