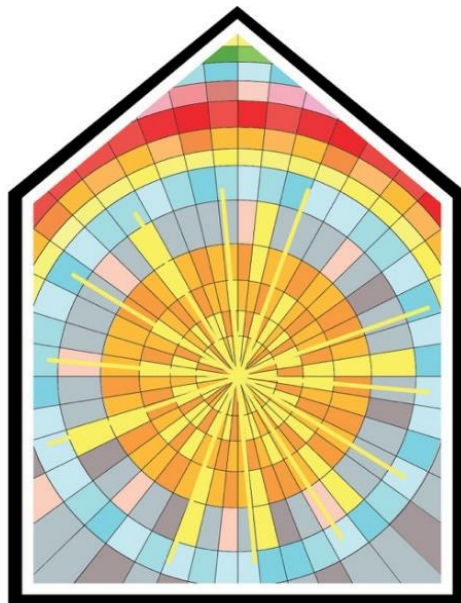


Welcome to
South Congregational Church, UCC
1301 Forbes St. East Hartford, CT 06118



SOUTH
Congregational Church

East Hartford, CT

August 11, 2024

Interim Pastor
Minister of Music
Coordinator of CEFE

Proper 14 (Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Reverend Paul Goodman
Jeff Cregeur
Lisa Griffen

Meditation

*The rain to the wind said, "You push and I'll pelt."
They so smote the garden bed
That the flowers actually knelt,
And lay lodged – though not dead
I know how the flowers felt.*

–Robert Frost

Prelude

Jeff Cregeur, Minister of Music

Welcome and Announcements

† Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Sheryl Caldwell

Lay Reader: Wait for God, who deals gently with us. Watch for God's appearance among us.

People: Out of the depths we cry out to God. Will God hear the voice of our supplications?

Lay Reader: In all times and places, we can rely on God. We can know steadfast love here and now.

People: We keep our morning watch together. We will support one another as we seek to know God.

Lay Reader: Find hope in God's power to redeem. Give thanks for the new day God promises.

People: Life's battles cannot destroy us. The losses we suffer are not the last word.

† Gathering Hymn

Come, You Disconsolate

Chalice Hymn #502

Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

In Unison

We come to you, holy God, with our many needs. Some of us are people in authority with weighty decisions to make. Some of us are fighting battles we cannot win. Some have faced unexpected losses that tear at the very fabric of life. There are broken relationships among us, feelings we do not want to admit, realities we do not want to face. There are also joys we have not really celebrated, reasons to give thanks to which we have never given voice. We come, O God, to be lifted out of our ruts and routines, seeking instead to find fullness of life with you and the one who taught us to praise you with the words: 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

Sheryl Caldwell

Wonder again at all that God's hands have wrought – resources we cannot create. For the privilege of using them, we give thanks as we reinvest a portion in our shared ministry and mission. Whether you have already placed an offering in the plate or you feel moved to do so as you leave (plates are in the narthex) we are blessed by your presence here and your generosity. Let us give God our praise as with joy we bring forward our offerings!

† 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 your continuing providence, even when we complain. Thank you for the living bread, Jesus Christ, who feeds our spirits. In gratitude for undeserved grace and unlimited opportunity, we dedicate our offering and ourselves. Let our talk and our resources build up the body of Christ for greater service. May the needs of many be addressed in ways that bring hope, grace, peace and love to your children all over the world. Amen.

Scripture

2Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Pew Bible Pages 255-256

Sermon

“A Parent's Tears”

Rev. Paul Goodman

† Sending Hymn

The Lord's My Shepherd

Chalice Hymn #78

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:** Scott Davis, Jean Barrows, Mark Davis
- Lay Reader:** Sheryl Caldwell
- Deacons for August 11:** Jim & Jana Sime
- Audio Visual:** Chuck Pelletier and Bob Handel
- Flower Contacts:** Jean Foisey, Lisa Handel, Gayle Juliani

COMMUNITY
SUNDAYS 
AT SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL
August 11: 10:45-11:45am

We are excited to be writing notes of affirmation and encouragement to be included with our school supplies donations for the students at O'Connell School.

Please consider joining us after today's worship service as we aspire to complete 300 notecards for distribution! All are welcome to participate!

ONLY ONE MORE TO GO...

Our MOSAICS season is quickly coming to a close. Join us on Saturday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m. to welcome **The New London Big Band**, a full-bodied, 17-piece jazz orchestra! Led by trombonist and composer Sean Nelson. This band plays a mix of classic jazz standards, upbeat dance tunes, original music by band members, and regularly features instrumental and vocal soloists.

This concert will be held in Charrier Hall, so wear your dancing shoes! Appetizers and beverages will be provided at no additional cost!

Help us wind up the season in a BIG way by inviting your friends and family for a fun night out!

As in previous years, Charlotte Turner has graciously offered one of her beautiful paintings for a raffle. You may purchase raffle tickets at the door the night of each concert, or in the Crossroads on Sundays. The winner's name will be revealed at our last concert.

Concert tickets are \$20.00 each and will be sold in the Crossroads or at the door the night of each performance.

The MOSAICS concerts are dedicated in loving memory of Rev. Al Turner. It was through the generosity of contributions made to the Memorial Fund in his memory that this concert series began in 2022 as a way to enhance the music program here at South Church. We are excited as our third year gets underway and hope our church family joins us for another summer of music.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Continued Prayers are Needed for...

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

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

This Week at South Church

SUNDAY, August 11

8:00am – Martial Arts/Basement

10:00am – Worship Service

10:45am – Community Sunday/Charrier Hall

MONDAY, August 12

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, August 13

12:00pm – Food Bank/Charrier Hall

6:00pm – Martial Arts/Basement

– Search Committee/Library

7:30pm – AA/Rms 9&10

WEDNESDAY, August 14

6:30pm – CEFE/Zoom

THURSDAY, August 15

6:00pm – Martial Arts/Basement

SUNDAY, August 18

8:00am – Martial Arts/Basement

10:00am – Worship Service

11:00am – Mosaics Social Hour Setup/Charrier Hall*

*Charrier Hall will be closed the week of August 18

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

The office is closed on Mondays during July & August



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