



# *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**

May 2, 2021, at ten o'clock

*Confirmation Sunday*

*Communion Sunday*

PRELUDE

**“Gaelic Meditation”** *Rocherolle/Martin*

*Elaine DeGrood, Piano*

WELCOME

*Rev. Paul Whitmore*

\*HYMN

### **“The Voice Of God Is Calling”**

**The voice of God is calling, its summons unto men,  
As once he spake in Zion, so now he speaks again,  
Whom shall I send to succor, my people in their need?  
Whom shall I send to loosen, the bonds of shame and greed?**

**I hear my people crying, in cot and mine and slum,  
No field or mart is silent, no city street is dumb,  
I see my people falling, in darkness and despair,  
Whom shall I send to shatter, the fetters which they bear?**

**We heed, O Lord, thy summons, and answer: Here we are!  
Send us upon thine errand, let us thy servants be,  
Our strength is dush and ashes, our years a passing hour,  
But thou canst use our weakness, to magnify thy power.**

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Ali Kralovec-Kirchherr, Student Minister*

Leader: Come, hear what God has done, for God's promises are true.

**People:** *We have come here today, to seek and feel and find God's presence.*

Leader: God is transforming all of humankind,

**People:** *And we celebrate God's transformation in the lives of others.*

Leader: God is transforming you and me,

**People:** *And we have come to celebrate God's transforming love for us!*

\*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

*Colossians 3:12-17*

*Julie Center, Student Minister*

STATEMENTS OF FAITH

*John Pezzimenti  
Austin Rasmussen  
Asha Joliet  
Torin Schott  
Chloe Graham*

ANTHEM

**"You Will Be Found"** *Benj Pasek and Justin Paul*  
*Performed by: Teen Choir*  
*Music Directed/Arranged by: Phillip Bettencourt*

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

**“I Will Sing With the Spirit”** *Rutter*

*Performed by Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle, Leslie Uhl*

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

*Julianne Kathryn Center*

*Chloe Emerson Graham\**

*William Wesley Grosner*

*Asha S. Joliet*

*John Christopher Kleinbeck*

*John Joseph Pezzimenti\**

*Austin Taylor Rasmussen\**

*Torin J. Schott\**

*Travis McHale Stuart*

*Lucy Cash Tremaine*

*Jack Graham Waiksnis\**

*Annabel Lynn Woodworth*

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INVITATION

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

WORDS OF WELCOME FROM THE CONGREGATION

***We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers, as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together, in the knowledge and love of God, as made known to us through Jesus.***

SOLO

**“I Was Here”** *Gary Burr, Hillary Scott and Victoria Shaw*

*Performed by: Ava Pezzimenti*

*Accompanied by: Phillip Bettencourt*

COMMUNION

*(Please take the elements in unison with the Ministers after all have been served.)*

**Communion is gluten-free and non-alcoholic so that all may be included.**

\*HYMN

**“Here I Am Lord”**

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.**

**All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save.**

**I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.**

**Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.**

**I have wept for love of them, they turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.**

**I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.**

**I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.**

**Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.**

**I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**“Alleluia”**

*Senior Choir Trio*

POSTLUDE

**“Orb and Sceptre”** *William Walton*



**WELCOME TO TODAY'S CONFIRMATION SERVICE** We are thrilled to be worshipping together again! Please remember to observe social distancing guidelines and wear masks at all times, thank you.

**WE ARE THRILLED TO INVITE YOU TO FELLOWSHIP HOUR ON THE FRONT LAWN.** The Board of Deacons and the Fellowship Committee have prepared a wonderful reception in honor of our Confirmands. Please maintain social distancing practices as you get your refreshments.

**RESERVATIONS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP** are required in advance for all in-person worship services **through Sunday, May 16.** RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE by TELEPHONE ONLY PLEASE – 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](http://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.

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

**WE THANK THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM TEAM** Parker Whitmore, Ava Pezzimenti and Hannah Kleinbeck their help with the livestreaming of today's service!

**USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY** are Deacons Jeff Provost, Andrew Malkin, Leah Davis, Katie Traynor, Jeffrey Earls and Tamberlyn Chapman.

**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.



# 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.

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