

*They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season. Psalm 1: 3a*



THE 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 24, 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 — “Sonata Op. 65/4, *Andante religioso & Allegretto*” by Mendelssohn *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 — “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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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

Anthem — “Laudate Dominum” from SOLEMN VESPERS, K.339, by Mozart

Adult Choir

Cathy Jeffers, soprano; Audrey Rivetta, conductor

Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes;
Laudate eum, omnes populi.
Quoniam confirmata est
super nos misericordia eius,
et veritas, veritas Domini manet,
manet in aeternum.
Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto:
Sicut erat in principio
et nunc, et semper
et in saecula saeculorum.
Amen.

*Praise the Lord, all nations:
Praise him, all people.
For confirmed is
his mercy upon us:
And the truth, the truth of the Lord endures,
endures forever.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and forever,
and for ages of ages.
Amen*

— Psalm 117, with the Lesser Doxology (Gloria Patri)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings — Psalm 126; Matthew 14: 13-21

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

TAMA NGAKAU MARIE

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 2/2 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes. The lyrics are: "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." The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The first system covers the first two lines of the lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music concludes with a double bar line.

Sermon — "The United Nations and the United Church of Christ"

*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.

Stewardship Moment

Sue Schur, Stewardship Committee

Call to Offering

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC — "Go Forth into the World in Peace" by Rutter

Adult Choir

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage.

Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak.

Help the afflicted. Show love to everyone.

Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Be among you and remain with you always. Amen

Source: *Book of Common Prayer*, 1892, 1928, modified.

* *PRESENTING OUR GIFTS: "For the Life That You Have Given"*

PLEADING SAVIOR

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in

Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these

gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;

heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to

love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

***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...)

SENDING

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

News from our Life Together

***Hymn** — “O God of Every Nation”

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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.

Postlude — “Fantasy in g minor, BWV 542” by J. S. Bach

Dr. Patricia Snyder

Be Our Guest! Join us over in the SCC Auditorium in the Parish House today following worship for a time fellowship and a special gathering and discussion of Just Peace topics with Pastor Bob. 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! Everyone is welcome!

Notes and Acknowledgements

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O God of Every Nation

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1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.


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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Life at SCC...Today...

Today...

8:45 a.m.	Student Breakfast (PH – Auditorium)
10:00 a.m.	Worship (MH)
<i>after worship</i>	Fellowship & Just Peace Sermon Topic discussion (Auditorium)
<i>after worship</i>	Library open (CE – Library)
<i>after worship</i>	Food Pantry Open (CE – Food Pantry)
4:00 p.m.	Consonare Choirs (Auditorium)
7:00 p.m.	Concinnity Concert (MH)
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: Lynn Brown

Greeter: Bonnie Chemerka

Ushers: Ray Joesten, Carolyn Holmy,
Jane Joesten, Josh Miller

Fellowship Host: Laurie & Duffy Brookes &
Members of the Just Peace Team

Welcome Table Host: Jamie Lang-Rodean

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.

Just Peace Sermon Topic Discussion with Pastor Bob: *today, Sunday, October 24th following fellowship in the Auditorium.*

The Just Peace team will be meeting with Pastor Bob following the Fellowship coffee time. We will gather in socially distant chairs and share ideas concerning Just Peace projects. Rev. Bob's home church in Springfield, Mass. has also become a Just Peace Church. It will be good to have this opportunity for our two churches to discern new directions.

There will be extra lunch sandwiches available to encourage members to stay following Fellowship for the discussion.

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: following worship today, please remember to pick up a Ziploc bag with the Hygiene Kit shopping list from the Narthex or Parish House Lounge. Return completed kits next Sunday or anytime during the week. You can support this ministry through monetary donations, please make checks payable to "SCC" with "Hygiene Kit Supplies" in the memo line.

Food Pantry Request: Through our partnership with Connecticut Foodshare we are eligible for a limited selection of items to stock the shelves of the Food Pantry. In a couple of weeks, the Food Pantry Team will enter a government run partnership to allow a broader selection of items. However, we are still in need of items from you! Here is a list of the greatest needs:

- 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
- Eggs (can go right into the refrigerator)
- Butter (can be stored in the refrigerator or freezer)
- Stuffing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Green Beans & Corn

Effective Monday, October 25th the Food Pantry will be receiving produce from Big Y in Tolland and will be open 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

Other News

Online Memorial Service for Chuck Vinsonhaler: **Today**, October 24th, 2021 at 3:30 PM via Zoom Meetings.

You are invited to celebrate Chuck's life with his family and friends at his online memorial service this afternoon. The clickable links to this event have been sent via email to *Friends & Members* throughout the week. If you did not receive the email or are unable to locate it, you can type the following in your browser:

<http://evite.me/QsdrEyPvKn>

or you can join via Zoom Meetings:

Meeting ID: 945 6987 5768

Passcode: 524893

Heritage Sunday Potluck Sign up:

Heritage Sunday is next week, October 31st and we'll be celebrating with a Potluck and festivities to honor our 40 year members and welcome students, visitors and staff. Sign up sheets are available on the bulletin board in Parish House - **please make sure you sign up before Wednesday, October 27th** to help us plan our shopping.

When you sign up, please indicate what type of dish you'll be bringing to serve 6-8 people.

Volunteer jobs for Sunday morning setup and serving are still open, we'd love to have your help!!!

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!

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 Annemarie Thompson, who moved from her home in Storrs this week to Manchester, CT, for a smooth and happy transition to her new home and neighbors.
Prayer requester; Pastor Bob Loesch;
- For the 17 Christian missionaries who were abducted by gangs in Haiti, for their safe return.
Prayer requester: Rev. Dr. Debra Pallatto-Fontaine;
- For Jim McGowan, who is recovering from a stroke.
Prayer requester: Anne Usher;
- For my father-in-law, John Anderson, in MD for treatment for leukemia.
Prayer requester: Lisa Haupt;
- Healing prayers for Cass and Alice.
Prayer requester: Marsha Creese
- In thanksgiving for those who work for Justice and Peace and advocate for the most vulnerable of our world through prayer, practice and partnership.

This Week...

Monday

- 9:30 am Service Sewing (*Room 207*)
- 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 (*Waggoner Chapel*)
- 10:30 am C.A.F.E. Storrs (*Lounge/Zoom*)
- 6:30 pm Ballet Company (*Auditorium*)

Thursday

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl (*Library & Zoom*)
- 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 p.m. Spookapella Concert (*MH*)
- 7:00 pm Recovery Group (*Room 201*)

Saturday

- 11:30 am Table Tennis (*Auditorium*)
- 7:00 pm Ballroom Dance Social (*Aud.*)

Sunday

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

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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