



# *Southport Congregational Church*

*United Church of Christ*

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*Rev. Laura Whitmore, Associate Minister*

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## **THE SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

January 17, 2021, at ten o'clock

### PRELUDE

**“Prelude on ‘Cranham’”** *Martin*  
**“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”** *Keveran*

*Rachel Dorset, Handbells*

### WELCOME

*Rev. Laura Whitmore*

### HYMN

**“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”**

*(See Insert)*

*Sung by our Senior Choir Soloists*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr, Student Minister*

**Leader:** We come this day to celebrate God’s presence among us,

**People:** **And to celebrate God’s love expressed through the life and Spirit of Christ.**

**Leader:** With each new year we commit to being shaped by Christ’s life and ministry.

**People:** **Let us broaden our love and contribute to the healing and caring for the world around us!**

**Leader:** With deep listening that is open to hearing, and with loving hearts that are open to God’s intentions, we will be open to understanding God’s will.

**People:** **We are vehicles of God’s love, grace, mercy and forgiveness; not only to ourselves, but to our world. We rejoice in God’s gifts to us as we join together in worship. Amen**

THE INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

GLORIA PATRI

*Sung by our Senior Choir Soloists*

*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.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

**"Still, Still, Still"** *Robert Lau*

*Senior Choir & Rachel Dorset, Handbells*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Receive these gifts, O God, as expressions of our gratitude and loving devotion. May they be used to multiply your love among us and all people. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

**(Jesus) said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.**

*Matthew 18:3*

**For by hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.**

*Romans 8:24-25*

**Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.**

*Romans 12:12*

SERMON

**“Hope Like a Little Child”**

*Julie Center, Student Minister*

HYMN

**“God of Grace and God of Glory”**

*(See Insert)*

*Sung by our Senior Choir Soloists*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

**“Infant Holy”** *arr. Helvy*

POSTLUDE

**“Beech Spring”** *arr. Marohnic*

*Elaine DeGrood, Piano*

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***WE THANK TODAY’S DEACONS:*** Joe Pezzimenti and Ann Lillis for assisting with today’s service.

***THANK YOU TO OUR LIVESTREAM TEAM FOR TODAY’S PRODUCTION:*** Ella Conopask and Quin Conopask. If you have strong computer skills and would like to learn more about joining the SCC Livestream Team, please email Parker Whitmore at [phwhitmore@gmail.com](mailto:phwhitmore@gmail.com)

***WE THANK OUR SENIOR CHOIR*** and Senior Choir Soloists Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle and Leslie Uhl for today’s beautiful music.

***THE CAROUSEL IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF CHILDREN’S CLOTHING*** Please consider donating children’s clothing, in all sizes, that your family no longer needs. The Carousel will be working with the Missions Outreach Board to distribute to agencies whose clients are in need. Donations can be left outside of The Carousel. Thank you!

***“FAITH AND FOOD” OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT EDUCATION SERIES*** Join our Student Minister, Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr along with First Church Windsor Associate Pastor, Peter Kralovec-Kirchherr (Ali's husband) as our Wednesday Night Adult Education Series continues on ZOOM. Ali and Peter will take you through this *Faith and Food* series featuring liturgies around food; food and food rituals; create your own grace workshop; new research on food ecology; and a kitchen cooking show challenge! Wednesdays January 20 & 27 at 7:30 p.m.

***A WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS: CREATING LASTING FAMILY CONNECTIONS*** We are excited to offer this terrific program on strategies to help reduce stress in families. This national award-winning workshop, *Creating Lasting Family Connections*, is being offered to SCC and Trinity Episcopal Church parents, to learn effective strategies to strengthen your family's relationships -- especially with teens and pre-teens. **Tuesdays at 10-11:30 a.m. OR Tuesdays at 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays Jan 19, Jan 26, Feb 2, Feb 9.** Join these workshops on Zoom.

***YOUTH SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK*** This service is always a highlight for our SCC youth. We look forward to hearing our High School Youth Group Co-Presidents, David Burton, Alex Joliet, Hannah Kleinbeck and Ava Pezzimenti preach, as well as to having all of our youth participate in this special service.

***CALL TO THE 178<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING*** Our 178<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will immediately follow worship on Sunday, February 28. We will gather to review the past year's activities, celebrate the election of new officers of the Church and adopt the annual budget, so together we can make plans for the year ahead. The yearly reports prepared by officers of the Boards and Committees will be on hand for review. This is an informative meeting, please join us to celebrate this past year and plan for 2021!

***WE THANK ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE PLEDGED TO OUR 2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN!*** Thanks to an incredible response, we now have \$661k in 2021 pledges to date! We are only \$39k shy of our goal of \$700k. **If you have not yet pledged, please consider doing so as soon as possible.** We have lots planned as a church for 2021, but we can only accomplish it by pitching in together! Even a modest pledge helps us with our ministries and missions! Making a pledge is easy, just email/call our Business Manager, Paul DiPrato at [pdiprato@southportucc.org](mailto:pdiprato@southportucc.org) or (203) 255-1594. Or click **HERE** for the Stewardship page on our website.

***MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GROUPS*** have resumed. These groups meet to discuss current events, spirituality, new psychological ideas and much more! The Men's and Women's Group discussions run parallel to one another, allowing for great conversation during the week. These groups are welcoming and supportive, if you haven't yet had a chance to join them, please do so. If you would like to join these discussion groups, please contact the office. We will be meeting remotely until further notice.

***2020 ANNUAL PLEDGE STATEMENTS WILL BE MAILED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 22.***

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## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.

"Stralsund Gesangbuch," 1665

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrous-ly reign-eth,  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal-vation!  
 Shel-ters thee un-der his wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-tain-eth!  
 Sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-tend thee.  
 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore him.

All ye who hear, Now to his tem-ple draw near;  
 Hast thou not seen How thy de-sires e'er have been  
 Pon-der a-new What the Al-might-y can do,  
 Let the A-men Sound from his peo-ple a-gain:

Join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!  
 Grant-ed in what he or-dain-eth?  
 If with his love he be-friend thee.  
 Glad-ly for aye we a-dore him. A-men.



# God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1878-

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

John Hughes, 1873-1932

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On thy pec - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us - Scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to  
 4 Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that  
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour thy power; Crown thine an - cient church's sto - ry; Bring her bud to  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to  
 thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, Rich in things and  
 they may be Arm - ored with all Christ - like gra - ces In the fight to  
 we de - plore; Let the search for thy sal - va - tion Be our glo - ry

glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,  
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,  
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,  
 set men free. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,  
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
 Lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 That we fail not man nor thee, That we fail not man nor thee.  
 Serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, Serv - ing thee whom we a - dore. A - men.

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*Associate Minister - Rev. Laura H. Whitmore*

### CHURCH STAFF:

Student Minister – Ali Marie Kralovec-Kirchherr · Student Minister – Julie Center

Business Manager – Paul DiPrato · Communications Manager - Alisa Ryan

Church Secretary - Pam Poling · Bookkeeper - Maria Bogatikova

Investment Manager - Nancy Long · Director of Music - Elaine DeGroot

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

Soloists - Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle, Leslie Uhl · Custodian - Sydney Sinclair

#### CHURCH COUNCIL

Ryan McClay ◊	Moderator
Cari Schott	Clerk
Joyce Hergenhan	ALM
Patti Spaght	ALM
Paul Doocy	ALM
Pat Riemersma.	ALM
Susan Kunkel	Carousel
Ann Lillis	Deacon
Denise Caron-Quinn	Deacon
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
Hank Greer
Cindy Jackson
MacKay Jameson ◊
Adrienne MacGuffie
Les Miller
Skip Morse
Jennifer O'Neill ◊
Dave Stuart

#### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Greg Berg	- 2021
Tim O'Neill ◊	- 2021
Devin Santa	- 2021
Mike Tanguay	- 2021
Stuart Tilghman	- 2021
Ellen Levinson	- 2022
Erno Bacso	- 2023
Ron Manning	- 2023
Jim Vadas	- 2023

#### BED FUND COMMITTEE

Oladele Ogunsuyi	Deacon
Bridget Schulten	Chairman
Sherry Greer	Missions

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kristin Hathaway	- 2021
Melissa Ogunsuyi	- 2021
Jo Anne Parady	- 2021
Beth Santa ◊	- 2021
Leslie Uhl	- 2021
Christina Whittaker Haas	- 2022
Katie Keiser	- 2022
Erik Mayville	- 2022
Ellery Malkin	- 2023
Laura McClay	- 2023
Cari Schott	- 2023
Kassandra Savicki	- 2023

#### PRESCHOOL BOARD

Laura Amicucci	Director
Paul DiPrato	Treasurer
Rebecca Mallay	- 2021
Sharon Keiser	- 2022
Jess Miller ◊	- 2022
Leslie Uhl	- 2022
Barbara Evans	- 2023
Amy Sperrazza	- 2023
Kristin Hathaway	BOCE Rep.
Katie Holley	Parent Rep.
Stephani Whittaker	Trustees Rep.

#### MISSION OUTREACH BOARD

Lisa Doocy	- 2021
Elinor Biggs	- 2021
Mary Lou McGuire +	- 2021
Linda Murphy	- 2021
Andrea Pezzimenti	- 2021
Sherry Greer ◊	- 2022
Tyler Hathaway	- 2022
Kirk Jackson	- 2022
Bob MacGuffie	- 2022
Liz Waiksniis	- 2022
Barbara Evans	- 2023
Karen Jones	- 2023
Hedy Mosier	- 2023
Traci Provost	- 2023
Peggy Stuart	- 2023
Johanna Jackson	Youth Rep

#### BOARD OF DEACONS

Denise Caron-Quinn	- 2021
Leah Davis	- 2021
MacKay Jameson	- 2021
Andrew Malkin	- 2022
Marjory Palmer ◊	- 2022
Jeff Provost	- 2022
Jeffrey Earls	- 2023
Ann Lillis	- 2023
Oladele Ogunsuyi	- 2023
Tamberlyn Chapman	- 2024
Sadhana Joliet +	- 2024
Joe Pezzimenti	- 2024

#### MUSIC COMMITTEE

Doug Goodman	- 2021
Dwight Holmberg ◊	- 2021
Laura Wilbur	- 2021
Irene Santa	- 2022
Peary Spaght	- 2022
Jack Ijams	- 2023
Ruth Merchant	- 2023
Ed Sanford	- 2023
Jeff Provost	Deacon Liaison

#### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Joan Fleitas	- 2021
Carol Lasseter-Rice	- 2021
Ann Lillis	- 2021
Hedy Mosier	- 2021
Jean Schluter	- 2021
Robin Marshlow	- 2022
Traci Provost	- 2022
Erika Wright	- 2022
Betsy Gillespie	- 2023
Amy Cawman	- 2023
Katie Traynor	- 2023
Marney White	- 2023

#### CARING TEAM

Tamberlyn Chapman	Deacons
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#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jeff Nickell	- 2021
Tim Stuart ◊	- 2021
Stephani Whittaker	- 2021
Jim Biggs	- 2022
Gary Johnson	- 2022
Joe Ryan	- 2022
Dave Stuart	- 2022
Katia Mead	- 2023
Bridget Schulten	- 2023
Trevor Uhl	Treasurer
Tim O'Neill	B&G Liaison

#### CAROUSEL THRIFT SHOP

Doug Goodman	- 2021
Gloria Miller	- 2021
Susan Kunkel ◊	- 2022
Janet Sherwood	- 2022
Karen MacDonald	- 2023
Amanda Marino	- 2023
Les Miller	- 2023

#### HISTORIAN

Sally Ijams	- 2021
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#### LAY DELEGATES

Gloria Miller	- 2021
Les Miller	- 2021

#### FLOWER COMMITTEE

Leah Davis	Deacon Liaison
Pam Poling	Staff Liaison

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Paul Doocy	Council
Joyce Hergenhan	Council
Pat Riemersma	Council
Patti Spaght ◊	Council
Jeffrey Earls	Deacons
Beth Santa	Education
Elinor Biggs	Missions
Stephani Whittaker	Trustees

◊ Denotes Chairperson

+ Denotes Scribe

◦ Denotes Vice Chair

ALM Denotes "At Large Member"