



# *Southport Congregational Church*

*United Church of Christ*

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## **THE SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

February 28, 2021, at ten o'clock

*Annual Meeting Sunday*

PRELUDE

**“Everlasting Love”**

**“Bach’s Aria in A”** *arr. Marilyn Ham Elaine DeGrood, Piano*

WELCOME

*Rev. Paul Whitmore*

HYMN

**“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest.  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.**

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Julie Center, Student Minister*

**Leader:** We arrive in this moment, knowing we are arriving home to God, to each other, and to our truest selves – designed for worship, for love, for prayer.

**People:** **We arrive in this moment to feel and to seek God's presence in our lives.**

**Leader:** We arrive to draw near to God, to listen for God's voice,

**People:** **To open our ears to hear, and our hearts to sense God's intention.**

**Leader:** Immersed in this community of faith, we are blessed that as we arrive, we are met by God's presence, made manifest through our love.

**People:** **In thankfulness and joy, let us now worship and pray, committing our fullest selves to the celebration of life and to the care of all God's people.**

## 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

*Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr, Student Minister*

### SONG

**“Rise ‘N Shine”** *Traditional*

*Cherub Choir Quartet: Ava Kaiser, Lily Kaiser, Michela Messina and Amelia Uhl*

*Accompanist: Maggie Kruse, Ukelele*

*Directed by: Marnie Kruse*

**The Lord told Noah, “There’s gonna be a floody, floody”**

**The Lord told Noah, “There’s gonna be a floody, floody”**

**Get those animals out of the muddy, muddy**

**Children of the Lord**

***Refrain***

**So rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory**

**Rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory**

**Rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory**

**Children of the Lord**

**The Lord told Noah to build him an arky, arky  
The Lord told Noah to build him an arky, arky  
Build it out of gopher barky, barky  
Children of the Lord**

**The animals, the animals, they came in by twosies, twosies  
The animals, the animals, they came in by twosies, twosies  
Elephants and kangaroosies, roosies  
Children of the Lord**

**It rained, and poured, for forty daysies, daysies  
It rained, and poured, for forty daysies, daysies  
Almost drove those animal crazies, crazies  
Children of the Lord**

**The sun came out, and dried up the landy, landy  
The sun came out, and dried up the landy, landy  
Everything was fine and dandy, dandy  
Children of the Lord**

**The animals they came off, they came off by threesies, threesies  
The animals they came off, they came off by threesies, threesies  
Grizzly bears and chimpanzee-sies, zee-sies**

**That is the end of, the end of my story, story  
That is the end of, the end of my story, story  
Everything is hunky dory, dory  
Children of the Lord**

*Refrain*

PASTORAL PRAYER

*Rev. Laura Whitmore*

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

**“Here I am Lord”** *arr, Schutte*

*Senior Choir*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Our loving God, throughout the ages, you have inspired us, and guided us, to offer tangible help and hope to others. As we do so today, we ask for your blessing, that these gifts may be an instrument of your will, bringing light and love to those in need. With our love and gratitude, this we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

*(see insert after POSTLUDE)*

*Philippians 4:1,4-9,11b-13*

SERMON

**“I CAN DO ALL THINGS!”**

*Rev. Paul Whitmore*

SONG

**“Peace”** *Music by Peary Spaght*

*Senior Choir*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**“Rondo”** *Yeager*

*Elaine DeGroot*



**“I CAN DO ALL THINGS!”**

*Philippians 4:1,4-9,11b-13*

**My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord...[And in this way] rejoice in the Lord always; and again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. And do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer, with humble pleas and with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

**And finally, beloved:**

**whatever is true,  
whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just,  
whatever is pure,  
whatever is pleasing,  
whatever is commendable,  
if there is any excellence  
and if there is anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things.**

**And keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – and the God of peace will be with you.**

**...I have learned to be content in whatever state I am.**

**I know how to be abased,  
and I know how to abound.**

**In any and all circumstances**

**I have learned the secret  
of facing plenty –  
and hunger,  
abundance and want.**

**I can do all things through Christ  
who strengthens me.**

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***OUR 178<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING WILL FOLLOW WORSHIP TODAY*** Please click the **ZOOM LINK [HERE](#)**, and ***The Annual Report [HERE](#)***. We encourage you to join us as we 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. This is an informative meeting, please join us to celebrate this past year and plan for 2021!

***TONIGHT! STARR CHIEF EAGLE ~ Lakota Teacher and Professional Hoop Dancer*** Starr will be joining us **live on Zoom tonight at 7:30 p.m.** The entire Church Family is invited to hear Starr talk about Lakota history, culture and spirituality and perform the sacred hoop dance. Please find the **ZOOM LINK** in today's e-bulletin blast. Click [here](#) to learn more about Starr Chief Eagle.

***CHRISTIAN MYSTICS-PART 2: TERESA OF AVILA AND THE INTERIOR CASTLE***  
Our Wednesday night Adult Education series continues this week on **March 3 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom with Rev. Laura Whitmore.**

***HELP US REACH 1,000 SUBSCRIBERS!*** We are **only 363 subscribers away** from our goal of 1,000 subscribers to our YouTube Channel, Livestream SCC. Why is this important? Once reach 1,000 subscribers, YouTube will open up streaming opportunities for us that will help us and enrich the programs that we share with you! Simply click **[HERE](#)** to be brought to our channel, click the red **SUBSCRIBE** button and we will be one person closer to our goal. Then, send this request along to your friends and family members and ask them to do the same! NO account is needed to do this and you **WILL NOT** be receiving any further emails about it from YouTube.

***OUR 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT "Life in a Snippet"*** will be held on **March 12** (5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) and **March 13** (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) In order to participate, you must **Pre-Register by, or on, Sunday, March 7** by calling or emailing the Church Office. This will be a hybrid weekend with some activities occurring only In-Person and others only Zoom. If you did not receive an e-mail yesterday with all the details, please contact the Church Office.

***SCC CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH:*** Be sure to check out our **[website](#)** for several recent sermons and recommended videos we watched in our discussion groups in honor of Black History Month.

***THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS*** are given in celebration of our congregation as we come together for our 178<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting by the Flower Committee.

***WE THANK TODAY'S SINGERS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC!*** It is always wonderful to have our **Senior Choir** with us, and always a special treat to have music from our **Cherub Choir Quartet: Ava Kaiser, Lily Kaiser, Michela Messina and Amelia Uhl**, accompanied by **Maggie Kruse** on the Ukelele and directed by **Marnie Kruse**. Thank you for sharing you music with us!

***ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED!*** If you would like to donate altar flowers, we would be very appreciative. Arrangements are needed for March 7 and March 14. Please contact Pam Poling: [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org)

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*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  
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 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-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"