

STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ (UCC)



Open and Affirming † Intergenerational † A Just Peace Church

“We share in God’s love by growing in faith, courageously seeking justice, and generously caring for all people.” ~ Our Mission at SCC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026
PROPER 17, ORDINARY TIME

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.*

Accessibility: See an usher for **large-print** bulletins and **wheelchair** or **accessible seating**.
Devices necessary to access worship fully are welcome.

The restroom in this building is at the front of the church behind the doors to the right of the Chancel. A **PRAYGROUND** is also located in the northeast corner of the building and available for children and families.

Our services are recorded on Zoom and live streamed on YouTube.

GATHERING

Whatever your faith tradition, doubts or questions about God; whatever your color skin, gender identity or expression, wherever you find yourself on life’s journey, you are welcome here. You matter to God, and you matter to us. Welcome!

Prelude – “Sonata Op. 65, No. 4 - Andante” by Mendelssohn

Dr. Patricia Snyder

Welcome

Rev Diane Peterson Seaborn

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Pam Roberts

One: We come into this space, made holy through worship.

***Many:* We gather across pews and computers, we come as seasoned worshippers and curious seekers alike. All are welcome. Together, we praise God.**

One: For we are here and God is here. Together, we join hearts and voices as we say,

***Many:* Thanks be to God. Let us worship!**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: Friends, we invite you to rise in body or in spirit and offer one another a sign of God’s peace. May the peace of Christ be with you.

***Many:* And also with you!**

***Hymn** – “Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)”

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Call to Confession

Rev. Diane Peterson Seaborn

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, we are here and we know you are here. Will you stay with us? Will you stay when we cannot see beyond our own anxiety and fear? Will you stay when we fail to recognize your image in neighbors and strangers? Will you be with us as clearly in moments of sorrow as in moments of delight? We pray that you remain the constant that travels alongside us amidst the moments and places that challenge us, stretch us, and shape us. In these ways, you slowly gather us toward one another. (time of silent confession)

Words of Assurance

One: Beloved, like the air we breathe, God is with us. To notice our very breathing is to be reminded of God who will not leave us.

Many: **We inhale, we exhale. And God is there. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Children's Moment

Our Family Room is not staffed; however, it is open and available to interested children and their grownups as desired/needed. Children of all ages are, naturally, always welcome to remain in worship.

WORD

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

Prayer of Illumination

Pam Roberts

First Scripture Reading -

Psalm 26:1-8

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Refrain — “Open My Heart” by Ana Hernández

*The congregation sings: **Open my heart. Open my heart.***

Second Scripture Reading –

Romans 12: 9-21

Rev. Diane Peterson Seaborn

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Sermon – “Be Genuine”

Rev. Diane Peterson Seaborn

*Hymn – “Will you Come and Follow Me (The Summons)”

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RESPONSE

We begin our lives of responding to the gospel in prayer and offering

A Time of Offering

As the 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. Offerings may be made electronically through our online ‘Give Now’ option. Scan the QR code for easy access.



Call to Offering

OFFERTORY – “Day by Day” by Martin How

Adult Choir

*Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

Text: Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

* **PRESENTING OUR GIFTS: The Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost! A-men.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Giver of all gifts, we pray that you will multiply these humble gifts toward a future of greater justice, flourishing, and joy for all people. In Jesus' name, amen.

Prayers of the People, ending with The Lord's Prayer

Many: Creator/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.

SENDING

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

News from our Life Together

*Hymn – “O for a World”

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*Benediction

Postlude – “Concerto in G - *Allegro*” by Ernst, trans. by Bach

Dr. Patricia Snyder

Be Our Guest for Potluck Fellowship!

Come on over to the Parish House Lounge and share a beverage, a bite to eat, and a chat! The Parish House is in the buildings to the west of the Meeting House. Follow the others on over, or ask an usher to guide you... We look forward to seeing you! Remember to wear your Name Tag!

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.

Thank You for Assisting in today's service ...

Liturgist: Pam Roberts; **Greeter:** Vicki Magley; **Ushers:** Carolyn Holmy, Laurie Brookes; **Welcome Table:** Marietta Johnson; **Fellowship Host:** Lisa & Dana Gregus; **Tech Team:** Andy McCabe, Erin Scholes, Jan & Don Castle, Susan Irvine.

Sunday Morning Server Reminder for Next Week: **Liturgist:** Wesley Lang-Rodean; **Greeter:** Scott Lamson, Doreen Springsteen-Gibbes; **Head Usher:** Cass Crewdson; **Usher:** Heather Elliot-Famularo; **Welcome Table:** Laurie Brookes **Fellowship Host:** Needed;

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, Sunday August 30, 2026

9:00-10:00am	Adult Choir
10:00-11:00am	Worship
11:00-12pm	Fellowship
11:00-11:30 am	Library Open

Comings and Goings

SCC Offices are closed Monday, September 7th for Labor Day.

News and Notes

9/11 Remembrance: Friday September 11th SCC will mark the moment American Airlines Flight 11 struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City at 8:46am. UConn will be hosting a ceremony at noon at the Student Union Mall.

Sept 13th - Blessing of the Backpacks followed by all-church photo. Following the photo, we will gather in the Meeting House for a special congregational meeting.

Sept 13th – Student Breakfast starts back up! Join us in the Auditorium at 8:45 am.

Sept 20th - Just Peace Sunday

Seekers Gathering: September 20th for those who want to learn about joining SCC.

Celebrate Mansfield: 9/26 SCC will be a this annual event in downtown storrs 2-8.

Music Ministry: If you are interested in joining choir or handbells please reach out to Trisha!

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Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7)

(D)

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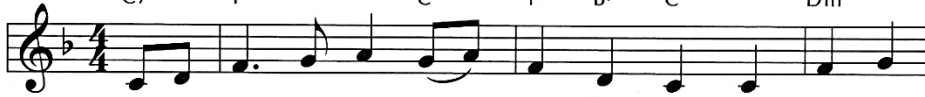
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D)

(A)

(D)

(Bm7)

(Em)

(A)

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safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

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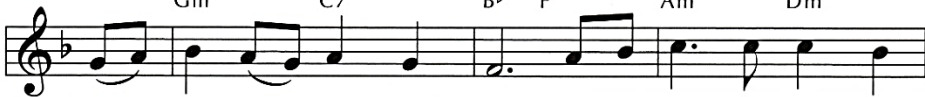
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how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em)

(A)

(D)

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C

F

B^b

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness, and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

THE CHURCH

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D) (A7)
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F C7

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re-spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

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The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Bb F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
Gm7 Bb Am7 Bb Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Bb F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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We Welcome All!

We extend a welcome as broad as the outstretched arms of God.

Questions about our life together are always welcome. Ask any one of us!

If you are visiting, or looking for a church home, or simply wish to connect after worship, please introduce yourself to our pastor or any member.

We would love to meet you!

More information is also on our website, www.storrscongchurch.org.



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