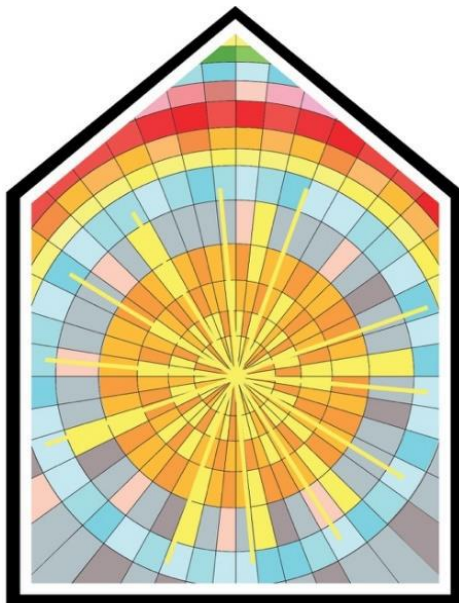


Welcome to
South Congregational Church, UCC
1301 Forbes St. East Hartford, CT 06118



SOUTH
Congregational Church

East Hartford, CT

September 29, 2024

Proper 21 (Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Interim Pastor
Minister of Music
Coordinator of CEFE

The Reverend Paul Goodman
Jeff Cregeur
Lisa Griffen

Meditation

*When you arise in the morning,
give thanks for the morning light,
for your life and strength.
Give thanks for your food
and the joy of living.
If you see no reason for giving thanks,
the fault lies in yourself.
–Tecumseh*

Prelude

Jeff Cregeur, Minister of Music

Welcome and Announcements

† Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Bob Benigni

Lay Reader: Come one and all to meet God here. Let all who are suffering find hope in this place.

People: We have come that God might raise us up. Our only hope is in the Maker of heaven and earth.

Lay Reader: Come, all who are weary and oppressed. God offers relief and enlists our mutual helpfulness.

People: God hears our prayers and answers us. God equips us to be helpful to one another.

Lay Reader: Come together to sing songs of praise to God. Give thanks for God's wondrous deeds.

People: God's glory abides in this place of worship. God's presence and help are real.

† Gathering Hymn

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Chalice Hymn #6

Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer

In Unison

May all your people find favor with you this day, God of majesty and power. Turn our sorrow into gladness and our mourning into a holiday, a holy day, in which to praise you and find ways to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Lift us from our daily preoccupations that we may pray with earnest intent, both to thank you and to be changed by you. Let our prayers be powerful and effective. May our worship be alive and life-changing. May the service we extend find favor in your eyes, blessed God, the one 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

Bob Benigni

Like salt that enhances the flavor of food, Christians are called to share the joy and gladness we are discovering in our relationship with Jesus Christ. The good news is extended through our support of the church and its ministries. Let us give God our praise through the offerings we now present!

Offertory Anthem

Lead Me Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley arr. Carl F. Mueller
Chancel Choir

† 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

We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to the work of your church. For those who are sick, who are suffering, who are grieving, who are lost, we have words of hope and acts of caring. We stand with all who face discrimination, oppression, and confusion, seeking to work with them for justice and a meaningful existence. As you have accepted us, we reach out to include all your children in the family of mutuality, self-revelation, and growing in love that we experience through Jesus. Amen.

Scriptures

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
James 5:13-20

Pew Bible Pages 113-114
Pew Bible Page 983

† Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Chalice Hymn #419

Sermon

“Whining, Murmuring, Praying”

Rev. Paul Goodman

† Sending Hymn

If You Will Trust in God to Guide You

Chalice Hymn #565

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: Bob Benigni

-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

GUEST SPEAKER

Sunday, October 6, 11:00 AM

Join CEFE as they welcome Reverend Thomas Carr to South Church. A retired American Baptist Churches, USA pastor, Rev. Carr has spent nearly 40 years elevating the issues of ecology, environmental justice and spirituality with local congregations. A co-founder of the Connecticut Interreligious Eco-Justice Network, Tom will focus on the importance of caring for God's Creation, reasons for hope and the steps we can all take to live more harmoniously on this beautiful planet.



October 13, 11 AM-12 PM

Pumpkin Painting fun at South Church! Community Sunday will find us focused on the youngest residents of our community once again. Join us as we celebrate the arrival of fall with pumpkin painting, apple cider and donut holes! There will also be an opportunity to create and write out greeting cards to be included in our November Thanksgiving baskets. We will likely have over 60 food baskets to distribute, and a handwritten note of warmth and encouragement will be a welcome addition to these donated goods. Please consider attending to spread some South Church love.

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

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>

Andrew, grandson of Margie Articolo
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 Articolo
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 Stickleby, mother is a close friend of Sue Gammie
Bill Vendetta, Debbie Wall's brother-in-law

This Week at South Church

SUNDAY, September 29

8:00am – Martial Arts/Basement

8:45am – Choir/Sanctuary

10:00am – Worship Service

TUESDAY, October 1

2:00pm – Tuesdays at Two/Library

6:00pm – Martial Arts/Basement

7:30pm – AA/Rms 9&10

WEDNESDAY, October 2

10:00pm – Caring Ministry/Library

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

THURSDAY, October 3

9:00am – DDNCS/Library

6:00pm – Martial Arts/Basement

7:00pm – Choir/Library

FRIDAY, October 4

7:00pm – Cub Scout Leaders/Library

SUNDAY, October 6

8:00am – Martial Arts/Basement

8:45am – Choir/Sanctuary

10:00am – Worship Service

11:00am – Guest Speaker/Library

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

Pastor Paul can be reached at 203.507.0006



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