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THE SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

May 30, 2021, at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

“Brother James’ Air” *Martin*

Elaine DeGrood, Piano

WELCOME

Rev. Paul Whitmore

*HYMN

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;

For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved, in liberating strife,

Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine,

Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream, that sees beyond the years

Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!

America! America! God mend thine every flaw,

Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O Lord of liberty and love, we come before you with honor and gratitude.

People: We thank you, God, for those who throughout history have promoted peace, justice and integrity.

Leader: And we remember on this Memorial Day weekend those who have risked and given their lives in service for our liberty, justice, freedom and safety.

People: We honor those who have given their lives to resist oppression and to protect or establish political and religious freedom.

Leader: We come to praise and thank you for those who have fallen, or become wounded, and for their families who mourn.

People: Help us in this hour to receive your Word and Spirit that we may be instruments of your ultimate will for peace and justice.

***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.***

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

“May The Lord Show His Mercy Upon You” *Rutter*

Senior Choir

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord of mercy, we offer these gifts in thanksgiving with gratitude for those who gave their lives that we might preserve our freedom and promote the rights of others who have been oppressed. Let this offering be a sign of the giving of our own lives to your cause of love and peace in this world, beginning in our own hearts. We ask it in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:4

SERMON

“AT PEACE WITH THE LORD”

Les Miller

*HYMN

“Let Peace Begin With Me”

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“The Peace Of God”

Senior Choir

POSTLUDE

“Grave” *From Fantasia Bach*

Elaine DeGrood, Organ



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

BECAUSE OF MEMORIAL DAY THERE IS NO CHURCH SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY. In-person church school resumes next week, June 6, with Julie Center.

WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR A GIFT OF THANKS FOR SYDNEY SINCLAIR'S RETIREMENT. If you wish, you can donate as below:

TEXT 73256 and write Sptccgiving Sydney \$_____ Or ONLINE by clicking [HERE](#)

HELP WANTED – ADD TO YOUR LIFE'S PURPOSE! Interested in combining camaraderie and doing good? Carousel reopens on Tuesday, June 1, and we need help. **The Carousel has openings for the following positions: Cashiers, Greeters, Donation Sorters, and Department Manager Assistants.** We know everyone is busy, so we have created shifts that can be as short as 2 hours, once a week! And, besides the Cashier and Greeter positions, your shift can be off store shopping hours. Training by our kind Carousel family will be provided. So, don't horse around (get it?) email or call Susan Kunkel, our Carousel Manager, today at carousel@southportucc.org or (203) 520-4253 to learn more. What an opportunity to try something different this summer!

USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY are Deacons Katie Traynor, Oladele Ogunsuyi, Andrew Malkin and Jeffrey Earls.

WE THANK THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM TEAM Trevor Uhl, Ella Conopask, and Caroline Graham for their help with the livestreaming of today's service!

THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by the Flower Committee. If you would like to donate an altar flower arrangement, our available dates are June 20, Father's Day, and June 27, as well as Sundays in July and August. Please contact Pam ppoling@southportucc.org for additional information - thank you!

IN KEEPING WITH OUR NEW WORSHIP GUIDELINES, reservations are no longer required! Any vaccinated parishioners and guests are welcome to wear a mask, if more comfortable doing so, although one is no longer required. Unvaccinated parishioners and guests are asked to remain masked, for the safety of themselves and others. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

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