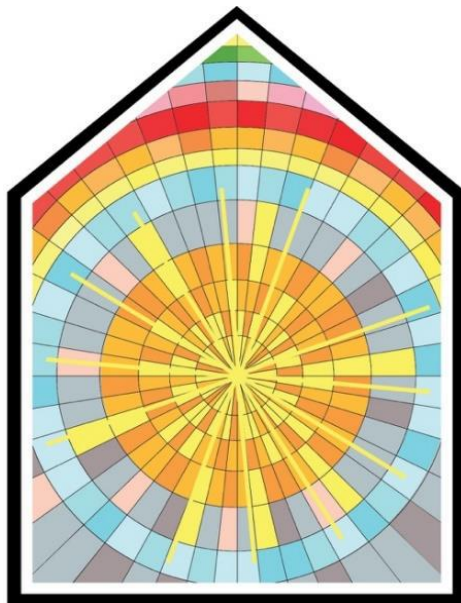


**Welcome to
South Congregational Church, UCC
1301 Forbes St. East Hartford, CT 06118**



SOUTH
Congregational Church

East Hartford, CT

November 10, 2024

Interim Pastor
Minister of Music
Coordinator of CEFE

Proper 27 (25th Sunday after Pentecost)

The Reverend Paul Goodman
Jeff Cregeur
Lisa Griffen

† Please stand in body or spirit

Meditation

You do not need to know precisely what is happening or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.

--Thomas Merton

Prelude

Jeff Cregeur, Minister of Music

Welcome and Announcements

† Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Bryan Denman

Lay Reader: Come, travelers and sojourners; there is a place for you here.

People: God grants bread for our journey and offers places of refuge on the way.

Lay Reader: Praise God, who offers justice for the oppressed and opens the eyes of the blind.

People: God brings our wickedness to ruin and rejects our blind pursuit of riches.

Lay Reader: Happy are those who hope in God, and avail themselves of God's ever-present help.

People: God reigns in righteousness forever and ever; we will sing God's praises as long as we live!

† Gathering Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Chalice Hymn #586

Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer

Unison

God of all, we pray your Spirit's touch making your presence so real to us that our lives are brought into harmony with your goals of justice and peace for all the earth. Make us instruments of your help and carriers of your hope, both in this place and as we go our separate ways. All this we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us the familiar words of praise: 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

Bryan Denman

It is not the size of our gift, but the sincerity of our commitment and the sense of blessedness that matters to God. We are called to give in proportion to our blessings, as an act of dedication to our God. Let our gifts and our joy be presented to our God.

Sharing of our Gifts of Love and Gratitude

† 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 dare to give because all we have has been given to us. Even when we have little, we know ourselves richly blessed. We bring these offerings on behalf of those who hunger, those who seek freedom and justice, those who long to see, and all who have no hope. Help us to accomplish your purposes wherever we live, work, and play. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Pew Bible Pages 211, 212

Sermon

“Stepping Out”

Rev. Paul Goodman

† Sending Hymn

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord
[see following page]

The Worshipping Church
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Benediction

Rev. Paul Goodman

Postlude

Jeff Cregeur, Minister of Music

395 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Rom. 11:29

Unison

1. How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when
 2. But if, for - get - ful, we should find your
 3. We mar - vel how your saints be - come in
 4. In what you give us, Lord, to do, to -

once we heed your call: to live ac - cord - ing
 yoke is hard to bear; if world - ly pres - sures
 hin - dranc - es more sure; whose joy - ful vir - tues
 geth - er or a - lone, in old rou - tines and

to your word, and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored, that
 fray the mind, and love it - self can - not un - wind its
 put to shame the cas - ual way we wear your name, and
 ven - tures new may we not cease to look to you, the

you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.
 tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 cross you hung up - on - all you en - deav - ored done.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1981
 MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888

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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.

This Sunday's Service Volunteers:

-Ushers: Scott Davis, Jean Barrows, Mark Davis

-Lay Reader: Bryan Denman

-Deacons for the month of November: Bryan Denman and Dan Werkheiser

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

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

Stewardship Reminder

Please join us on **Sunday, November 16th**, for our annual Stewardship campaign where we will bring forward our commitment to our church during the service. If you have not received a letter/pledge card through the mail this week, there will be pledge cards available on Sunday.

Thank you, The Stewardship Committee

COMMUNITY
SUNDAYS 
AT SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL

TODAY after worship service!

Please consider joining us as we **pack boxes of food for Thanksgiving distribution**. This time of service and fellowship will find us collaborating, making memories, and pouring South Church love into every box of food we assemble. Too tired to stand? We still need more **homemade cards to be included with each box of food**. We will provide the cards and the craft supplies if you provide your artistry and imagination! Come help to ensure that our neighbors feel the love of God during this holiday season.



COOKIE WALK

The Choir's annual Cookie Walk is planned for Saturday, December 7th, 9:00 am - 12 noon. Members of the Choir will be in the Crossroads throughout November to sign up cookie bakers. The more cookies we have the better, as this is a part of the town-wide Holiday Fest weekend, and lots of folks know that we here at South bake the best cookies!! We thank you in advance for helping us make this event successful.

CITYSINGERS

CitySingers of Hartford will present "Hearth and Tapestry" at South Church on Saturday, December 7th, at 4:00 pm. Jeff Cregeur is the newly appointed Artistic Director of this group and will conduct the performance. Tickets are \$20.00 and will be sold at the door. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music right here in our sanctuary.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our Sympathy goes to...

*The family of Jack Wakefield who passed into God's eternal care on October 22nd.
Calling hours were held on November 1st. A private burial will take place in the spring.*

Continued Prayers are Needed for...

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

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, November 10

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

MONDAY, November 11

6:30pm – CitySingers Rehearsal/Library

TUESDAY, November 12

2:00pm – Tuesdays at Two/Library
6:00pm – Martial Arts/Basement
6:30pm – CEFE/Zoom
7:00pm – Trustees/Library
7:30pm – AA/Rms 9&10

WEDNESDAY, November 13

6:30pm – Cub Scouts/Rms 2, 9&10,
Charrier Hall
7:00pm – Deacons/Library

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

THURSDAY, November 14

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

FRIDAY, November 15

7:00pm – Cub Scouts/Charrier Hall

SATURDAY, November 16

SUNDAY, November 17

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

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