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THE SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

MOTHER'S DAY

May 9, 2021 at ten o'clock

PRELUDE

“To a Wild Rose” *Edward Mas Powell*

Elaine DeGrood, Organist

“Salut d’Amour” *Edward Elgar*

Darwin Shen, Violin

WELCOME

Paul Whitmore

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Morning Has Broken” *(vv. 1-3)*

**Morning has broken, like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the Morning!
Praise for them springing, fresh from the word!**

**Sweet the rain’s new fall, sun lit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall, on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness, of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness, where God’s feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light, Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s recreation of the new day!**

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr

Leader: Like a tender parent who supports a child's first steps,

People: God guides us along.

Leader: Like a loving grandparent who welcomes us with warmth, wisdom, acceptance and affection,

People: God nurtures us and holds us in our times of need.

Leader: Like a lasting and listening friend, who seems to sense our needs,

People: God listens, and mysteriously works for our good and our growth all of our days.

Leader: In many ways and through many faces...

People: God loves us this day, and every day! Let us give thanks and rejoice, in our time of quiet reflection, singing, praying, and in our worship together!

*THE INVOCATION & THE 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.

SONG

"Thank You, Mom" *Stephen Lawrence*
(lyrics adapted by Marnie Kruse)

Cherub Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Paul 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!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Ave Maria” *Giulio Caccini*

*Senior Choir
Darwin Shen, Violin*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give love and offer tangible hope to others, because God loves us! We give with cheerful hearts, because we have so much for which we are grateful. Receive these gifts, God, as expressions of our gratitude, to thank you, now and always.

SCRIPTURE

MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. and he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

Luke 1:26-35

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation.

Luke 1:46-50

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.

Mark 6:1-5

But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

John 19:25

MARY MAGDALENE

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

John 20:11-31

And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him, and certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven demons, and Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

Luke 8:1-3

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

Mark 16:1

But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

John 19: 25

PRISCILLA

The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house.

Corinthians 16:19

He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.

Acts 18: 26

Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them.

Romans 16:3-34

SERMON

“EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN OF THE BIBLE”

Rev. Laura Whitmore

*CLOSING HYMN

“When Love is Found” *(vv. 1-3)*

**When love is found, and hope comes home,
Sing and be glad, that two are one,
When love explodes, and fills the sky,
Praise God and share, our Maker’s Joy.**

**When love has flowered, in trust and care,
Build both each day, that love may dare,
To reach beyond, home’s warmth and light,
To serve and strive, for truth and right.**

**When love is tried, as loved ones change,
Hold still to hope, though all seems strange,
Till ease returns, and hope grows wrong,
But hear through pain, love’s Easter song.**

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Peace” *Peary Spaght*

Senior/ Choir

POSTLUDE

“Amoroso” *Lubos Fiser*

*Darwin Shen, Violin
Elaine Degrood, piano*

**Those Who Are Able May Stand*

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***WE WISH ALL OF THE WONDERFUL WOMEN AT SCC A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!*** If you haven't yet done so, please stop by the Church today to take a rose given by Hedy Mosier in loving memory of her mother, Liesel Zimmermann. Special thanks to Ann Lillis, Alisa Ryan and Pam Poling for arranging the roses this morning.

***TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS*** are given by Hedy Mosier in loving memory of her mother, Liesel Zimmermann.

***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](mailto:carousel@southportucc.org) or (203) 520-4253 to learn more. What an opportunity to try something different this summer!

***THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM ON THE FRONT LAWN*** for a wonderful reception in honor of our mothers. Please maintain physical distancing practices as you get your refreshments.

***NEW WORSHIP GUIDELINES IN PLACE AS OF MAY 23*** Beginning Sunday, May 23, reservations will no longer be required! For everyone's health, masks will still be required. We will no longer be taking temperatures, but we do ask that if you are feeling unwell, for any reason, that you please stay home and join us on our livestream. Seating in the Sanctuary will remain physically distant, although you may sit with friends and people outside of your "pod". And of course, you may always join us through our livestream channel now found directly on the home page of our website: [southportucc.org](http://southportucc.org)

***WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP FEED THE MEN OF PIVOT HOUSE MINISTRIES?*** Covid has hit all of our agencies pretty hard, and Pivot Ministries, an agency that helps carry men through their addictions and out into the other side, is looking for a little help! They are asking for Friday meals (lunch or dinner) and Sunday meals (lunch and dinner). Please do not provide sandwiches, but other than that there are no rules, other than they need lunch delivered by 11 am, and dinner by 3:30 pm. Meals must feed 40 hungry men! Meals may be homemade or purchased. Please call Laura for dates. Thank you.

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

***USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY*** are Deacons Jeffrey Earls, Ann Lillis, Andrew Malkin and Tamberlyn Chapman.

***WE THANK TODAY'S MUSICIANS*** Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle, Leslie Uhl and Darwin Shen for their beautiful music.