

# *Southport Congregational Church*

*United Church of Christ*

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## **THE SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

July 18, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

**“Hymns For The Spirit”** *Keveren*

*Elaine DeGrood, Piano*

WELCOME

*Rev. Paul Whitmore*

\*HYMN

**“All Creatures Of Our God And King”** *(vv. 1-3)*

**All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing;**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**O burning sun with golden beam, O silver moon with softer gleam,**

**O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**O rushing wind with voice so strong, you clouds that sail in heav'n along,**

**O praise God, Alleluia!**

**O rising morn, in praise rejoice, you lights of evening find a voice,**

**O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**O flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your God to hear,**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**O blazing fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight,**

**O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on an Algonquin Prayer)*

Leader: Great Spirit, I thank you today.

I thank you for Mother Earth.

I thank you for Grandmother Moon.

I thank you for Grandfather Sun.

**People:** *I thank you for all my relations:*

*the winged nation,*

*creeping and crawling nation,*

*the four-legged nation,*

*the green and growing nation,*

*and all things living in the water.*

Leader: Honoring the clans: the deer, the bear, the wolf, the turtle.

**ALL:** *Great Spirit, I thank you for this day.*

\*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 COMMUNITY

PASTORAL PRAYER

## 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

**“What A Wonderful World”** *Weiss & Thiele*

*Marnie Kruse and Scott Kruse, Soloists*

## UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Generous God, you who freely provide the gifts of love and grace and all that this world has to nourish and sustain us so that we may have abundant life, accept these gifts of our gratitude, time and personal resources. We dedicate our lives, and this offering, for your work here and throughout the world. Amen.*

## SCRIPTURE

**“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.”**

*Hebrews 12:1-2*

**“Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.”**

*Hebrews 12:14*

## SERMON

**“REFLECTIONS AND LEARNINGS ON NATIVE ISSUES IN CT”**

*Rev. Laura Whitmore, Aidan King, Ava Pezzimenti and Torin Schott*

**\*HYMN**

**“I Would Be True”**

**I would be true, for there are those who trust me;  
I would be pure, for there are those who care;  
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;  
I would be brave, for there is much to dare,  
I would be brave for there is much to dare.**

**Who is so low that I am not a neighbor?  
Who is so high that I’ve no path to them?  
Who is so poor I may not feel their hunger?  
Who is so hurt I may not know their pain?  
Who is so hurt I may not know their pain?**

**I would be friend of all, the foe, the friendless;  
I would be giving, and forget the gift;  
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;  
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift,  
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**“Edelweiss”** *Rodgers*

*Soloists and Congregation*

**Come, O Lord, be with us, fill us with joy and thanksgiving.  
May our hearts fill with peace, come with your love and surround us.  
Friendship and peace, may they bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever.  
Bless us now, bless our friend; bless all people forever.**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Sarabande”** *Handel*

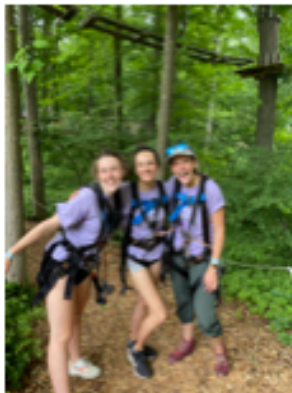
*Elaine DeGrood, Organ*



# High School Local Mission Trip!



This year's mission trip participants: Aidan King, Torin Schott, Jack Waiksnis, Kieran Heske, Caroline Graham, Matilda Nichols, Kendall Caron-Quinn, Emily Best, Channing Malkin, Ellie Nickell, Ava Pezzimenti. This Group was led by Rev. Laura Whitmore, Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr and Julie Center.



Channing Malkin, Ava Pezzimenti and Julie Center meeting personal challenges on the ropes course!



Listening to historical native life in a Long House on the Shinnecock Reservation in Washington, CT. We highly recommend a visit to this museum!



Replica of the Shinnecock Village at The Institute For American Indian Studies Museum.



Touring Southport and learning all about the ending of the Pequot War.



Food Giveaway on the Eastern Pequot Reservation. We met some wonderful people we will never forget.



At the Mashantucket Pequot Museum where we spent the day learning all about the daily life of Pequot Indians.

# Test Your Knowledge on CT's Native Communities

1. The Word "Connecticut" is not an English word! It comes from this Native Language:
2. What does the Word "Connecticut" mean?
3. The Connecticut River flows right down the center of the state and flows almost all the way down from Canada. What two other smaller, but still major, rivers are there in CT?
4. How many State Recognized Tribes are there in Connecticut?
5. How many Federally Recognized Tribes are there in Connecticut?
6. Can you name them:  
State Recognized:  
Federally Recognized:
7. Southport was the home to the Native Tribe:
8. What famous war was concluded here in Southport?
9. This battle was called:

**THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM IN THE COURTYARD AFTER WORSHIP.** Please maintain physical distancing practices as you get your refreshments.

**SCC BACKPACK ASSEMBLY EVENT ON SUNDAY, JULY 25!** Please join the Mission Outreach Board as we assemble 350 backpacks for the students of the Horizons programs at Greens Farms Academy and Sacred Heart University.

**PIVOT HOUSE MEALS BEING SHARED EACH WEEK!** Every Wednesday in July and August, SCC has joined up with The Little Pub to provide a hot meal to the 50 men who are working to break the chains of addiction in their own lives.

**SUMMER BEACH SERVICES HAVE BEGUN - ON SASCO BEACH AT 8:15AM!** Services are casual – bring a beach chair and/or blanket! Come join us as we share the Sundays with Fairfield First Congregational Church.

**Leadership Schedule:**

**Southport Congregational - July 25**

Fairfield First - August 1

**Southport Congregational - August 8**

Fairfield First - August 15

**Southport Congregational - August 22**

**THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS** are given in honor of our Native Communities here in CT.

**If you would like to donate an altar flower arrangement,** dates are available for Sundays in July and August. Please contact Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) for additional information - thank you!

**USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY** are Deacons Jeff Provost and Joe Pezzimenti.

**WE THANK THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM TEAM** led by Parker Whitmore for their help with the live streaming of today's service!



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**Senior Minister - Paul D. Whitmore**

**Associate Minister - Rev. Laura H. Whitmore**

**CHURCH STAFF:**

Student Minister – Julie Center

Director of Administration – Paul DiPrato · Communications Manager – Jackson Siegel

Church Secretary - Pam Poling · Bookkeeper - Maria Bogatikova

Investment Manager - Nancy Long · Facilities & Grounds Manager – Tim O’Neill

Director of Music - Elaine DeGroot

Youth Choir Director - Phillip Bettencourt · Assistant Youth Choir Director - Marnie Kruse

Soloists - Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle, Leslie Uhl

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Ryan McClay ◊       | Moderator  |
| Cari Pfeiffer       | Clerk      |
| Joyce Hergenhan     | ALM        |
| Patti Spaght        | ALM        |
| Paul Doocy          | ALM        |
| Sydney King         | ALM        |
| Susan Kunkel        | Carousel   |
| Marjory Palmer      | Deacons    |
| Denise Caron-Quinn  | Deacons    |
| Leah Davis          | Deacons    |
| Beth Santa          | Education  |
| Melissa Ogunsuyi    | Education  |
| Sherry Greer        | Missions   |
| Lisa Doocy          | Missions   |
| Tim Stuart          | Trustee    |
| Kristin Hathaway    | Preschool  |
| Greg Berg           | B&G        |
| Irene Santa         | Music      |
| Carol Lasseter-Rice | Fellowship |
| Bridget Schulten    | Ex Officio |

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

|                    |
|--------------------|
| Paul Doocy ◊       |
| Cindy Jackson      |
| Adrienne MacGuffie |
| Les Miller         |
| Jennifer O’Neill ◊ |
| Dave Stuart        |
| John Traynor       |

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Greg Berg ◊     | - 2022 |
| Devin Santa     | - 2022 |
| Mike Tanguay    | - 2022 |
| Stuart Tilghman | - 2022 |
| Ellen Levinson  | - 2023 |
| Erno Bacso      | - 2024 |
| Ron Manning     | - 2024 |
| Jim Vadas       | - 2024 |

**BED FUND COMMITTEE**

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Oladele Ogunsuyi | Deacons  |
| Bridget Schulten | Chairman |
| Sherry Greer     | Missions |

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Kristin Hathaway         | - 2022 |
| Melissa Ogunsuyi         | - 2022 |
| Jo Anne Parady           | - 2022 |
| Beth Santa ◊             | - 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 |

**PRE-SCHOOL BOARD**

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Laura Amicucci     | Director      |
| Paul DiPrato       | Treasurer     |
| Elinor Biggs       | - 2022        |
| Rebecca Mallay     | - 2022        |
| Sharon Keiser      | - 2023        |
| Jess Miller ◊      | - 2023        |
| Leslie Uhl         | - 2023        |
| Barbara Evans      | - 2024        |
| Amy Sperrazza      | - 2024        |
| Kristin Hathaway   | BOCE Rep.     |
| Allie Sherman      | Parent Rep.   |
| Stephani Whittaker | Trustees Rep. |

**MISSION OUTREACH BOARD**

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Elinor Biggs       | - 2022 |
| Lisa Doocy         | - 2022 |
| Mary Lou McGuire + | - 2022 |
| Linda Murphy       | - 2022 |
| Andrea Pezzimenti  | - 2022 |
| Sherry Greer ◊     | - 2023 |
| Tyler Hathaway     | - 2023 |
| Kirk Jackson       | - 2023 |
| Bob MacGuffie      | - 2023 |
| Liz Waiksnis       | - 2023 |
| Craig Gillespie    | - 2024 |
| Karen Jones        | - 2024 |
| Hedy Mosier        | - 2024 |
| Traci Provost      | - 2024 |
| Peggy Stuart       | - 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**

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Doug Goodman    | - 2022         |
| Dwight Holmberg | - 2022         |
| Laura Wilbur    | - 2022         |
| Irene Santa     | - 2023         |
| Pearly 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 |
| Betsy Gillespie     | - 2024 |
| Katie Traynor       | - 2024 |
| Marney White        | - 2024 |

**CARING TEAM**

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Tamberlyn Chapman | Deacons |
|-------------------|---------|

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Jeff Nickell          | - 2022 |
| Tim Stuart ◊          | - 2022 |
| Stephani Whittaker    | - 2022 |
| Jim Biggs             | - 2023 |
| Gary Johnson          | - 2023 |
| Joe Ryan              | - 2023 |
| Dave Stuart           | - 2023 |
| Katia Mead            | - 2024 |
| Bridget Schulten      | - 2024 |
| Trevor Uhl, Treasurer | - 2022 |

**CAROUSEL THRIFT SHOP**

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Doug Goodman    | - 2022 |
| Gloria Miller   | - 2022 |
| Susan Kunkel ◊  | - 2023 |
| Janet Sherwood  | - 2023 |
| Karen Macdonald | - 2024 |
| Les Miller      | - 2024 |
| Nancy Pandolfi  | - 2024 |

**HISTORIAN**

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

|            |        |
|------------|--------|
| Les Miller | - 2022 |
|------------|--------|

**FLOWER COMMITTEE**

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

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Paul Doocy         | Council   |
| Joyce Hergenhan    | Council   |
| Sydney King        | Council   |
| 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”