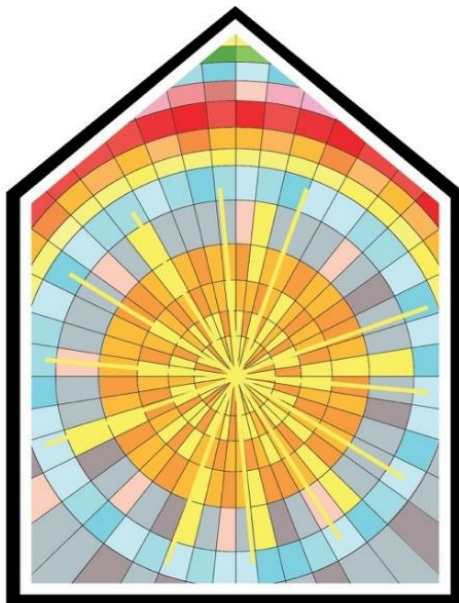


Welcome to
South Congregational Church, UCC
1301 Forbes St. East Hartford, CT 06118



SOUTH
Congregational Church

East Hartford, CT

October 20, 2024

Interim Pastor
Minister of Music
Coordinator of CEFE

Proper 24 (22nd Sunday after Pentecost)

The Reverend Paul Goodman
Jeff Cregeur
Lisa Griffen

† Please stand in body or spirit

Meditation

Religion as a tailor-made garment will soon be outgrown and discarded. Religion as a growing seed will come to its own maturity.

–Elizabeth M. Manwell

Prelude

Jeff Cregeur, Minister of Music

Welcome and Announcements

† Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Mark Davis

Lay Reader: Come, all who look for God with unseeing eyes. Come, all who listen for God but hear nothing.

People: Oh, that we knew where to find God! We want to hear and understand God's Word.

Lay Reader: The word of God is living and active. It pierces and judges and opens us to God's grace.

People: We cannot hide from God who knows us. God understands our thoughts and intentions.

Lay Reader: Leave everything to follow Jesus in this hour. This is the time to embrace new ways.

People: Here we set the patterns for everyday life. Here we are strengthened for every day's challenges.

† Gathering Hymn

Stand By Me

Chalice Hymn #629

Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer

Unison

We seek to gather as children of your realm, reigning God. This is the time and place of your dominion. We recognize that you, not we, prescribe the rules under which life can be rich and full and free. Help us in this hour to embrace the best we know. Open our thoughts and feelings so we may learn better ways. We approach you with boldness, daring to question and make requests, knowing that your grace and mercy exceed our wildest imagining, and your guidance is ever available to those who ask. We thank you God as we now praise with the words 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

Mark Davis

Jesus said to the young questioner who asked about eternal life: “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” As long as our reliance is on things we have accumulated, our Christian discipleship is in peril. We give out of thanks to God and compassionate concern for our neighbor. Our morning offerings will now be received.

Offertory Anthem

Cradle Me Lord
Chancel Choir

by Berta and Sonja Poorman

† 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

Thank you God, for the wealth you have entrusted to us. Keep our focus on people and relationships and lasting values, rather than on the possessions we accumulate. We dedicate our time, money, and ourselves to the reign of God among us, praying that all whom our gifts may reach may receive mercy and find grace to help in times of need. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17

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† Hymn

How Long, O God, How Long?

Chalice Hymn #642

Sermon

“Shaking Your Fist at God?!”

Rev. Paul Goodman

† Sending Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Chalice Hymn #628

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: Janet Lynch, Gary Armentrout, Liz O'Donnell

-Lay Reader: Mark Davis

-Deacons for the month of **October:** Janet Lynch and Debbie McNamara

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

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

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 26, 2:00-4:00 PM

The congregation has been very supportive of this event in the past and we look forward to your support again this year. There are two different ways you can help:

1. Volunteer to be a trunker – The congregation can directly participate by decorating their car's trunk and coming down to be part of the trunk or treat lineup.
2. Supplement our candy supply – This opportunity is open to anyone who cannot be a trunker but is willing to support our efforts. You may leave your donations in the candy box in the church office.

If you are interested in being a trunker or have questions, please contact Linda Russell at linda.russell@hotmail.com

FALL CLEANUP

Saturday, November 2, 9:00 AM

Our annual Fall Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 9:00am-noonish. Rain date will be Saturday, November 9. 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. If you know someone in need of hours, please share this information. All are welcome to participate.

GUEST SPEAKER

Sunday, November 3, 11:00 AM

Recycling 101. Are you often confused about what can or cannot be recycled? Do you toss things in the garbage that might be reusable? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then Recycling 101 is for you! Please consider joining South Church as we welcome Cesar Zapata from the EH Public Works Department to our community. Mr. Zapata will share the correct way to recycle household products, as well as introducing a new food scrap program. Let us continue to work together to care for God's beautiful creation.

In Our Thoughts and 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>
<i>Traci Constantine</i>			

Andrew, grandson of Margie Articulo
Linda Bandecchi, aunt of Bryan Denman
Mary Anne Barrett, sister of Liz Costa Mayerson
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 Articulo
Anthony Manuel, grandson of Debbie Wall
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
Richard Shonti, husband of a friend of Jean Foisey
Liam Stickley, mother is a close friend of Sue Gammie
Bill Vendetta, Debbie Wall's brother-in-law

This Week at South Church

SUNDAY, October 20

8:00am – Martial Arts/Basement
8:45am – Choir/Sanctuary
10:00am – Worship Service
2:00pm – Girl Scouts/Charrier Hall

MONDAY, October 21

6:30pm – CitySingers Rehearsal/Library

TUESDAY, October 22

12:00pm – Food Bank/Charrier Hall
2:00pm – Tuesdays at Two/Library
6:00pm – Martial Arts/Basement
7:00pm – Council/Library
7:30pm – AA/Rms 9&10

WEDNESDAY, October 23

6:30pm – Cub Scouts/Rms 2, 9&10,
Charrier Hall

*Please email/call the office at
office@southucc.org or 860.568.5150
to reserve a room*

THURSDAY, October 24

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

FRIDAY, October 25

5:00pm – Girl Scouts/Charrier Hall

SATURDAY, October 26

2:00pm – Trunk or Treat

SUNDAY, October 27

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

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