



# *Southport Congregational Church*

*United Church of Christ*

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*Rev. Laura Whitmore, Associate Minister*

*Julie Center, Student Minister*

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## **SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

August 22, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

**“Pastorale in F Major ”** *Bach*

*Virginia Leeman, Organ*

\*HYMN

**“All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,**

**All things wise and wonderful, in love God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,**

**God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.**

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,**

**All things wise and wonderful, in love God made them all.**

**The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,**

**The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.**

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,**

**All things wise and wonderful, in love God made them all.**

**The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,**

**The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.**

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Jeff Provost, Deacon*

**Leader: God calls to the lost, the least**

*People: and all who long for home;*

**Leader: God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us**

*People: and waste the gifts we have been given.*

**Leader: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;**

*People: let us arrive at home at last to worship God with gladness together!*

\*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.***

RESPONSIVE READING – *Psalms 19:1-6, 14 (ESV)*

*Julie Center*

**Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God,**

*People: and the sky above proclaims God's handiwork.*

**Leader: Day to day pours out speech,**

*People: and night to night reveals knowledge.*

**Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.**

*People: Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.*

**Leader: In them God has set a tent for the sun,**

*People: which comes out like a bridegroom leaving God's chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.*

**Leader: Its rising is from the end of them,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

*All: Now let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.*

## OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PASTORAL PRAYER

*Jeffrey Earls, Deacon*

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

**“God Is My Shepherd”** *Dvorak*

*Shannon Doyle, Soloist*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***God of ages past, you have blessed us with this present – and all the richness of life that it contains! Please accept our gifts of time and resources, using them to accomplish your vision for the age provided to us.***

SCRIPTURE

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims God's handiwork.  
*Psalm 19:1 (see responsive reading)*

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.  
*John 1:9*

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God; it is you the Lord has chosen out of all the peoples on earth to be God's people, God's treasured possession.  
*Deuteronomy 14:2*

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."  
*John 14:6*

SERMON

**"UNIVERSAL QUESTIONS, PARTICULAR ANSWERS"**

*Julie Center*

\*HYMN

**"BLESSED ASSURANCE"** (vv. 1-2 and refrain)

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**“Trumpet Tune in C Major”** Purcell Virginia Leeman, Organ



***PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE SERVICE, PROVIDED WITH LOVE – FROM JEFF AND TRACI PROVOST!***

***STARTING MONDAY, AUGUST 23, THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD WILL MANDATE MASKS in all public indoor spaces.***

***SUMMER BEACH SERVICES CONTINUE 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 First Church Congregational. Join us for the last service on August 29, which will be led by First Church Congregational.

***ROOMS WITH A VIEW IS BACK FOR 2021!*** We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our annual fundraiser this year. Save the date! The Opening Party is November 4, and show dates are from November 5 through 7. Please contact Chris Philip at [cwmphilip@gmail.com](mailto:cwmphilip@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering. He is looking for an Administrative Assistant, Auction Manager, and Volunteer Manager in addition to people to help with graphic design, digital design, advertising, PR and administrative duties.

***WE WISH PAUL AND LAURA WHITMORE WELL ON THEIR VACATION!***

Paul and Laura are currently taking a well-deserved break to disconnect and recharge until September 7. For all pastoral and church concerns, please contact our **Student Minister, Julie Center**, who will be covering for the Whitmores, at [jcenter@southportucc.org](mailto:jcenter@southportucc.org) or by phone at (203) 255-1594.

***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.

***USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY*** are Deacons Jeff Provost and Jeffrey Earls who we thank for assisting Julie Center with today’s service!

***WE THANK OUR TALENTED MUSICIANS,*** Virginia Leeman and Shannon Doyle for providing us with beautiful music during today’s service. We are grateful to Virginia Leeman for filling in for Elaine DeGroot today.

***THIS WEEK’S LIVESTREAM TEAM – Thank you to Parker Whitmore, Caroline Graham and John Pezzimenti*** for their help with the live streaming of today’s service!

***THIS WEEK’S ALTAR FLOWERS*** are given by Jeff and Traci Provost in celebration of the birth of their first grandchild last month, Celia “Thayer” Provost!

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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
Tim O’Neill	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

### PRESCHOOL 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
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
Betsy Gillespie	- 2024
Katie Traynor	- 2024
Marney White	- 2024

### CARING TEAM

Tamberlyn Chapman	Deacons
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### 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
Tim O’Neill, B&G Liaison	-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
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### 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”

