

# *Southport Congregational Church*

*United Church of Christ*

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## **SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

July 11, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

**“Barcarolle”** *Beach*

*Elaine DeGrood, Piano*

\*HYMN

**“For The Beauty Of The Earth”** *(vv. 1-4)*

**For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth, Over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the beauty of each our, Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony, Linking sense to sound and sight,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.**

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. Laura Whitmore*

**Leader:** There is so much joy and sweetness in coming together on a summer Sunday morning. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*People:* God's spirit has brought us here for God has said, "When two or three are gathered together, I will be in the midst of you."

**Leader:** We have come to celebrate God's gift of life in all its abundance.

*People:* And through Jesus Christ, new possibilities and commitments are revealed for living life in all of its fullness.

**All:** Let us open our hearts to the light of God's love in praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

\*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

PASTORAL PRAYER

*Rev. Laura Whitmore*

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!*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***O God of abundant love, your generosity is beyond comprehension. With humility we thank you for the gifts that sustain us and the blessings we enjoy. With this opportunity for us to share, we ask that our gifts be used to spread your love into our community and into a hurting world. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE

***Isaiah 41:10***

Do not fear,  
for I am with you,  
do not be afraid,  
for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you,  
I will help you,  
I will uphold you...

***1 Corinthians 16:14***

Let all that you do be done in love.

***Matthew 19:26***

With God, all things are possible.

SERMON

“THE WISDOM OF SIMPLICITY” *(see insert)* *Rev. Paul Whitmore*

\*HYMN

“I Sing The Mighty Power Of God” *(vv. 1-3)*

**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 or 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.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE      **“The Blessing of God”** *Marshall*      *Shannon Doyle, Soloist*

POSTLUDE      **“Grave”** *Handel*      *Elaine DeGrood, Organ*



***PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS IN THE COURTYARD FOLLOWING THE SERVICE, PROVIDED WITH LOVE FROM OUR FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE!***

***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 Church - July 11

Fairfield First - July 18

Southport Congregational - July 25

Farifield First - August 1

***USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY*** is Deacon Ann Lillis.

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

***THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS*** are given by Kathy DeLong and her Family in loving memory of Tom DeLong.

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

***NEXT WEEK: "SCC AND OUR NATIVE CONNECTIONS."*** Rev. Laura will be joined by members of our High School Youth Group as they share experiences and thoughts from their week long immersion into Indigenous life in Connecticut.



***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.

***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.



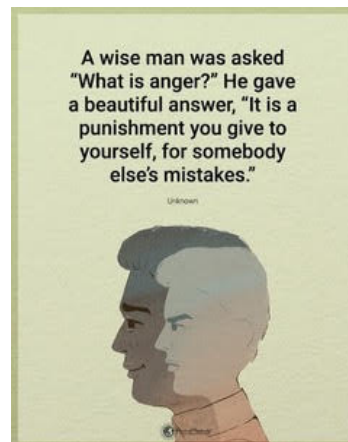


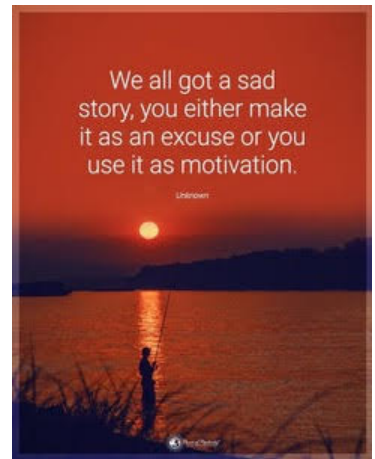
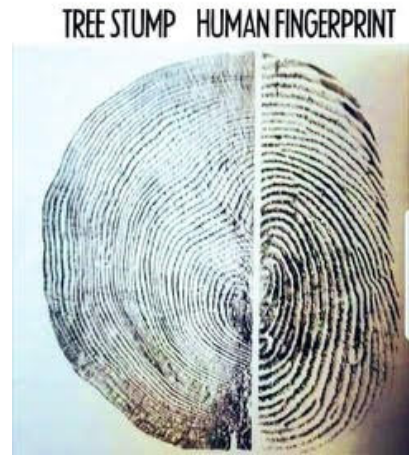
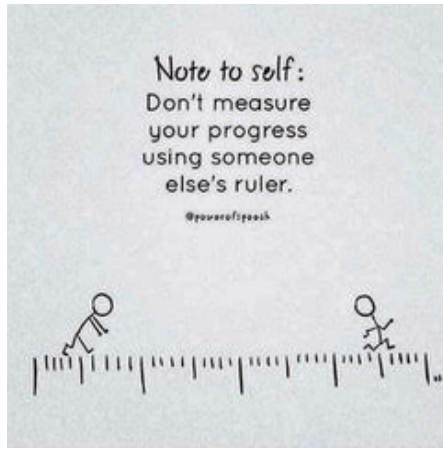
May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

- Traditional Gaelic Blessing

BE THAT PERSON WHO ROOTS FOR OTHERS. WHO TELLS A STRANGER THEY LOOK AMAZING AND ENCOURAGES OTHERS TO BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES AND THEIR DREAMS.

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Marriage is hard. Divorce is hard. Choose your hard.  
 Obesity is hard. Being fit is hard. Choose your hard.  
 Being in debt is hard. Being financially disciplined is hard. Choose your hard.  
 Communication is hard. Not communicating is hard. Choose your hard.  
 Life will never be easy. It will always be hard. But we can choose our hard. Pick wisely.



**Wednesday Night Adult Education Series**  
**March 31 at 7:30 p.m.**  
*Luminary Labyrinth Walk*

Join Student Minister, Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr, for a Luminary Labyrinth Walk at SCC as we close out our Mystic series. Come to meditate and pray silently as you journey to the center of the labyrinth, an ancient spiritual practice. Information cards will be provided so that you can best enjoy your journey.

