



**THE 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION/RECONCILIATION SUNDAY,
HERITAGE SUNDAY**

October 31, 2021 ✦ 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to the Storrs Congregational Church, United Church of Christ!

As we say at nearly every worship service, “No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey God welcomes you... and so do we.”

We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God knows we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We come from different religious backgrounds, we bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we gather as the Body of Christ.

In this grand old church, we do Sunday morning in some pretty traditional ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We gather around the waters of grace and the feast table of Christ. Some of the songs we sing are ones our grandparents might also have sung in their day. Yet, in our preaching and prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of everyday living. We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

These May Help During the Service... If you would like a **large-print** copy of the bulletin and hymns, would like seat or back cushions, or are looking for a wheelchair or accessible seating, please ask an usher. **The restroom in this building** is at the front of the church behind the doors to the right of the chancel (in the northeast corner of the building).

Children, too, are welcome at all services. It is important for families to worship together. Don’t feel your child must be absolutely quiet or still, for we are glad to have children—and all their wiggles, giggles, and squiggles—as part of our community and worship life!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: All are welcome, including children, to share in the feast at Christ’s table. Currently, we celebrate Communion during the 10 AM Worship on the first Sunday of each month and certain other holy days.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: We gladly offer the sign and seal of God’s grace in the waters of baptism, both to children and adults of any age. *For more information, contact the pastor.*

The language of worship is rich and diverse, and yet always inadequate to express the fullness of the divine. In our worship life, we strive to use inclusive language for humanity and expansive imagery for the divine, while respecting the poetry and imagery of texts handed down to us from the ages. Honoring our diversity, in those places where we speak or sing together, worshippers may use language with which they are comfortable or familiar.

Please stand as you are able “.”*

*Please remember to **silence cell phones** and other devices, and be mindful of those who wish to use the prelude as a time of prayer, meditation, and preparation for worship.*

Please know that our services are recorded on Zoom and live-streamed on YouTube.

GATHERING

Prelude — “Toccata in D minor, BWV 565” by J. S. Bach

Dr. Patricia Snyder

Welcome

The psalmist said, “Be still and know that I am God.” Let us center ourselves in a moment of silence as we continue our worship together.

Call to Worship (Responsive Reading)

One: Let the whole creation cry, “Glory to the Lord on high!”
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, “Praise to our almighty King!”

All: **Praise him, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;
Sun and moon, lift up your voice, night and stars, in God rejoice!**

One: Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem manifold,
And let children’s happy hearts in this worship take their parts;

All: **From the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:
“Holy, holy, holy One, glory be to God alone!”**

Hymn — “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of mercy, we come before you to confess our transgressions toward you and others. Forgive us and bring us back to your loving ways. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit with us. Amen.

(moment of reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

MUSIC MEDITATION — “Let Us Rejoice!” arr. by Dobrinski

Adult Handbells

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings — Psalm 119: 1-8, Matthew 22: 34-40

Response — “from “Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace”

TAMA NGAKAU MARIE

Son of God, whose heart is peace, Son of God, most ho - ly,

to your pres - ence we have come; give us now your love.

Sermon — “The Compassionate Life”

Robert Loesch, Supply Minister

Responding with our Gifts

As the morning offering is collected, prayers of either joy or concern may be written on the purple prayer request cards found in the pew rack and placed in the offering plates as they are passed.

Call to Offering

Let us now present with joy our offerings of commitment and support for the work of this church and beyond. Amen.

You are my refuge and my strength,
You are my shelter from the storm, from every storm.
I will not fear when the ground shakes or mountains fall into the sea.
I will not fear when oceans roar or mountains shake from swelling tide.

There is a river filled with life, a sacred place in which you dwell.
Within its streams I find you there, I find your help at break of dawn.
Though nations fear and kingdoms fade your voice brings hope when morning comes.
You are with me, my fortress and strength!

Be still and know that I am.
Be still and know.
Be still.
Be.

Text: Inspired by Psalm 46

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Bless these gifts, O God, so that we may follow in the words of the prophet, Amos: Let justice flow like water, and uprightness like a never-failing stream. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer ending with *The Lord's Prayer*

Many: 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 glory forever. Amen.

(We invite you to use whatever words are most comfortable and useful to you as you pray The Lord's Prayer. For example, Our Father, Mother, Creator, Holy One...)

FEAST OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Please hold your bread and cup until all are served. We will then partake of the elements together; first the bread, then the cup.)

***Communion Hymn — “Healer of Our Every Ill”**

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The Invitation

In this place, Jesus' table extends to all of humanity; all are welcome. No one can earn a place at this feast. Come of your own choice.

This is the inclusive welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who desire a deeper relationship with the Holy One are worthy and welcome.

Prayer of Consecration

Christ, yours is the wheat and yours the grape,
yours is the leaven and the love.

Rest your Spirit on this place
of prayer and feast, in-person and online,
shine your blessing on every face,
now and whenever food is offered.

At this table, we are one in the Body of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit of life and love, O God, so that this bread may be gathered and eaten
in love, and this cup poured out to give hope to all.

All is ready. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Sharing of the Elements

One: You hold the bread of heaven. Honor it. It is consecrated to what you need
today. Receive it.

Unison: **We eat in hope.**

One: You hold the cup of blessing. Honor it. It is consecrated so you become one of
the Saints of Communion. Receive this one small sip – deeply.

Unison: **We drink it in joy.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Holy God, we give you thanks that we share equally in your love together. We are in
the midst of challenging times for your people – illness, fire, heat, storm, earthquake,
violence – and particular sorrows and grief for those we love. At this table, may you
surround us with the strength of the bread and cup and comfort and bring mercy to all
your people, especially those at the margins of our society. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world

News from our Life Together

Recognition and Thanks to Pastor Bob

Kathy Lindner, Just Peace Team

***Hymn — “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

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***Benediction**

One: We have worshipped God together.

All: **Now we go our separate ways.**

One: May the spirit which has blessed us here

All: **Be your spirit in each day that comes! Amen.**

Be Our Guest! Join us over in the SCC Auditorium in the Parish House today following worship for a special time of fellowship and celebration of our 40 year Heritage Members with a Potluck Luncheon. Students, Visitors and Staff are our guests and everyone is invited to attend. The Auditorium is located on the 2nd floor of the Parish House, in the buildings to the west of the Meeting House. Follow the crowds on over, or ask an usher to guide you... We look forward to seeing you! Masks are required, regardless of vaccination status.

Notes and Acknowledgements

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

795 Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain D Em7 G A D Bm Bm7 G A

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,

F#m7 Bm Em7 F#7 G Em A D *Fine*

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Bm F#m G F

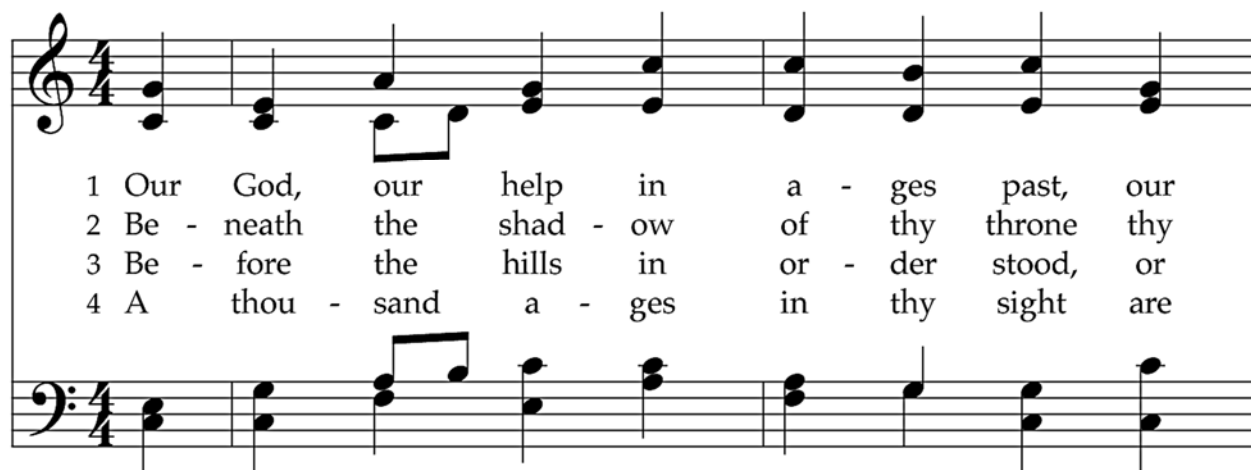
- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your peace and
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is still un -
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your way of

Em D/F# G Bm A G A *to Refrain*

glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Life at SCC...Today...

8:45 a.m.	Student Breakfast (PH – Auditorium)
10:00 a.m.	Worship (MH)
<i>after worship</i>	Heritage Sunday Potluck (Auditorium)
<i>after worship</i>	Library open (CE – Library)
11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open (CE – Food Pantry)
4:00 p.m.	Consonare Choirs (Auditorium)
7:30 p.m.	Sunday Speaker Group (Auditorium)

MH = Meeting House CE = Christian Education Bldg.
PH = Parish House

Worship

Every Sunday, 10:00 am, in the Meeting House and on Zoom & YouTube. Expressive, participatory liturgy; thoughtful preaching; and a soul-stirring blend of new and traditional music are some of the elements you can expect to encounter each Sunday.

Assisting in today's service ...

Liturgist: Susan Irvine

Greeter: Paul Schur

Ushers: Lynn Brown, Jane Ann Bobbitt,

Donna Latincsics, Gail Kapinos

Fellowship Host: Heritage Sunday Potluck Team

Welcome Table Host: Zoe Strickler

Communion Servers: Nancy Rucker, Jamie Lang-Rodean, Paul Schur, Carolyn Holmy, Sue Schur, Liz Cowles

Tech Team: Andy McCabe, Erin Scholes, Jan & Don Castle, Susan Irvine

Meet

Quiet Reflection: *Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Waggoner Chapel.* Lisa Haupt welcomes you to join her for 30 minutes of Quiet Reflection on Wednesday mornings in the tranquil setting of the Waggoner Chapel.

Student Gathering: Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. in the Lounge. All Students Welcome!!!

Contact: Lisa Haupt,
lisa@storrscongchurch.org

Students Breakfast Invitation: Sundays, starting at 8:45 AM student breakfasts served in the Auditorium. Breakfasts are made available so that students might enjoy a family style hot breakfast before joining the worship service and Fellowship activities. If you would like to help in our breakfast ministry to UConn students, contact Jan Castle at jcastlescc@gmail.com.

Play: The Adult Handbells could use two or three additional players. Ability to read music helpful but not necessary. If you can count to four, we can teach you! Contact: Trisha (trisha@storrscongchurch.org)

Serve

Service Sewing News: We are sorting items and assembling kits now and are down to some specific items that are needed to complete the kits. If you are able, please bring these items to the Parish House Lounge for collection:

School Kit Needs:

- Crayons: box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- Rulers: 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- Pencil Sharpeners: hand-held

Hygiene Kit Needs:

- Wide-tooth combs: removed from the package
- Bath size bar of soap, in the original package
- One toothbrush, in the original package
- 10 standard size Band-aids

Food Pantry Needs: This week the SCC Food Pantry began participation with a new program called Retail Rescue where, on Monday, we receive perishable items from Big Y in Tolland for distribution through our Food Pantry. The Food Pantry hours will be extended to include Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Here is a list of items that we are in need of at this time:

- Dish Detergent (any size)
- Breakfast Cereal
- Rice (any kind)
- Health and beauty supplies
- Coffee (instant & brew) and Tea
- Feminine products
- Pet food
- Cleaning supplies
- Clothes detergents
- Condiments

Other News

Pecans for the Holidays! Order Soon!

We are offering delicious Schermer Pecans for sale again this year as part of our Christmas Bazaar.

We will be offering our traditional favorites, at a price of **\$12** per bag:

- **16 oz. Mammoth Pecan Halves**
- **Cinnamon Glazed Pecans**
- **Milk Chocolate Covered Pecans**
- **Dark Chocolate Covered Pecans**
- **Chocolate Pecan Clusters**

Sales will be primarily by pre-order. Schermer only sells full cases of 24 bags of each variety, so we may not be able to fulfill all requests for particular kinds, as we need pre-orders for full or nearly full cases of each variety.

We hope to have delivery by Thanksgiving. Carol Jordan will begin taking orders on Wednesday, October 27th. Call or email Carol at (860-429-8909) or cdjordan11@charter.net. Early ordering will help guarantee receiving the varieties you want! We expect to have some for sale at the Bazaar on Saturday, December 4th.

Pecans can be delivered to your door, or you can arrange to pick them up at the church office. Payment can be made to Deborah at the office by cash or check payable to “Storrs Congregational Church” with “Pecans” noted on the memo line OR on delivery. Deliveries will be scheduled at your convenience.

The Storrs Congregational Church’s fundraising policy provides that the proceeds of fund raisers be designated for outside charities. Monies received from this sale will benefit Windham No Freeze Project for use at their discretion in support of their programs to assist the homeless

Thanks in advance for your support!

Special Mention of a Special Intention:

The mums displayed outdoors at the Meeting House are in loving memory of Janice and Hank Palmer whose outdoor decorations on Heritage Sunday were enjoyed for so many years.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers on the communion table this morning are in loving memory of those who came before us and laid the foundation for this congregation. Given by Cass Crewdson & Alice O’Donovan.

SCC Weekly Prayer Circle



***May you be blessed in the holy names of those
who, without you knowing it, help to carry
and lighten your pain.***

(To Bless the Space Between Us by John O'Donohue)

This week may we hold the following church members, friends, neighbors, and families near and far, in our hearts and minds as we offer prayers for healing, encouragement, comfort and thanksgiving:

- For "the beauty of the earth"
For my son-in-law, Gabriel, as he lives daily with the effects of chemotherapy, and for my daughter Cindy.
Prayer requester: Janet Atkins;
- For the completion of my 2 year journey with The Living School of the Center for Action and Contemplation";
For intercession for two dear friends fighting cancer, Susan and Victor, in North Carolina;
Prayer requester: Lisa Haupt;
- Thanks to God for my surgery which went well. I am on the road to recovery. Thanks you all!
Prayer requester: Cass;
- Thanks to God and the people of this church for the opportunity to serve as your supply minister during the five Sundays of October. For blessings on all of you in your journeys of faith in the years ahead.
Prayer requester: Pastor Bob Loesch;

This Week...

Monday

- 9:30 am Service Sewing (*Room 207*)
- 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open (*Room 102*)
- 7:00 pm Ballroom Dance (*Auditorium*)

Tuesday

- 9:30 am Library Open
- 6:30 pm Pastoral Search (*Lounge*)
- 7:00 pm UConn Swing & Blues (*Aud*)
- 8:00 pm Student Gathering (*Lounge*)

Wednesday

- 10:00 am Parish Piecers, (*Quilt Room*)
- 10:00 am Quiet Reflection (*Chapel*)
- 10:30 am C.A.F.E. Storrs (*Lounge/Zoom*)
- 6:30 pm Ballet Company (*Auditorium*)

Thursday

- 11:30 am Mobile FoodShare (*Senior Center*)
- 2:30 pm Food Pantry Open (*Room 102*)
- 6:30 pm Handbells, (*Meeting House*)
- 7:30 pm Adult Choir (*Meeting House*)
- 7:30 pm Step Meeting (*Room 201*)

Friday

- 4:00 pm Table Tennis (*Auditorium*)
- 7:00 pm Recovery Group (*Room 201*)

Saturday

- 11:30 am Table Tennis (*Auditorium*)

Sunday

- **10:00 am Worship (*MH & Online*)**
- 11:00 am Library open (*CE – Library*)
- 11:00 am Fellowship (*Auditorium*)
- 11:00 am Food Pantry Open (*CE. Bldg.*)
- 4:00 pm Consonare Choirs (*Auditorium*)
- 7:30 pm Speaker Group (*Auditorium*)

2021 Heritage Sunday List of Honorees

1949	<i>Janet Atkins</i>	1971	<i>Carol Jordan</i>
1949	<i>Barbara Larson</i>	1971	<i>David Jordan</i>
1955	<i>Elizabeth Wardwell</i>	1972	<i>Susan Schur</i>
1956	<i>Jane Ann Bobbitt</i>	1972	<i>Paul Schur</i>
1956	<i>Jim Bobbitt</i>	1973	<i>Elizabeth Mochel</i>
1956	<i>Irene Hipsky</i>	1974	<i>Donna Latincsics</i>
1956	<i>Barbara Nagy</i>	1974	<i>Sondra Morrison</i>
1957	<i>William Aho</i>	1974	<i>Thomas Morrison</i>
1958	<i>Charleen Knapp</i>	1974	<i>Pamela Roberts</i>
1960	<i>Lynn Brown</i>	1974	<i>Richard Roberts</i>
1960	<i>Marjorie Brown</i>	1975	<i>Elaine Brand</i>
1961	<i>Paulla Dixon</i>	1975	<i>John Brand</i>
1962	<i>Robert Guttay</i>	1975	<i>Mark Brand</i>
1963	<i>Donna Kristoff</i>	1977	<i>Martha Mochel</i>
1964	<i>Ken Doeg</i>	1977	<i>David Stone</i>
1964	<i>Harry Johnson</i>	1977	<i>Nancy Rucker</i>
1964	<i>Patricia Piatek</i>	1973	<i>Ray Joesten</i>
1965	<i>Kenneth Larson</i>	1973	<i>Jane Joesten</i>
1965	<i>Joan Rogers</i>	1973	<i>Terry Webster</i>
1965	<i>Patricia Tanaka</i>	1973	<i>Joan Webster</i>
1966	<i>Jane Lewis</i>	1973	<i>Leon Bailey</i>
1966	<i>Priscilla Pike</i>	1973	<i>Malta Bailey</i>
1966	<i>Thomas Pike</i>	1979	<i>Janice Bryant</i>
1967	<i>Jessie Daniels</i>	1979	<i>Aline Booth</i>
1968	<i>Frances Woody</i>	1979	<i>Eric Jordan</i>
1969	<i>Eileen Griffin</i>	1979	<i>Janet Jordan</i>
1969	<i>Gary Griffin</i>	1980	<i>Bruce Bergen</i>
1969	<i>Wendy Hamlin</i>	1981	<i>Bradley Newcomb</i>
1970	<i>Pat Mochel</i>	1981	<i>Elaine Newcomb</i>

We envision our community as a **welcoming, historic, and progressive Christian community**. We are an Open and Affirming congregation: Believing that each of us is unique and blessed with special talents from God, each a creation of God's love, alike and yet different, we open our doors and our ministry to *all*. We accept into full participation in the life of this Church: people of any age, economic status, gender, marital status, race, sexual orientation, and physical, emotional and mental capability. As a community, we will work to put aside all prejudices and to affirm and promote the worth and dignity of each person.

STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

We share in God's love by growing in faith, courageously seeking justice, and generously caring for all people.

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