



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 11, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

“Cantabile” *Tchaikovsky*

Elaine DeGrood, Organ

WELCOME

Rev. Paul 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 of flower below, But makes thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests 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

Rev. Laura Whitmore

Leader: Gathering as an Easter people, we celebrate this day as another one filled with the love of Christ – who is alive, present, and active within us, through us and among us!

People: **We Thank you God, for this time that we set aside - to turn our life to you, And to soften our anxieties,**

Leader: to savor Your grace, And to feel the rhythm of Your creation.

People: **to love our neighbors, and to treasure all aspects of the life that You have given!**

ALL: **May we approach You, our life, ourselves and others, with gratitude, reverence, love, joy and prayer.**

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.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

SOLO

"I Wonder As I Wander" *arr. Hayes*

Beau Allen, Soloist

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:

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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

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” *arr. Bunjes*

Beau Allen and Shannon Doyle, Soloists

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With the new life we find in the risen Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. May you receive the work that we do and the gifts that we bring, as a blessing in your service. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. *1 John 1:1-4 (from the epistle 1 John)*

"At the end of the day, we're all just walking each other home."

Ram Dass

SERMON

“THE THINGS I’LL NEVER FORGET”

Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr, Student Minister

HYMN

“Breathe On Me, Breath Of God”

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love, And do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will To do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me Glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life Of thine eternity. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“May The Road Rise Up To Meet You” *arr. Williams*

POSTLUDE

“Christ The Lord Is Risen, Alleluia!” *arr. Whitworth*

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***WELCOME BACK TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP!*** We are thrilled to be worshipping together again! Please remember to observe social distancing guidelines and wear masks at all times, thank you.

***RESERVATIONS FOR IN-PERSON*** will be required in advance of all in-person worship services. **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.**

***IN-PERSON CHURCH SCHOOL CONTINUES*** 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.

***OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT EDUCATION RESUMES APRIL 21*** Join us for 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. The first part of the series ***All About Seminary, CPE and The Road to Ordination*** will be held **Wednesday, April 21** at 7:30 p.m. Then, join us for part two, a ***Mock Ecclesiastical Council***. This is the larger church body's chance to ask Ali questions about her vision of ministry, her theology, and what she would do in given situations. Join us **Wednesday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.** for this “practice round,” both for Ali, and for us as a church. This is something akin to a PhD dissertation defense, so bring your questions and don't hold back! Join us on Zoom.

***THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING*** are in honor of Ali with appreciation and affection from our loving congregation.

***WE THANK THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM TEAM*** Mike Messina, Caroline Graham and Hannah Kleinbeck for their help with the livestreaming of today's service!

***USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY*** are Deacons Tamberlyn Chapman and Joe Pezzimenti.

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CHURCH STAFF:

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Student Minister – Ali Marie Kralovec-Kirchherr · Student Minister – Julie Center
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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

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Patti Spaght	ALM
Paul Doocy	ALM
Sydney King	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

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Les Miller
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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

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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

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Paul DiPrato	Treasurer
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Rebecca Mallay	- 2022
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Stephani Whittaker	Trustees Rep.

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Lisa Doocy	- 2022
Elinor Biggs	- 2022
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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
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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	- 2021
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◦ Denotes Vice Chair
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