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SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 14, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

“We Gather Together” *arr. Kraus* *Elaine De Grood, Piano*
“Children of the Heavenly Father” *arr. Helvey*

*** HYMN**

“O How Glorious, Full Of Wonder” *(vs. 1-3)* *(page 6)*

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Paul Whitmore

Leader: What a joy it is that we can gather as a congregation of love and faith – celebrating our life together, strengthening our faith, and celebrating all of God’s gifts that fill our lives!

People: Let us sing, rejoice, and give thanks, for God comes to us every day, to make us whole, and make us new!

Leader: Let’s give thanks for God’s presence that makes us strong, encourages us to help one another, and gives life to our compassion and joy!

People: We give thanks for our God who renews our love, again and again, giving us light for our darkness, and strength for all of our days. Let us arise and shine, for our light has come!

***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.***

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Revs. Laura & Paul Whitmore

Emma Scott Henry, born October 5, 2020
Daughter of Eric Charles Henry & Lindsay (Lulu) Henry
Godparents – Ariel & Jonathan Dunne, and Melissa & Ryan Freeman

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

As the living and loving spirit of Christ, we as this family of faith, receive Emma Henry into our love and care. We promise to support her, and her parents, in their efforts to guide her in the way of life and faith, and will provide through our own example, the knowledge and love of God.

CHILDRENS SERMON

*HYMN

“Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

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

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Southport Congregational Church, PO Box 366, Southport, CT 06890

Thank you!

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He makes me to lie down in green pastures:
 He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul:
 He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
 For thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
 Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Compassionate God, you bless all of us with the possibility of making your ideal vision come alive for each one of your children. May you receive these gifts from our hearts and hands, that they may grant renewed life to those in need, hope to those who are struggling, and freedom to all. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:7-15

"When you pray, don't pile up a jumbled heap of words! That's what the Gentiles do. Do not be like them, for God knows what you need before you ask.

Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your 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. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

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*Luke 11:1-13*

**"Once Jesus was praying in a particular place. When he had finished, one of his disciples approached. 'Teach us to pray, Master,' he said, 'just like John taught his disciples.' 'When you pray,' replied Jesus, 'this is what to say:**

**'Father, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, give us each day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us; and lead us not into temptation.'**

SERMON “HIDDEN TREASURES FOR YOUR WELL-BEING!: PART IV”

*Rev. Laura Whitmore*

\*HYMN “For The Fruit Of All Creation”

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\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Seek Ye First, Alleluia”

*Senior Choir*

See ye first the kingdom of God  
And God’s righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Allegretto from “Suite Gothique” *Boellman*

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A HISTORIC TOUR OF SOUTHPORT AND ITS HISTORY WITH THE PEQUOT WAR will be held today, immediately following worship. Join archeologist and historian, David Naumec, as he shares the story of what *really* happened at the last battle of the Pequot War. Please wear or bring your sneakers and prepare for a nice walk!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 1:00 P.M. TODAY - PIZZA PARTY AND ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG!

LET’S DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS! It’s the most wonderful time of the year...and there is nothing more beautiful than our Sanctuary and the rest of the church all decked out for Christmas! Elves of all ages are invited to join Laura Whitmore **next Sunday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.** to set up and decorate trees, windows, and all the nooks and crannies of the Church! Please RSVP to Laura (lwhitmore@southportucc.org) and let her know you want to join in the fun!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS Thank you to all who so generously gave to our Thanksgiving baskets! Today is the last day to drop off your donations, so please don't forget! Next Sunday, join the Mission Outreach Board in the Barn to assemble 22 baskets for the agencies we support. THANK YOU for doing what you can to help!

WE ARE HAPPY TO BAPTIZE Emma Henry this morning. Please greet her family after the service.

USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY are Deacons Leah Davis and Katie Traynor under the direction of Deacon Denise Caron-Quinn.

CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY Grade K - 8 will meet with Julie Center in the Chapel for the first Pageant rehearsal! Childcare for Infants through 3 years old will be in Room 5 with Ella Conopask and Scarlett Rex.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP will meet Sunday afternoon for a pizza party in the Barn. The next meeting will be on November 30 **from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.** Student Minister Julie Center invites all Middle Schoolers to join in the fun!

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet this Tuesday in the Youth Room at 5:30 p.m. **WE ARE GRATEFUL** to our musicians this morning, the Senior Choir and soloists, under the direction of Elaine DeGrood.

THIS MORNING'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by the Flower Committee.

THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM "DREAM TEAM" techs **Henry Schott** and **Austin Rasmussen**, with Director **Trevor Uhl**.

SENIOR CHOIR rehearses in Sanctuary on Sundays at 9:00 a.m., and in the Music Room at 11:15 a.m. **THE HANDBELL CHOIR** rehearses on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room. **THE CHERUB CHOIR** rehearses on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel, and **THE JUNIOR CHOIR** in Room 6, also at 9 a.m. **THE TEEN CHOIR** rehearses at 11:30 a.m. in Room 6. Not today though - all of our Youth Choirs are meeting in the barn for a pizza party at 11:15 a.m. - bring a friend!

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

Based on Psalm 8
Curtis Beach, 1914-

IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Traditional Dutch Melody

1 O how glo-rious, full of won-der Is thy name o'er all the earth;
2 When we see thy lights of heav-en, Moon and stars, thy power dis-played,
3 Thou hast giv-en man do-min-ion O'er the won-ders of thy hand,
4 O how won-drous, O how glo-rious Is thy name in ev-ery land!

Thou who wrought cre-a-tion's splen-dor, Bring-ing suns and stars to birth!
What is man that thou shouldst love him, Crea-ture that thy hand hath made?
Made him fly with ea-gle pin-ion, Mas-ter o-ver sea and land.
Thou whose pur-pose moves be-fore us Toward the goal that thou hast planned.

Rapt in rev-erence we a-dore thee, Mar-veling at thy mys-tic ways.
Child of earth, yet full of yearn-ing, Mix-ture strange of good and ill,
Soar-ing spire and ru-ined cit-y, These our hopes and fail-ures show.
'Tis thy will our hearts are seek-ing, Con-sci-ous of our hu-man need.

Hum-bly now we bow be-fore thee, Lift-ing up our hearts in praise.
From thy ways so of-ten turn-ing, Yet thy love doth seek him still.
Teach us more of hu-man pit-y, That we in thine im-age grow.
Spir-it in our spir-it speak-ing, Make us sons of God in-deed! A-men.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7

*Latin, 6th-8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.
St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992*

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain

chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, Urbs beata Jerusalem, based on passages from Ephesians, 1 Peter, and Revelation. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry T. Smart, 1867
Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

For the Fruit of All Creation

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1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done;
 3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God;

for good gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God; for the
 in the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done; in our
 for the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God; for the

plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1970

MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. Luther Orlando Emerson, 1906

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