

# Southport Congregational Church

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## SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 17, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

**“Celtic Meditation”** *Helvey*

*Elaine DeGrood, Piano*

\*HYMN

**“I Sing The Mighty Power Of God”** *(see page 6)*

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. Laura Whitmore*

**Leader:** You have called us this day, God, from the many demands of our time, to be in Your grace.

*People:* From our busy lives and our pressured days, filled with many details, You call us and invite us to be in your presence.

**Leader:** You search us and strengthen us – only to change our lives in healing and creative ways.

*People:* Hearing Your call, we respond to live in faith and to serve the world to the best of our abilities.

**Leader:** Let us worship in good faith, hope, love and joy – committing to the fresh renewed life that You seek for us!

*People:* And as we present ourselves to Your loving Spirit, God, we pray for You to be with us, and to work through us and through the ministry of our hands, hearts and minds.

**All:** Strengthen us and grant us bold courage as we gather in prayer, praise and appreciation for all that You give.

\*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.*

OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

DUET

**“Pie Jesu”** *Andrew Lloyd Webber*

“Blessed Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world; grant them eternal peace.”

*Shannon Doyle, Soloist*

*Leslie Uhl, Soloist*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

\*HYMN

**“The Sun Is On The Sea And Shore”** (*see page 7*)

PASTORAL PRAYER

*Rev. Paul Whitmore*

CALL TO OFFERING

To give towards your **2021 Stewardship Pledge Contribution** or make a plate donation,  
please text as follows:

**Text: 860-854-1995**

\$ \_\_\_ Pledge

\$ \_\_\_ Plate

To give **online**, please visit our website at [southportucc.org](http://southportucc.org)

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”** *Fettke*

*Senior Choir*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Receive these gifts, O God, as expressions of our gratitude and loving devotion. May they be used to increase Your love among us and all people. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:9-13

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done.  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day  
Our daily bread;  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we also have forgiven our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.**

SERMON

**“HIDDEN TREASURES FOR YOUR WELL-BEING: PART II”**

*Rev. Paul Whitmore*

\* HYMN

**“How Great Thou Art”**

**O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power through-out the universe displayed.**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Shalom to You”

*Senior Choir*

POSTLUDE

“Hornpipe” *From Water Music, Handel*

*Elaine DeGrood, Organ*

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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR!** Following worship, we invite you to join us in the Courtyard for a special time of conversation with refreshments provided by the Fellowship Committee.

**TODAY'S SECOND HOUR PROGRAM IS – “THE EXAMINED LIFE” - a spiritual discussion led by David Stuart, Don Burton, Rev. Cecily Stranahan & Rev. Paul Whitmore.** Come join us to listen to a short introduction from our speakers, followed by plenty of time to participate with *your own responses and questions*. Each speaker offers his and her particular set of experiences and points of view. All speakers are SCC members. Professionally, David works as a corporate lawyer and volunteers pro bono legal help for women in prison who have suffered from sexual and physical abuse. Don is in the field of education, practices and leads meditation. Cecily is a healer, counselor, theologian, mystic, meditator and meditation leader. And Paul is one of our spiritual leaders. Come - explore, listen, reflect, and expand your mind and soul!

***PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN COCKTAIL PARTY – On October 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.***, Laura and Paul invite parents with young children, age newborn through Grade 5, to join them for a night out at the Parsonage. Please join us at 612 Pequot Avenue to share in a lighthearted night of old friends and making new connections with our church members like you who are also raising young children!

***ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET SIGN UP!*** It may seem early, but the holidays will be upon us soon, and the Mission Outreach Board wants to make sure we can provide healthy and full baskets of food to our friends who are suffering from food insecurity! Please see the e-blast that was sent on October 12 for information on how to sign up! We THANK YOU for doing what you can to help!

***SUNDAY OCTOBER 31 AT 11:15 a.m. - CONGREGATIONAL PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP, IN THE SANCTUARY.***

All church members are asked to attend the Congregational Preliminary Budget Meeting. The budget for 2022, as recommended by the Board of Trustees and the Church Council, will be presented. Since we will be discussing programs for all of 2022 that impact every member, it is important that all members attend the meeting.

***SENIOR CHOIR*** rehearses in the Sanctuary on Sundays at 9:00 a.m., and in the Music Room at 11:15 a.m.

***HELP US MAKE ROOMS WITH A VIEW A HUGE SUCCESS!!! We Need YOU!! There are two ways you can get involved! You can volunteer to work at the show or you can donate food to help feed our designers and stock up our cafe The Hadley!***

Our easy to use online sign up sheets will be sent out next week. Please keep your eyes open for them! If you have any questions on any of the events or food donations please email Chris Philip at [cwmphilip@gmail.com](mailto:cwmphilip@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU! YOUR SUPPORT IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR SHOW!**

***INFANT AND TODDLER CARE IS AVAILABLE IN ROOM 5*** – with Ellie Nickell and Scarlett Rex.

***MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP*** will not meet this coming week. Middle School Youth Group will resume with Julie Center on October 26 for more Bible study and fun!

***USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY*** are Deacons Oladele Ogunsuyi and Tamberlyn Chapman under the direction of Deacon Ann Lillis.

***THIS MORNING'S ALTAR FLOWERS*** are given by Joyce Hergenhan in loving memory of her father, John C. Hergenhan, who died 50 years ago this weekend.

# I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, *all.*

ELLACOMBE C.M.D.  
"Gesangbuch," Württemberg, 1784

1 I sing the might-y power of God, That made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;  
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, But makes thy glo - ries known;

That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, And built the loft - y skies.  
He formed the crea-tures with his word, And then pro-nounced them good.  
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from thy throne,

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, Wher-e'er I turn my eye:  
While all that bor-rows life from thee Is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at his com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.  
If I sur-vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the sky!  
And ev - ery-where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there. A-men.

A higher setting may be found at No. 459

WORKS IN CREATION

# The Sun Is on the Sea and Shore

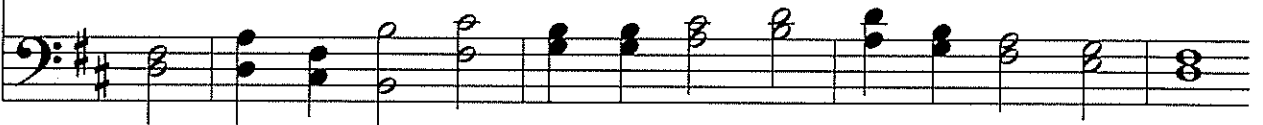
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1. The sun is on the sea and shore, a new day has be - gun;  
2. Your love is ev - er in our view, like shin - ing stars by night;  
3. We do not know what grief and care each com - ing day may bring;



with morn - ing hymns we will a - dore the bless - ed Three - in - One;  
your gifts are ev - ery morn - ing new, O God of love and light;  
the heart shall find some glad - ness there that trusts you in each thing;



and we shall praise you ev - er more un - til the day is done.  
your mer - cy, like the heav - en's blue, fills all our daz - zled sight.  
the life that serves you ev - ery - where will nev - er cease to sing.



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BROTHER JAMES' AIR  
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Youth Choir Director - Phillip Bettencourt · Assistant Youth Choir Director - Marnie Kruse  
Soloists - Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle, Leslie Uhl

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|                 |        |
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| Greg Berg ◊     | - 2022 |
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| Katie Keiser             | - 2023 |
| Erik Mayville            | - 2023 |
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| Stephani Whittaker | Trustees Rep. |

**MISSION OUTREACH BOARD**

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Elinor Biggs       | - 2022 |
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**BOARD OF DEACONS**

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Denise Caron-Quinn | - 2022 |
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| Jeffrey Earls      | - 2024 |
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**MUSIC COMMITTEE**

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Doug Goodman    | - 2022         |
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**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Carol Lasseter-Rice | - 2022 |
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| Jean Schluter       | - 2022 |
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| Erika Wright        | - 2023 |
| Amy Cawman          | - 2024 |
| Betsy Gillespie     | - 2024 |
| Katie Traynor       | - 2024 |
| Marney White        | - 2024 |

**CARING TEAM**

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
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**CAROUSEL THRIFT SHOP**

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
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| Karen Macdonald | - 2024 |
| Les Miller      | - 2024 |
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**HISTORIAN**

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| Sally Ijams | - 2022 |
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**LAY DELEGATES**

|            |        |
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| Les Miller | - 2022 |
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**FLOWER COMMITTEE**

|            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| Leah Davis | Deacon Liaison |
| Pam Poling | Staff Liaison  |

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
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| Patti Spaght ◊     | Council   |
| Jeffrey Earls      | Deacons   |
| Ellery Malkin      | Education |
| Elinor Biggs       | Missions  |
| Stephani Whittaker | Trustees  |

◊ Denotes Chairperson

+ Denotes Scribe

\* Denotes Vice Chair

ALM Denotes "At Large Member"



## BIBLICAL IMAGES OF GOD

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Parent</b>                        | Hosea 11:1-4         | <i>"Out of Egypt I called my son."</i>                                                                 |
| <b>Mother / Comforter</b>            | Isaiah 66:12-13      | <i>"As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you."</i>                                       |
| <b>Father</b>                        | Matthew 5:45         | <i>"Your Father who is in heaven."</i>                                                                 |
|                                      | Isaiah 63:16         | <i>"For thou art our Father."</i>                                                                      |
|                                      | Luke 15:11-32        | <i>Parable of the Prodigal Son</i>                                                                     |
| <b>Judge</b>                         | Psalms 119:137       | <i>"Right are thy judgments."</i>                                                                      |
| <b>Midwife</b>                       | Isaiah 66:9          | <i>"Shall I bring to the birth...shall I, who cause to bring forth, shut the womb? says your God."</i> |
|                                      | Psalms 22:9-10       | <i>"Thou art he who took me from the womb..."</i>                                                      |
| <b>Mother Bear</b>                   | Hosea 13:8           | <i>"I [God] will fall upon them like a bear robbed of her cubs..."</i>                                 |
| <b>Host to a party</b>               | Luke 14:12-24        | <i>Parable of the Great Banquet</i>                                                                    |
| <b>Spirit</b>                        | John 4:24            | <i>"God is spirit."</i>                                                                                |
| <b>Love</b>                          | 1 John 4:8           | <i>"God is love."</i>                                                                                  |
| <b>Powerful,<br/>Above the World</b> | Isaiah 40:22         | <i>"It is he who sits above the circle of the earth."</i>                                              |
| <b>King</b>                          | Psalms 10:16         | <i>"The Lord is king..."</i>                                                                           |
| <b>Woman</b>                         | Luke 15:8-10         | <i>Parable of the Lost Coin</i>                                                                        |
| <b>Eagle</b>                         | Deuteronomy 32:11    | <i>"Like an eagle...the Lord alone did lead him."</i>                                                  |
| <b>Cycle of Life</b>                 | 1 Samuel 2:6-8       | <i>"The Lord ends life and brings to life."</i>                                                        |

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| <b>“I AM”</b><br><i>(All Inclusive,<br/>&amp; Beyond Definition)</i> | Exodus 3:14-15       | <i>“Say this to the people of Israel,<br/>‘I AM has sent me to you.’”</i>                                                     |
| <b>Omni, All Inclusive<br/>Alpha and Omega</b>                       | Revelation 22:13     | <i>“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first<br/>and the last, the beginning and the end.”</i>                                 |
| <b>Creator</b>                                                       | Isaiah 40:28         | <i>“Creator of the ends of the earth.”</i>                                                                                    |
| <b>No Form, but Voice</b>                                            | Deuteronomy 4:12     | <i>“Then the Lord spoke to you...but<br/>[you] saw no form, there was only<br/>a voice.”</i>                                  |
| <b>Mother Hen</b>                                                    | Luke 13:34           | <i>“I [God] have gathered your children<br/>together as a hen gathers her brood under<br/>her wings...” (spoken by Jesus)</i> |
| <b>Rock</b>                                                          | 1 Samuel 2:2         | <i>“There is no rock like our God.”</i>                                                                                       |
| <b>Still Small Voice</b>                                             | 1 Kings 19:11-13     | <i>“And behold, the Lord passed by...<br/>[in the] still small voice.”</i>                                                    |
| <b>Woman Giving Birth</b>                                            | Isaiah 42:14         | <i>“I [God] will cry out like a woman<br/>in travail [labor].”</i>                                                            |
|                                                                      | Deuteronomy 32:18    | <i>“The God who gave you birth.”</i>                                                                                          |
|                                                                      | Job 38:28-29         | <i>“From whose womb?”</i>                                                                                                     |
|                                                                      | Isaiah 46:3          | <i>“Born by me...and carried from the<br/>womb.”</i>                                                                          |
| <b>Light</b>                                                         | 1 John 1:5b          | <i>“God is light...”</i>                                                                                                      |
| <b>Shepherd</b>                                                      | Psalms 23            | <i>“The Lord is my shepherd...”</i>                                                                                           |
|                                                                      | Matthew 18:10-14     | <i>Jesus’ parable of the Lost Sheep</i>                                                                                       |
| <b>The Word</b>                                                      | John 1:1             | <i>“...and the Word was God.”</i>                                                                                             |
| <b>Nursing Mother</b>                                                | Isaiah 49:14-15      | <i>“Can a woman forget her sucking<br/>child?”</i>                                                                            |
|                                                                      | Numbers 11:12-13     | <i>“Carry them in your bosom.”</i>                                                                                            |