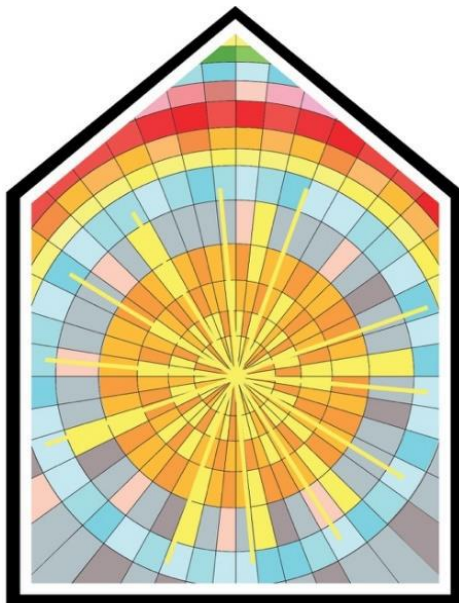


Welcome to
South Congregational Church, UCC
1301 Forbes St. East Hartford, CT 06118



SOUTH
Congregational Church

East Hartford, CT

September 1, 2024

Interim Pastor
Minister of Music
Coordinator of CEFE

Proper 17 (Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Reverend Paul Goodman
Jeff Cregeur
Lisa Griffen

† Please stand in body or spirit

Meditation

The greatest of all mistakes is to do nothing because you can do only a little.

-Sydney Smith

Prelude

Jeff Cregeur, Minister of Music

Welcome and Announcements

† Passing the Peace

Call to Worship (based upon Song of Solomon):

Jean Foisey

Lay Reader: Come to listen for all God seeks to teach us. God has given us birth by the word of truth.

People: We are drawn to God as to a lover. We leap for joy when we know God's care.

Lay Reader: Every perfect gift comes from God. God's image is a part of each one of us.

People: God's grace has been poured into our lives. Wisdom and understanding are offered to us.

Lay Reader: Who will dwell on God's holy hill? Those who walk uprightly and speak the truth.

People: We will honor God by honoring our neighbors. We will act toward them as we wish to be treated.

† Gathering Hymn

We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

Chalice Hymn #64

Prayer of Invocation

In Unison

Open our eyes so we may clearly see the wonders of your creation. Release our tongues to share the knowledge you impart. Transform our religion so its major focus is no longer on our own benefit, but on ministering to others as we have been blessed by you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Paul Goodman

Offertory Sentences

Jean Foisey

We who are the first fruits of God's love come now in gratitude to being our best to extend the church's outreach and mission. We know it is not enough to share with one another the amazing good news we are discovering. Let us give generously and joyously, that the whole world may know God's love. If you have not already left an offering in the

Prayer of Thanksgiving

In Unison

We give you thanks, eternal God, for the gifts of life and love we have received in your presence. Grant that in the days ahead our lips which have sung your praises may speak the truth, our eyes which have seen your love may look with compassion on the needs of the world, our hands which have held this loaf and cup may be active in your service pronouncing peace to all. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

† Sending Hymn

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Chalice Hymn #475

Benediction

Rev. Paul Goodman

Postlude

Jeff Cregeur, Minister of Music



Welcome to Our Church

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.

Hearing devices are available for use during worship service. Please see an Usher if you're in need of one.

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

This Sunday's Service Volunteers:

-Ushers: Celia Collins and Linda Russell

-Lay Reader: Jean Foisey

-Deacons for the month of **September:** Gary Armentrout and Liz O'Donnell

-Audio Visual: Chuck Pelletier, Bob Handel, Bryan Denman

-Flower Contacts: Jean Foisey, Lisa Handel, Gayle Juliani

COMMUNITY
SUNDAYS 
AT SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL

Today after worship service!

GODSPOTTING PHOTO EXHIBITION! We invite you to a celebration of all things bright and beautiful! Over the course of the summer members of our congregation have been taking pictures of places and things where they experience the presence of God. Be it a backyard porch or a mountain top, we have discovered the glory of Creation almost everywhere! Come breathe in the artwork, mingle with the photographers and stay for a complimentary mini-ice cream sundae.

BIKE RODEO

Saturday, September 14th, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Please consider joining CEFE, Church Growth and the East Hartford Police Department as we host a community Bike Rodeo for children in grades K-5. Come visit with our neighbors, share a cup of cider, and support our youngest citizens as they engage in fun and challenging bike activities, learn bike safety and more!

CHICKEN BBQ

Circle the date on your calendars or send reminders to your phones! You don't want to miss the CHICKEN BBQ DINNER on **Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 6:00 p.m.**

Besides chicken, the menu includes can't-be-beat Handel Family Farm corn on the cob, homemade pasta salads, garden salad, rolls, dessert and beverage.

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 and under, and will be sold in the Crossroads after church or at the door. Looking forward to seeing you there for a great evening of food and fellowship.

Questions? Please call Erin Pelletier at 860-870-0297 or Bea Piersa at 860-569-6778.

TUESDAYS AT TWO

Resumes September 17

Join Lisa G and friends as they explore *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. The description of the book provided by *Legendary Reads* states “This revolutionary book combines the rich strands of indigenous wisdom, scientific research, and the deep teachings of nature. It’s a journey that teaches us about our relationship with the earth and the responsibilities that come with it.” Contact Lisa G if you would like her to order you a book off Amazon. The books will cost \$13, but please ask Lisa if you would like a donated copy. All are welcome to attend, whether you have a copy of the book or not.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Of Special Concern...

–Richard Shonti, husband of a friend of Jean Foisey, needs our prayers.

Continued Prayers are Needed for...

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

Andrew, grandson of Margie Articolo

Linda Bandecchi, aunt of Bryan Denman

Mary Anne Barrett, sister of Liz Costa Mayerson

Krista Clark and Gail Lopez, friends of Barbara McNamara

Allison Cornelius, stepdaughter of Gary Fowler

Barbara Hitchcock, mother of Bryan Denman

Sandy Hodge, sister of a friend of Jean Foisey and Debbie Rataic

Maureen Kosha, friend of Margie Articolo

Kim McMenamain, 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

Deborah Lambert Severson, friend of South Church

Ruth Sheehan, friend of Celia Collins

Liam Stickleby, mother is a close friend of Sue Gammie

Bill Vendetta, Debbie Wall’s brother-in-law

This Week at South Church

SUNDAY, September 1

8:00am – Martial Arts/Basement
10:00am – Worship Service/Communion

MONDAY, September 2

OFFICE CLOSED – LABOR DAY

TUESDAY, September 3

6:00pm – Martial Arts/Basement
7:30pm – AA/Rms 9&10

WEDNESDAY, September 4

10:00am – Caring Ministry/Library

THURSDAY, September 5

6:00pm – Martial Arts/Basement
7:00pm – Choir/Library

FRIDAY, September 6

7:00pm – Cub Scout Leaders/Library

SATURDAY, September 7

9:00am – CitySingers Auditions/Library

SUNDAY, September 8

8:00am – Martial Arts/Basement
8:45am – Choir/Sanctuary
10:00am – Worship Service
11:00am – Community Sunday/Charrier Hall

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or 860.568.5150 to reserve a room*



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