



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

April 4, 2021, at nine o'clock

Easter Sunday

PRELUDE

Selected Works

“Magnificat Primi Toni” *J. Pachelbel/King*

Steve Perrett and Gretchen Perret, Trumpets

Meredith Moore, French Horn

Anthony DeQuattro, Tympani

Tyler Miller, Euphonium

Elaine DeGrood, Organ

WELCOME

Rev. Laura Whitmore

HYMN

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia! Amen.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Julie Center, Student Minister

Leader: This is a day of great celebration!

People: Easter is here! Christ is risen!

Leader: We feel His presence within us and among us in the energy of our gathering.

People: The living spirit of Christ has called us from our homes and from our lives, to be together as a vital and joyful community of faith.

Leader: We come to be lifted; to be loved; to be encouraged, and to be strengthened.

People: And we come to uplift, love, encourage and strengthen one another – with our love reignited; our souls renewed; and our faith stirred to new life – as we step into the presence, mystery and joy of this Easter day. Now and forever more!

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

Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr, Student Minister

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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.*

ANTHEM

“Heavenly Sunlight”

Junior, Teen & Alumni Choir

Words by: H.J. Zelle, Music by: George Harrison Cook, Arranged by: Mark Hayed

Music Directed by: *Phillip Bettencourt*, Sound Designed by: *Johnathan Bauerfeld*

Film Editing by: *Dylan Tonken*



HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection”

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over, With hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see a right
The Lord in rays eternal, Of resurrection light;
And, listening to his accents, May hear so calm and plain
His own “All hail,” and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph, And all that is there-in;
Let all things seen and unsee, Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy that hath no end. Amen.**

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

“Hallelujah Chorus” *Handel*

Senior Choir, Trumpets and Tympani

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we come with our offerings in response to your love. With the new life we find in the risen Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. Receive the work we do and the gifts we bring, that they may be a blessing in your sight. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

When [Jesus] rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene....

She went and told those who had been with him, as *they mourned and wept.* But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, *they would not believe it.* After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but *they did not believe them.*

Afterward he appeared to the eleven [disciples] themselves as they sat at table...

(Mark 16:9-14)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, *the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear...* Jesus came and stood among them and said to them...“Peace be with you.”

(John 20:19)

...[then] *he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen.*

(Mark 14b)

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. **Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.**

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And **when he said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.**

(John 20:20-22)

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.

And *they went forth and preached everywhere,* while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it.

(Mark 16:15,20)

SERMON

“EASTER PRESENCE. AND ABSENCE.”

Rev. Paul Whitmore

CLOSING HYMN

“Thine Is The Glory”

**Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment, Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes, Where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o’er death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom;
Let His church with gladness, Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o’er death hast won.**

**No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan To thy home above.
Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o’er death hast won. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Christ is Risen”

Senior Choir

POSTLUDE

“My Spirit Be Joyful” J.S. Bach/Smith

Brass, Tympani and Organ

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***WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY!*** We are thrilled we can be together in person to celebrate this very special day! ***Please remember to observe social distancing guidelines and wear your mask.***

**USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY** are Deacons Jeffrey Earls, Sadhana Joliet, Anne Lillis, Andrew Malkin, Oladele Ogunsuyi and Joe Pezzimenti.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GREET OUR MINSTERS FOLLOWING TODAY'S SERVICE** they will be at the Memorial Garden - please remember we will be following social distancing guidelines and wearing masks.

**EASTER LILY CONTRIBUTIONS** If you would like to bring home the Easter Lily plant(s) you contributed for our Easter services, you may pick them up today after 12:00 p.m., or, we will leave them outside the Church Office door tomorrow. If you would like to donate them to members of our congregation and community who may be alone this holiday, we will deliver them later today. Thank you for your contributions!

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP WILL CONTINUE EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M.** We look forward to worshipping together again in our Sanctuary. Reservations will be required in advance.

**RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE by TELEPHONE ONLY PLEASE – by calling the church office at 203-255-1594, during regular business hours between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.**

**LUMINARY LABYRINTH WALK** Join Student Minister, Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr, for a **Luminary Labyrinth Walk at SCC this Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.** Come to meditate and pray silently as you journey to the center of the labyrinth, an ancient spiritual practice. Information cards will be provided so that you can best enjoy your journey. **Join us in our front parking lot between 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.** Social distancing and masks will be required.

**IN-PERSON CHURCH SCHOOL RESUMES TODAY** Church School for children ages three through Grade 8 will meet at The Barn every Sunday during worship. Please drop off students at the Barn before the start of worship. **MIDDLE SCHOOL CHURCH SCHOOL** will resume with Mrs. Jameson on April 25<sup>th</sup> - until then, Middle School youth are welcome to attend at the Barn.

**CHERUB CHOIR RESUMES IN-PERSON ON APRIL 11** All Cherubs are invited to join Miss Marnie and come in-person to Cherub Choir rehearsals in the Barn from 9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings!

**OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT EDUCATION SERIES RESUMES APRIL 21** with a two-part series led by our Student Minister, Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr as she nears the end of her time at SCC and progresses toward hopeful Ordination. Join us for **All About Seminary, CPE and The Road to Ordination** on **Wednesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m.** and **A Mock Ecclesiastical Council** on **Wednesday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.**

**WE THANK THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM TEAM** Parker Whitmore and Trevor Uhl for their help during today's livestreamed service!

**WE THANK OUR SENIOR CHOIR, JUNIOR, TEEN & ALUMNI CHOIR AND BRASS AND TYMPANI FOR TODAY'S SPECIAL MUSIC**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, MONDAY, APRIL 5**  
We will back in the office Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

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Memorial and Honorary Easter Lilies and Decorations



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Barbara Abbott in honor of all who have given so much this past difficult year.

Marivonne Basten & Peter Britton in memory of Jack, Claire and Jon Basten.

Grace Berg in honor of the Covid-19 workers and volunteers.

Phillip Bettencourt & Jared Dworken in memory of Marianne Challis.

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Jim & Elinor Biggs, in honor of Paul & Laura Whitmore and the entire SCC staff, with great appreciation for everyone's extra effort and thoughtfulness throughout these challenging Covid times.

Sharon Blackburn, in loving memory of David.

Vanessa Bruder in memory of Peter Foote.

Jim & Debbie Burns in loving memory of their parents, Jim & Marg Burns, and Bob & Sona Current.

Tamberlyn Chapman and Family in loving memory of Elmer & Eleanor Burt (aka Mimi & Puppi).

Debbie Eck in honor of her new grandson, Walter Ludlow Eck.

The Essig Family in honor of Southport Congregational Church and its community, our family and our friends.

Anne Estelle in memory of Weems Estelle.

Anne Estelle in honor of Barbara Wendt.

Brad & Barbara Evans in memory of JoAnn Runk and in honor of her loving family.

Doug & Katie Goodman in memory of deceased family members.

The Graham Family in loving memory of Pamela Hunt Wombles.

Courtenay Hardy and Chris Della Rocca in loving memory of Steven Della Rocca, Blaise Courtenay Hardy, and Elva Mary Florrid Hardy.

David & Kathryn Hardy in memory of loved ones.

Leslie M. Hardy and Family in memory of Myron P. Hardy.

Joyce Hergenhan in loving memory of her parents, John & Goldie Hergenhan.

David Huntington in loving memory of Joan Huntington.

David Huntington in loving memory of his parents, David H.S. Huntington & Catherine D. Huntington, and Joan's parents, Douglas C. Stewart & Josephine H. Stewart.

Ann Lillis in memory of Jim Lillis.

Ann Lillis in honor of her grandsons, Owen, Conor and Patrick.

Ray, Nancy, Emily, Leslie and Jude Long in loving memory of Warren T. Long.

Sara L. MacAllaster and David S. MacAllaster in loving memory of Barbara Torrey MacAllaster.

Ellery & Andrew Malkin in memory of John Stokes.

Ellery & Andrew Malkin in honor of Liz Handlin.

Robin Marshlow in honor of all the workers who kept us going through the pandemic.

Pat Matteson in honor of Dorothy Ely, Pat's mother, who celebrates her 101st birthday this week.

Deb Menich in memory of her mother Dolores Menich, "Nana" to Chelsea, Andrew and Stephanie McCarthy.

The Merchant Family in loving memory of Matt, Rosemary & Chuck Merchant, and Helen & Jack Morrow.

Elaine Milone in memory of Jeri Skinner, one great lady and one great friend, she will be missed.

Skip Morse in memory of Eleanor Peters Morse.

Skip Morse in memory of Marian & Murray Morse.

Hedy Mosier in loving memory of her parents, Karl & Liesel Zimmermann - miss you both!

Jennie & Devin Murphy and Family in memory of Patricia Ashurkoff, Alice & Tom Falvey, and Nicholas Tierney.

The Palmer Family in honor of the wonderful SCC Family for all their love, support and prayers.

Kellie, Stephen and Liam Panus in loving memory of Jake Panus.

Elizabeth Parady in memory of her father, Ron Parady.

Traci & Jeff Provost in honor of the Whitmores and all of the wonderful church staff for going above and beyond to keep us connected and spiritually grounded during the last year.

Traci & Jeff Provost in memory of Jim & Norma Wiser and Joan Huntington.

Howard & Judy Reynolds with thanks for Easter Blessings!

The Root Family in memory of John & Jeri Skinner.

Frank Root and Family in memory of Victoria Bruck.

Frank Root, Lonnie & Ashley Root and Family, and Abby & Ben Mulgrew in memory of Marianne Challis.

The Ryan Family in loving memory of William Ryan and in honor of Lynn & Susan Rotando.

Our Senior High Youth Group in loving memory of Jake Panus.

Ann Shaw in loving memory of John Shaw.

The Smith Family in honor and love of Jeff, Jenn and Stacey, and in memory of Rod.

Serena Smith in loving memory of her mom, Metta B. Beach.

The Spaght Family in memory of Monroe & Elizabeth Spaght, and Charles & Thelma Unger.

Polly & Stuart Tilghman in honor of Laura & Paul and our SCC community who kept us all connected during this difficult year.

Linda Tors in memory of Frank & Ann Stromgren, and Christopher Tors.

Roger & Anita True in memory of Marjorie and Charles True.

Leslie, Trevor, Carter, Charlie and Amelia Uhl in memory of Leslie's father, George Leeman.

The Verrengia Family in memory of William and Virginia Berry.

The Waiksnis Family in memory of Mary (Mimi) Favata, their loving mom and grandma.

Peggy Welter in loving memory of her parents, John & Esther Welter.

***Peggy Welter** in honor of our ministers, our musicians and our technical crew for keeping us all together over this last year.*

***Dwight & Carol Wheeler** in memory of Virginia and Frank Hayes, and Phyllis and Henry Wheeler.*

***Paul, Laura, Scott, Aleigha, Audra and Parker Whitmore** in memory of Scott & Audrey Hutchinson.*

***Paul, Laura, Scott, Aleigha, Audra and Parker Whitmore** in memory of Jamie Skelton.*

***Paul, Laura, Scott, Aleigha, Audra and Parker Whitmore** in memory of Edwin & Betty Belle Whitmore.*

***Laura & Packer Wilbur** with great gratitude for our health and vaccinations!*

***Peter & Rena Wiswell** in memory of Annie and family.*

***Gene & Bonnie Yanosy** in honor of their eight grandchildren and soon to arrive great-grandchild.*

***Margee Zellers** in memory of her parents, Jack & Peg Zellers.*

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CHURCH STAFF:

Senior Minister - Paul D. Whitmore Associate Minister - Rev. Laura H. Whitmore
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 Pfeiffer	Clerk
Joyce Hergenhan	ALM
Patti Spaght	ALM
Paul Doocy	ALM
Sydney King	ALM
Susan Kunkel	Carousel
Marjory Palmer	Deacons
Denise Caron-Quinn	Deacons
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

Jennifer O'Neill ◊
Paul Doocy
Hank Greer
Cindy Jackson
Adrienne MacGuffie
Les Miller
Dave Stuart

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Tim O'Neill ◊	- 2022
Greg Berg	- 2022
Devin Santa	- 2022
Mike Tanguay	- 2022
Stuart Tilghman	- 2022
Ellen Levinson	- 2023
Erno Bacso	- 2024
Ron Manning	- 2024
Jim Vadas	- 2024

BED FUND COMMITTEE

Bridget Schulten ◊	Oladele Ogunsuyi
Deacons	
Sherry Greer	Missions

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Beth Santa ◊	- 2022
Kristin Hathaway	- 2022
Melissa Ogunsuyi	- 2022
Jo Anne Parady	- 2022
Leslie Uhl	- 2022
Christina Whittaker Haas	- 2023
Katie Keiser	- 2023
Erik Mayville	- 2023
Ellery Malkin	- 2024
Laura McClay	- 2024
Cari Pfeiffer	- 2024
Kassandra Savicki	- 2024

PRESCHOOL BOARD

Laura Amicucci	Director
Paul DiPrato	Treasurer
Elinor Biggs	- 2022
Rebecca Mallay	- 2022
Sharon Keiser	- 2023
Jess Miller ◊	- 2023
Leslie Uhl	- 2023
Barbara Evans	- 2024
Amy Sperrazza	- 2024
Kristin Hathaway	BOCE Rep.
Katie Holley	Parent Rep.
Stephani Whittaker	Trustees Rep.

MISSION OUTREACH BOARD

Lisa Doocy	- 2022
Elinor Biggs	- 2022
Mary Lou McGuire +	- 2022
Linda Murphy	- 2022
Andrea Pezzimenti	- 2022
Sherry Greer ◊	- 2023
Tyler Hathaway	- 2023
Kirk Jackson	- 2023
Bob MacGuffie	- 2023
Liz Waiksniis	- 2023
Barbara Evans	- 2023
Karen Jones	- 2024
Hedy Mosier	- 2024
Traci Provost	- 2024
Peggy Stuart	- 2024
Craig Gillespie	- 2024
Leahkay White	- 2024

BOARD OF DEACONS

Denise Caron-Quinn	- 2022
Leah Davis	- 2022
Katie Traynor	- 2022
Andrew Malkin	- 2023
Marjory Palmer ◊	- 2023
Jeff Provost	- 2023
Jeffrey Earls	- 2024
Ann Lillis	- 2024
Oladele Ogunsuyi	- 2024
Tamberlyn Chapman	- 2025
Sadhana Joliet +	- 2025
Joe Pezzimenti	- 2025

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Dwight Holmberg ◊	- 2022
Doug Goodman	- 2022
Laura Wilbur	- 2022
Irene Santa	- 2023
Peary Spaght	- 2023
Jack Ijams	- 2024
Ruth Merchant	- 2024
Ed Sanford	- 2024
Jeff Provost	Deacon Liaison

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Carol Lasseter-Rice	- 2022
Ann Lillis	- 2022
Hedy Mosier	- 2022
Jean Schluter	- 2022
Robin Marshlow	- 2023
Traci Provost	- 2023
Erika Wright	- 2023
Amy Cawman	- 2024
Katie Traynor	- 2024
Marney White	- 2024

CARING TEAM

Tamberlyn Chapman	Deacons
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tim Stuart ◊	- 2022
Jeff Nickell	- 2022
Stephani Whittaker	- 2022
Jim Biggs	- 2023
Gary Johnson	- 2023
Joe Ryan	- 2023
Dave Stuart	- 2023
Katia Mead	- 2024
Bridget Schulten	- 2024
Trevor Uhl, Treasurer	- 2022
Tim O'Neill, B&G Liaison	- 2022

CAROUSEL THRIFT SHOP

Doug Goodman	- 2022
Gloria Miller	- 2022
Susan Kunkel ◊	- 2023
Janet Sherwood	- 2023
Karen MacDonald	- 2024
Nancy Pandolfi	- 2024
Les Miller	- 2024

HISTORIAN

Sally Ijams	- 2022
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LAY DELEGATE

Les Miller	- 2022
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FLOWER COMMITTEE

Leah Davis	Deacon Liaison
Pam Poling	Staff Liaison

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Patti Spaght ◊	Council
Paul Doocy	Council
Joyce Hergenhan	Council
Sydney King	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"