



Southport Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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Rev. Paul Whitmore, Senior Minister

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THE SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

March 7, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

“O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free” *arr. Helvy*

Elaine DeGrood, Piano

WELCOME

Rev. Laura Whitmore

HYMN

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

**I sing the mighty power of God, That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies.**

**I sing the wisdom that ordained, The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, And all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word, And then pronounced them good.**

**Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the sky!**

**There's not a plant or flower below, But makes thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempest blow, By order from thy throne,
While all that borrows life from thee, Is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there. Amen.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr, Student Minister

Leader: We hunger, God of Abundant Life, for your voice in our lives.

People: We come hoping to find companionship for the journey.

Leader: We thirst for places to bring our doubts, our fears; places to express honestly who we are.

People: We thirst for hope and encouragement as we struggle to follow Jesus in the way of soul-deep love.

Leader: With the gift of your grace, we are nourished.

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

Rev. Laura Whitmore

PASTORAL PRAYER

Julie Center, Student Minister

CALL TO OFFERING

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To: **73256** Message: **Sptccgiving Pledge \$___**

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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

“You Raise Me Up” with **“Be Still My Soul”** *arr, Schutte*

Senior Choir Soloists

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, accept these gifts as offerings of our thanks and praise. May this tangible love be a witness to the refreshment and renewal that we find in you and in one another. Amen.

SCRIPTURE *(see insert after POSTLUDE)*

SERMON **“LIVING 1000%”** *Rev. Paul Whitmore*

COMMUNION
(Please take the elements in unison with the Ministers.)

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE **“The Peace of God”** *John Rutter* *Senior Choir Soloists*

POSTLUDE **“Hymn of Joy”** *arr. Helvy* *Elaine DeGrood, Piano*

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# LIVING 1000%

March 7, 2021

**“I came so that you may have life, and have it abundantly”**

*Jesus Christ  
John 10:10*

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Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take,
but by the moments
that take our breath away.

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Life should not be a journey to the grave  
with the intention of arriving safely  
in a pretty and well-preserved body,  
but rather –  
skidding in broadside in a cloud of smoke,  
thoroughly used up,  
totally worn out,  
and loudly proclaiming "Wow! What a Ride!"

*Hunter S. Thompson*

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Somebody should tell us, right at the start of our lives, that we are dying.
Then we might live life to the limit,
every minute of every day.
Do it! I say.
Whatever you want to do, do it now!
There are only so many tomorrows.

Pope Paul VI



Life is a game, play it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is an opportunity, capture it.

Mother Theresa

The saddest, and most preventable, reflections on life are contained in three statements:

Could have, Might have, and Should have.

Louis E. Boone

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Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you did *not* do,  
than by the things you did.

*Mark Twain*

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Quit hanging on to the handrails . . . Let go.

Surrender.

Go for the ride of your life.

Do it every day.

Melody Beattie



Fear not, for I am with you;
Do not anxiously look about you,
For I am your God.
I will strengthen you,
Surely I will help you,
Surely I will uphold you.

Isaiah 41:10

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Be bold, and mighty forces will come to your aid.  
In the past, whenever I had fallen short in almost any undertaking,  
It was seldom because I had tried and failed.  
It was because I had let fear of failure stop me from trying at all.

*Arthur Gordon*



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Some Helpful Things To Remember Along The Way. . .

Just because you are genuinely living your fullest life,
and listening for and
following God's design to the best of your abilities,

Doesn't Mean:

*That you are always going to feel elated/happy every moment

*That you are not going to struggle

*That people are going to understand

*That your path is always going to be clear to you

*That you are not going to have to deal with conflict

*That people are not going to challenge you – sometimes tremendously

*That you will not get ill

*That you will live forever

*That you will not seriously question and wrestle with:

“Am I doing the right thing?” “Is this what I'm supposed to be doing?”

“Am I hearing/sensing God correctly?” It requires regularly/constantly
checking in with God and asking regularly – “Am I hearing/sensing you right?”

“Is there something else/different that I should be hearing/sensing?”

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Enjoy the little things in life  
- for one day you may look back  
and realize they were the big things.

*Robert Breault*

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All life is an experiment.
The more experiments you make, the better.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

THIS WEEK'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT EDUCATION SERIES ON THE CHRISTIAN MYSTICS FEATURES HILDEGARD OF BINGEN "Be not lax in celebrating. Be not lazy in the festive service of God. Be ablaze with enthusiasm. Let us be an alive, incandescent offering before the altar." - *Hildegard von Bingen*. Ready to meet Hildegard von Bingen, a 12th century Benedictine nun, one of only four female doctors of the Church, and widely thought to be the first recognized female theologian? Join our **Student Minister, Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr**, this **Wednesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom**, as she shares her own enthusiasm for St. Hildegard.

OUR 10TH 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 today!** Please call or email the Church Office. This will be a hybrid weekend, with some activities occurring only In-Person but all of them on Zoom! If you have not received an e-mail with all the details, please let us know.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESUMES on EASTER SUNDAY! Just as Christ brings new life and rebirth, our doors will be flung open to welcome you back for in-person worship! Join us for one of the following: **7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service** at Sasco Beach led by our Confirmands, **9:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary** with special music with Timpani, Brass and our Choir, or **11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary** with special music with Timpani, Brass and our Choir. The 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services will be presented in the same manner. Church School for 3 year olds through Grade 8 will be held outside, during both services - children should go directly to the Barn for Church School! Our 9:00 service will also be livestreamed. **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 up until April 1.**

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Elinor, Jim, Andrew, Betsey and Charley Biggs, in loving memory of Whitney Biggs.

WE THANK THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM TEAM Parker Whitmore and Hannah Kleinbeck for all of their work behind the scenes!

WE THANK OUR SENIOR CHOIR SOLOISTS Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle and Leslie Uhl for today's beautiful music!

ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED! If you would like to donate altar flowers, we would be very appreciative. Arrangements are needed for March 14 and March 21. Please contact Pam Poling: ppoling@southportucc.org

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Youth Choir Director - Phillip Bettencourt · Assistant Youth Choir Director - Marnie Kruse
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Patti Spaght	ALM
Paul Doocy	ALM
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Marjory Palmer	Deacons
Denise Caron-Quinn	Deacons
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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
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Mike Tanguay	- 2022
Stuart Tilghman	- 2022
Ellen Levinson	- 2023
Erno Bacso	- 2024
Ron Manning	- 2024
Jim Vadas	- 2024

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Sherry Greer	Missions

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Katie Holley	Parent Rep.
Stephani Whittaker	Trustees Rep.

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Elinor Biggs	- 2022
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Kirk Jackson	- 2023
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Barbara Evans	- 2023
Karen Jones	- 2024
Hedy Mosier	- 2024
Traci Provost	- 2024
Peggy Stuart	- 2024
Craig Gillespie	- 2024
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Jeffrey Earls	- 2024
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Joe Pezzimenti	- 2025

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Amy Cawman	- 2024
Katie Traynor	- 2024
Marney White	- 2024

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Tamberlyn Chapman Deacons

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Gary Johnson	- 2023
Joe Ryan	- 2023
Dave Stuart	- 2023
Katia Mead	- 2024
Bridget Schulten	- 2024
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Sally Ijams - 2022

LAY DELEGATE

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Sydney King	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"