



Southport Congregational Church

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THE SATURDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

May 1, 2021, at half after five o'clock

Confirmation Saturday

PRELUDE

“My Prayer” *Sager/Foster*

Elaine DeGroot, Piano

WELCOME

Rev. Laura Whitmore

*HYMN

“Called As Partners In Christ’s Service”

**Called as partners in Christ’s service called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace,
May we learn the art of sharing side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.**

Christ's example Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,

**Let us follow never faltering, reconciling folk on earth,
Men and women richer poorer, all God's people young and old,
Blending human skills together, gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence,
Words of comfort words of vision, words of challenge said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues free and fair.**

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Julie Center, Student Minister

Leader: Come, people of God, for God is calling each one of us by name,
to join together in the spirit of love.

**People: God's promises are to us and to our children, and to all of our sisters and
brothers, near and far.**

Leader: We gather as a community of faith, united in mutual concern and caring.

**People: In this Church we gather together to worship, learn, laugh, celebrate and
sing together.**

Leader: Here, we welcome the spirit of God into our lives,

People: And here, we lift our voices in prayer for our world.

Leader: May our eyes and ears be open to the special messages of love and faith that
this hour holds for us.

**People: We will open our hearts and listen for God's living and abiding Word
in our lives.**

*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.*

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

FAITH STATEMENTS

*Wesley Grosner
Annabel Woodworth
Torin Schott
Jack Waiksnis
Asha Joliet
Chloe Graham*

ANTHEM

"You Will Be Found"

Teen Choir

Directed by Phillip Bettencourt

FAITH STATEMENTS CONTINUED

*John Kleinbeck
Lucy Termaine
Austin Rasmussen
Travis Stuart
John Pezzimenti*

*CLOSING HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come,
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Paul Whitmore

*POSTLUDE

“Rondeau” *Purcell*

**Those who are able may stand*



WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TONIGHT! Please come celebrate our Confirmands after the service at a reception in Fellowship Hall where food and beverages will be available.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION will be administered to our twelve confirmands during the worship service tomorrow morning beginning at 10 a.m. Please join us then as they continue their faith journey and become members in good standing of the Southport Congregational Church.

WE THANK the Teen Choir and director Phillip Bettencourt for adding their music tonight.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS MORNING are given by the Board of Deacons in honor of the Confirmation Class.

GREETING AND USHERING TONIGHT are Deacons Tamberlyn Chapman, Oladele Ogunsuyi, Anne Lillis, Denise Caron-Quinn and Katie Trayonor.

RESERVATIONS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP are required in advance for all in-person worship services **through and including Sunday, May 16**. RESERVATIONS MAY be MADE by TELEPHONE— by calling the church office at 203-255-1594, during regular business hours between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

NEW WORSHIP GUIDELINES IN PLACE AS OF MAY 23 Beginning Sunday, May 23, we will have new guidelines in place around attending worship -- **reservations will no longer be required. Masks will still be required.** We will no longer be taking temperatures, but 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. And of course, you may always join us remotely through our livestream channel now found directly on the home page of our website: southportucc.org

EAT DRINK AND BE MERRY WITH JULIE CENTER Wednesday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. join Julie as our **Wednesday Night Adult Education Series** continues. Peppered throughout the book of Ecclesiastes is the tempting advice, “Eat, drink, and be merry!” But in the book of Isaiah, the prophet uses the same language to condemn such a lifestyle. How can we as Christians - and as people who love to eat and drink - reconcile the two competing ideologies and how we might consume - and live - merrily.

THIS WEEK WE WELCOMED JACKSON SIEGEL AS OUR NEW COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, and we thank Alisa Ryan for her hard work this past year as she led us through a difficult year with a sense of humor and generous spirit. We look forward to seeing Alisa and her family in worship. Please stop by the office and say hello to Jackson.

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# Our 2021 Confirmation Class

## **Julianne Kathryn Center**

Julie is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity at Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School. She also serves as your Student Minister! This past year, she has assisted Laura in teaching Confirmation Class and has learned a lot. Through her own spiritual discernment, Julie has decided to have SCC become her spiritual home and is delighted to join with this class. In her spare time, Julie enjoys reading, writing and exploring the great outdoors. She lives in New Haven with her crazy dog, Koko.

## **Chloe Emerson Graham\***

Chloe is 14 years old and was born and raised in Connecticut. She has been going to SCC since she can remember. She loves arts and crafts, such as making bracelets and necklaces. Coming to SCC has always given her a sense of belonging. SCC make her happy and gets her in a good mood. SCC has always had an impact on her. It has helped her through some of the hardest times of her life, and it gives her comfort knowing that she will have her church family. She can't wait to see how her church membership impacts her more as time goes on.

## **William Wesley Grosner**

Wes lives in Fairfield with his parents, Sarah and David, his brother Kurt, and his sister Clara. Wes is a freshman at Fairfield Ludlowe High School, where he is active in football, basketball and tennis. He enjoys listening to music, working out and is active in the Southport Congregational Church Youth Group.

## **Asha S. Joliet**

Asha lives in Southport with her parents, Sadhana and Jerry, her two brothers, Jay and Alex, and her dog Charlie. Asha goes to Fairfield Ludlowe High School, where she is on the soccer and lacrosse teams. Asha was an active member of Church School, participated in church choirs as well as the Christmas Pageants, and is an active member of the Senior High Youth Group and has been on the Church mission trip.

## **John Christopher Kleinbeck**

John lives in Fairfield with his parents, Toffer and Lulu, and his older siblings, Anders and Hannah. John came to this church with his grandmother, Ann Shaw, and has been involved ever since. He enjoyed Middle School Youth Group and has been a member of the High School Youth Group and is looking forward to this summer's Mission Trip. John enjoys playing lacrosse and is the only Freshman to have made the Ludlowe Varsity Team.

## **John Joseph Pezzimenti\***

John attends Fairfield Prep. He lives with his parents, Joe and Andrea, his sister Ava and his dog named Charlie. John plays Freshman Football and baseball and has been at the church his whole life. He was active in Church School and has been a member of every Youth Choir, participated in the musicals and pageants, and is a member of the High School Youth Group.

## **Austin Taylor Rasmussen\***

Austin was born and raised in Fairfield and lives with his parents, Paul and Kim, and his brother Hunter, and his dog Brodie. He loves to travel and listen to music. He has been wrestling for 6 years.

## **Torin J. Schott\***

Torin lives in Southport with his mom Cari, and his brother Henry and sister Ella. He has been swimming for most of his life and swims for Weston. He goes to Fairfield Ludlowe High School and Bridgeport Aquaculture. He has two kittens, Rose and Soot. Torin has been coming to this church for most of his life, was an active member of Church School, youth choirs and both Youth Groups.

**Travis McHale Stuart**

Travis has been a member of this church for as long as he can remember. He enjoys playing tennis and football. Travis has always liked the idea of a church community and how it all comes together. Travis is a freshman at the Pomfret School at the age of 15. He likes the subject of science, which is definitely hard, but not hard enough. Travis is a progressive person and will not stop at no.

**Lucy Cash Tremaine**

Lucy attends Greens Farms Academy and is in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. She plays golf, squash and skis. She has 2 sisters, Lilly and Georgia, 2 dogs and 5 chickens. Lucy is in the Horizons Club which helps kids in under privileged communities learn microfinancing. Her grandmother, Lucy Roberts, was a member. Lucy is doing an Emergency Medical Technician course. She is excited to join the church because of the community and because her grandmother really loved this church.

**Jack Graham Waiksnis\***

Jack lives in Fairfield with his parents, Liz and Len, his brother Ryan and yellow lab Maizie. Jack is a freshman at Fairfield Prep and enjoys playing golf, sailing Catamarans, kayaking and snowboarding. He’s a roller coaster enthusiast and has an interest in aviation. Jack has been coming to Southport Congregational Church since attending pre-school, has participated in Church School choirs, pageants and is now a member of the High School Youth Group.

**Annabel Lynne Woodworth**

Annabel lives in Fairfield with her parents, Steve and Heather, and her siblings, Cole and Amelia. Growing up, Scott Whitmore was her favorite babysitter (and very good at Super Mario Brothers). Annabel is a freshman at Fairfield Ludlowe High School where she is on the skiing and sailing teams. She is an active member of the Pequot Yacht Club and enjoys sailing in regattas all around the world.

*\*Denotes baptized here at Southport Congregational Church*

