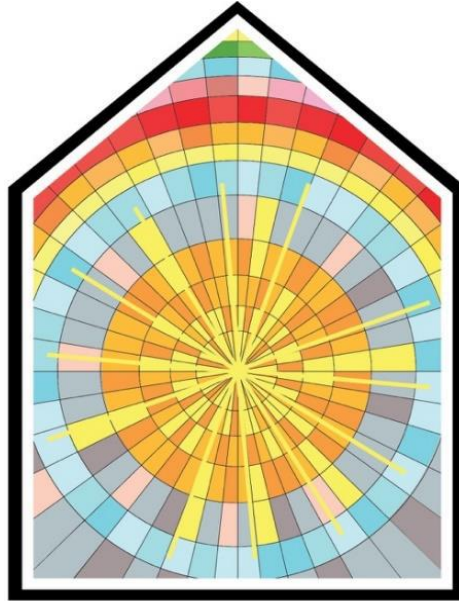


**Welcome to**  
**South Congregational Church, UCC**  
1301 Forbes St. East Hartford, CT



**SOUTH**  
Congregational Church  

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**East Hartford, CT**

**January 21, 2024**

Interim Pastor  
Minister of Music  
Coordinator of CEFE

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

The Reverend Kent Rhodehamel  
Jeff Cregeur  
Lisa Griffen

Meditation

”There is no way of making three men right but by making right each one of the three; but a cure in one man who repents and turns, is a beginning of the cure of the whole human race.” **The Hope of the Gospel**, George MacDonald

“...he believed in God and he believed that when the human is still, the Divine speaks to it, because it is its own.” **The Fisherman's Lady**, George MacDonald

Prelude

Jeff Cregeur, Minister of Music

Welcome and Announcements

† Passing the Peace

† Gathering Hymn

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Chalice Hymn #586

Call to Worship: Psalm 62:5-12

Wayne Smith

Lay Reader: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

**People: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.**

Lay Reader: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

**People: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.**

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

In Unison

Praise God, you notice us, O Lord. As we are busy with our business, you see and call to us. At your call we recognize that the realm of God has come near, because we are alerted to your royalty. Your look, your voice, are as much as to communicate that we are yours, that we are forgiven, and that we are free to repent and follow you. Praise be to God! Amen. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Offertory Sentences

Wayne Smith

Your Word is powerful, O God. In token of your call to us, we hope that by our ministry in the name of Jesus Christ and in his Spirit, others may come to hear of your love and mercy. May these gifts aid in so doing.

† Offertory Hymn      *The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young*      Chalice Hymn #76

† Doxology      *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*      Chalice Hymn #46  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† Prayer of Dedication      In Unison  
Bless now these gifts and the givers that your realm may come near all who are in need of love and mercy. Amen.

## Scripture Readings

Hebrew Bible	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Pew Bible Page 753
Gospel	Mark 1:14-20	Pew Bible Page 812

Sermon      “And the Words of the Prophets”      Rev. Kent Rhodehamel

† Sending Hymn      *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*      Chalice Hymn #585

† Benediction      Rev. Kent Rhodehamel

Postlude      Jeff Cregeur, Minister of Music



The South Church family extends a warm welcome to all newcomers and visitors this morning. We hope you will find this worship service meaningful, the fellowship friendly, and that you will consider making this your church home. If you are a first-time visitor, please fill out the Pew Card that can be found in the pew or at the Welcome Station outside the sanctuary. You may give this card to any usher or put it in the offertory plate. We also encourage you to speak with the pastor.

*Please place gifts and offerings in the collection plates located in the Narthex either before or after worship.*

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*Steeple Lighting for the month of January is provided by Sylvia Johnson in loving memory of Catherine Brewer, Marion Brewer, Clifford Brewer, and Lee McIntyre.*

### **This Sunday's Service Volunteers:**

- Ushers:** Janet Lynch, Gary Armentrout, and Liz O'Donnell
- Lay Reader:** Wayne Smith
- Deacons** for the month of **January:** Bob Handel and Peggy Schoen
- Audio Visual:** Chuck Pelletier and Bob Handel
- Flower Contacts:** Jean Foisey, Lisa Handel and Gayle Juliani

**The Annual Meeting of South Congregational Church will be held today following worship service. All members are encouraged to attend.**

## CHILI COOK OFF

**Sunday, February 11, 11:00am**

Ladies and gentlemen, start your crock pots! The South Church Chili Cook Off is back and it is going to be delicious! Whether you have a treasured family recipe to share or have a hankering to experiment with a new one, this is your opportunity to shine and claim the coveted chili pepper necklace prize. Please sign up in the Crossroads if you are interested in participating in this exciting South Church event.



### **Hospitalized/Convalescing...**

- Barbara Abbott suffered a stroke a couple of weeks ago and is receiving care at a rehabilitative facility.*
- Bob Davivson, friend of Barbara McNamara, has been admitted to the ICU.*

### **Continued Prayers Are Needed For...**

<i>Barbara Abbott</i>	<i>Eugenia Dansinghani</i>	<i>Ivy Lehmann</i>	<i>Barbara Slocum</i>
<i>Nimmi Baker</i>	<i>Bill Fagan</i>	<i>Liz Costa Mayerson</i>	<i>Rev. Will Thayer</i>
<i>Georgi Beers</i>	<i>Charlie Goding</i>	<i>Beth McGinnis</i>	<i>Russell Turner</i>
<i>John &amp; Phyllis Carella</i>	<i>Mary Ann Higgins</i>	<i>Jill McNamara</i>	
<i>Veona Cashman</i>	<i>Barbara Hooker</i>	<i>Gene Pellett</i>	

*Andrew, grandson of Margie Articulo*  
*Linda Bandecchi, aunt of Bryan Denman*  
*Mary Anne Barrett, sister of Liz Costa Mayerson*  
*Mayland Clark, Mayland Clark Jr., and Bob Davivson, friends of Barbara McNamara*  
*Allison Cornelius, stepdaughter of Gary Fowler*  
*Barbara Hitchcock, mother of Bryan Denman*  
*Maureen Kosha, friend of Margie Articulo*  
*Kim McMenamin, daughter of Chuck and Nancy Goding*  
*Addyson Murphy, great-granddaughter of George and Peggy Schoen*  
*Carol Poehnert, friend of Maureen Miller*  
*Roseann Russell, friend of Debbie Wall*  
*Ruth Sheehan, friend of Celia Collins*  
*Liam Stickley, mother is a close friend of Sue Gammie*

*A memorial service will be held for Charlotte Bradbury on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.  
A reception will follow in Charrier Hall.*

## **This Week at South Church**

### **SUNDAY, January 21**

8:00am – Martial Arts/Basement

8:45am – Choir/Sanctuary

10:00am – Worship Service

11:00am – Annual Meeting/Sanctuary

### **MONDAY, January 22**

5:45pm – Girl Scouts/Rms 9&10

### **TUESDAY, January 23**

12:00pm – Food Bank (Distribution)/Charrier Hall

2:00pm – Tuesdays at Two/Library

6:00pm – Martial Arts/Basement

7:30pm – AA/Rms 9&10

### **WEDNESDAY, January 24**

6:30pm – Cub Scouts/Rms 9&10 & Charrier Hall

### **THURSDAY, January 25**

10:30am – Reception Setup/Charrier Hall&Kitchen

6:00pm – Martial Arts/Basement

7:00pm – Choir/Library

### **FRIDAY, January 26**

Charrier Hall Reserved All Day

### **SATURDAY, January 27**

11:00am – Memorial Service & Reception/C. Bradbury

### **SUNDAY, January 28**

8:00am – Martial Arts/Basement

8:45am – Choir/Sanctuary

10:00am – Worship Service & Sunday School

*Please email/call the office at [office@southucc.org](mailto:office@southucc.org)  
or 860.568.5150 to reserve a room*





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