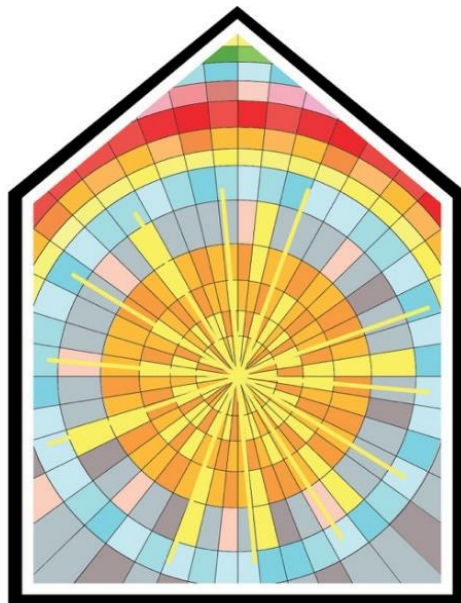


**Welcome to
South Congregational Church, UCC
1301 Forbes St. East Hartford, CT 06118**



SOUTH
Congregational Church

East Hartford, CT

April 21, 2024

Interim Pastor
Minister of Music
Coordinator of CEFE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Reverend Paul Goodman
Jeff Cregeur
Lisa Griffen

† Please stand in body or spirit

Meditation

Hope doesn't help us get out of our difficulties, but it does get us through.

-Peter Gomes

Prelude

Jeff Cregeur, Minister of Music

Welcome and Announcements

† Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Eddie Lackard

Lay Reader: Come, sisters and brothers, gather together.

People: From all the bruises of a busy week, gather.

Lay Reader: Plunge your sorrow and worry into the fountain of life.

People: Here, find comfort and hope.

Lay Reader: Place your dreams and concerns on the table of blessing.

People: Here, find courage and renewal.

Lay Reader: Give your questions and doubts to the heart of God.

People: Here, find a peace that lightens the load and restores the faith.

Lay Reader: Come all of you in this place;

People: Become a family of love, a community of song, a people of prayer.

† Gathering Hymn

God Is My Shepherd

Chalice Hymnal #79

Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

In Unison

Almighty God, in whose power we now stand, by whom the whole world is supplied and upheld, and the wondrous heavens lifted over our heads: bring all these works of your hands before us now, that we may forget our own foolish business for an hour and give mere praise to your name as we now offer the words of praise that Jesus taught us: 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.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Paul Goodman

Offertory Sentences

Eddie Lackard

As the early church let us acknowledge that life is a trust from God, who makes us partners in ministry to all creation. Everyone in need has a divine claim what we are



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. We invite you to join us after worship for fellowship and refreshments.

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

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

This Sunday's Service Volunteers:

- Ushers:** Janet Lynch, Gary Armentrout, Liz O'Donnell
- Lay Reader:** Eddie Lackard
- Deacons** for the month of **April:** Janet Lynch and Debbie McNamara
- Audio Visual:** Chuck Pelletier and Bob Handel
- Flower Contacts:** Jean Foisey, Lisa Handel, Gayle Juliani
- Coffee Hour:** Erin Pelletier

GUEST SPEAKER

Today after worship service!

Join Aila Brennan, Program Director from the Silver Lake Conference and Retreat Center, as she shares exciting updates and opportunities offered at the lake. Established in 1957, Silver Lake Camp & Retreat Center (SLCRC) is a year-round ministry of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ. Come and see what Silver Lake might have in store for you!

SPRING CLEANUP

Saturday, April 27, 9:00am

Our annual Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th, 9:00am-noonish. Rain date will be Saturday, May 4th. Many hands are needed to keep South Church looking beautiful. Please bring your rakes, tarps, wheelbarrows, leaf blowers, chainsaws, pruners, rags, cleaner, etc. to assist with the cleanup. Even if you can only spare an hour, your help would be greatly appreciated. This is a great opportunity to complete community service hours for high school graduation, Boy Scout/Girl Scout merit badge requirements, or volunteer work. All are welcome to participate.

TUESDAYS AT TWO

Join Lisa G, Wayne Smith, and friends as they explore *The Shepherd's Life: Modern Dispatches from an Ancient Landscape* by James Rebanks. Wayne shares that "This book is about an Oxford University graduate who becomes a third-generation shepherd in northern England. It takes the reader on a years-long journey through a rural life revolving around the ancient profession of shepherding. It gives the reader an in-depth look at what a modern shepherd does and how it mirrors the actions of the Good Shepherd of Jesus' time. It is filled with love and caring, joy and heartache, gratification and disappointment but mostly pride in being a part of an ancient custom continuing to this day. I highly recommend this book for anyone interested in understanding the basis of shepherding as it applies to today's church." Contact Lisa G if you would like her to order you a book off Amazon. The books will cost \$19, but please see Lisa if you would like a donated copy. **Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 30, from 2-3 PM. All are welcome, whether you have a copy of the book or not.**



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 & 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., Krista Clark, and Gail Lopez, friends of Barbara McNamara

Allison Cornelius, stepdaughter of Gary Fowler

Judy Dunn, neighbor of Debbi Grote

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

Deborah Lambert Sevetson, friend of South Church

Ruth Sheehan, friend of Celia Collins

Liam Stickley, mother is a close friend of Sue Gammie

This Week at South Church

SUNDAY, April 21

8:00am – Martial Arts/Basement
8:45am – Choir/Sanctuary
10:00am – Worship Service/Sanctuary
11:00am – Guest Speaker/Library

TUESDAY, April 23

Noon – Food Bank/Charrier Hall
6:00pm – Martial Arts/Basement
7:30pm – AA/Rms 9&10

WEDNESDAY, April 24

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

THURSDAY, April 25

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

FRIDAY, April 26

7:00pm – Cub Scouts/Charrier Hall

SATURDAY, April 27

9:00am – Spring Cleanup

SUNDAY, April 28

8:00am – Martial Arts/Basement
8:45am – Choir/Sanctuary
10:00am – Worship Service & Sunday School

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