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**“To be yourself in a
world that is
constantly trying
to make you
something else
is the greatest
accomplishment.”**

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

South Congregational Church, UCC



June 28th, 2026

and small. And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us. By your grace and mercy, strengthen us through times of temptation, and spare us from trials too great to endure. Free us from bigotry and evil, for service and truth. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love. Amen

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

Allegretto (Bousquet)

Susan Hatem &
Peggy Martin

*SUNG RESPONSE

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God, almighty; Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

We Shall Overcome

NCH #570

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Gigue (Clif Hardin)

Transitional Minister: Rev. Dr. Beth Donaldson
Pianist: Abigail Charbeneau
Music Director: Sue Berlenbach
Christian Education Director: Julia Grice
Memorial Bells Director: Carlene Ruesenberg
Livestream Technician: Walton Irvine
Sexton: Walton Irvine

Today's Participants:

Guest Preacher: Dr. Gyne Hardy
Lay Leader: Diana Zeller-Norris
Ushers: Norma Angwin and Sally Bird
Worship & Spiritual Life: Kathryn Bradley
Collections & Deposits: Christine Frost and Richard Nelson
Assistive Listening: Janet Zeller
Guest Musicians: Robbin Bailey and Cal Genzel (vocals), Susan Hatem
and Peggy Martin (flutes)

IMPORTANT INFO FOR ASSISTIVE LISTENING USERS:

Please use our new Wi-Fi connection: **Netgear47**
Password (all lower-case letters): **sweetwater840**

REMINDER: When using your hearing aids with the “Listen WiFi” phone app

Some phones work best with the volume on both your Phone & your Hearing Aids turned all the way Up. Other phones work best with your Phone turned all the way Up & your Hearing Aids turned all the way Down. **Need Help?** Please speak to the Assistive Listening Assistant at the back of the sanctuary.

Flowers this week are lovingly donated by Helen & Bob McGlashan
*“In Gratitude to God for all the children,
grandchildren and the great granddaughter we have
been blessed with.”*



Announcements – June 28th, 2026

WELCOME TO SOUTH CHURCH —please consider filling out a **pew card!** Whether you are a new or returning face, we would love to connect with you. In the pews, you will find our welcome cards inviting you to tell us a little bit about yourself. Filled out cards can be placed in the offering plate; speak to an usher if you need something to write with. We're grateful to have you join us in worship today!

JUNE MOMENT FOR MISSION The Faith in Action (FIA) Moment For Mission for June is **The Open and Affirming (ONA) Coalition of the United Church of Christ**. As an ONA Congregation, we join with our National Church in supporting efforts to educate, empower, and welcome more churches to embrace the ONA designation. 1,740 of our 4,700 UCC churches are ONA, so more work is needed. Supporting the Coalition helps that work to continue. **Please see the insert for more information.** You can learn more about what the UCC is doing on the UCC website:

<https://www.ucc.org>.

LEADERSHIP POTLUCK AND MINI-RETREAT Calling all committees, ministries, and interested individuals: After worship **TODAY** we will have a time of learning, discerning, and celebrating the many aspects of this congregation. Beth will lead us, sharing some of her observations and thoughts after her first five months here. Please bring some food to share, if you are able, and join us in Fellowship Hall.

THIS WEEK AT SOUTH CHURCH

Tuesday, June 30th:	Search Committee, 5:30pm
Wednesday, July 1st:	Morning Prayer Group (Zoom), 8:00am Staff Meeting, 10:00am Immigration Work Group, 4:00pm
Thursday, July 2nd:	Website Meeting, 2:00pm Giving Committee, 5:00 pm (Zoom)
Friday, July 3rd:	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> (Jul. 4 th Observance)
Sunday, July 5th:	Worship (Sanctuary), 9:00am

HORTON CENTER PEN-PAL: We have signed on to be pen pals with a Horton Center staff member for the summer. Ours is “Canoe Commander” Eric Larson. If you are willing to send one of our weekly postcards, please sign up on the board in the hallway outside the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

OUR NEXT GARDENING DAY Put on your oldest and most disreputable clothes and join the South Church Gardening Angels on **Tuesday, June 30 at 9am** in the church gardens. Bring gloves and clippers!

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP CREATION CARE SCORECARD

This July, look for a poster in Fellowship Hall inviting you to share and tabulate the activities that you have done to Care for God’s Creation! For example: composting, planting, or writing letters to our representatives calling for climate action. (Thanks to those who participated in the first letter-writing workshop on May 31st!) These additions (including a monthly “Action Sheet” and more about the UCC-sponsored Climate HOPE Affiliates program) can be found on the Environmental Stewardship Bulletin Board. And keep an eye out for an announcement (coming soon) about our next letter-writing workshop!

FACES OF SOUTH CHURCH 2.0 This summer, we are collecting photos from members and friends of South Church for our new bulletin board, which will be unveiled in Fellowship Hall this September. Our theme is: “What I did during my Summer Vacation.” This can be a photo of you on a trip, with family and friends, or just doing something that you love to do during the summer! You can drop off your photo at church, or send photos electronically to office@southchurchconcord.org any time between now and **September 4th**. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Zeller at stonybrook246@gmail.com.

DONATE TO THE SOUTH CHURCH BOOK SALE We’re accepting your used books now for an upcoming South Church fundraiser! A team of

eager volunteer sorters is assembled and ready to work over the summer. *We are also accepting record albums, DVDs, and VHS tapes.* Please bring items to the church office (or, if delivering outside office hours, leave outside the office with the label "Book Donations").

We also need: 1) small cardboard boxes (such as liquor or print paper boxes with lids or folding flaps) for book storage; and 2) metal lawn sign frames that are shaped like the letter "H" (for signs we will print to advertise the sale around the community). Please email Ann (awalls16@comcast.net) or Betsy (nelsonclardy@comcast.net) with any questions about donations or how you can help with this FUN fund-raiser!

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

HORTON CENTER'S UCC ADVENTURE CAMPS this year run from **July 12 to July 18**. This action-packed week for grades 6-8 and 9-12 includes adventures like hiking, rock climbing, and canoeing. Learn more—including available scholarships and other camp programs offered by the Horton Center—by visiting <https://www.hortoncenter.org/sessions> or checking out the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. **Registration deadline: July 6.**

UPDATE FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Since our last update, the South Church Search Committee continues to meet and evaluate the procedures for selecting a settled minister. We have received and reviewed several comments from the congregation. As we move forward in this process, we will continue to keep you posted.

As always, we welcome your questions and feedback.

Respectfully,

Will Delker, Gail Desjardins, Becky Field, David Fries (co-chair), Emily Geoghegan (co-chair), Wayne Martin, Craig Sargent, Cheryl Simmers, and Jonathan Stallsmith

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT STAR ISLAND Star Island (located in the Isles of Shoals off the coast of Portsmouth, NH) offers individuals and families a broad array of workshops, outdoor programs, recreational activities, and UCC conferences throughout the summer! Check out the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for brochures and information. Questions? Contact Martha Burnham.

CHURCH LIFE

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES Thank you to all who pledged, and to all who have given to the Lift Campaign. We are still glad to receive giving to either or both. Pledge cards for both are in the back of the sanctuary if you would like to give.

PRAYER REQUESTS If you have joys or concerns to share, our ushers will be passing around a microphone during the service. To share a concern with our Lay Ministers, please fill out the orange slip in your pews and place it in the offering plate.

E-LATION DEADLINE Please have **submissions to the next edition of our monthly newsletter in by the 20th**. If you need more time, let the office know and we will hold some space. Hard copies of the newsletter are available through the office.

VIRTUAL OFFERING PLATE To make an online donation, please use the Donate button on the front page of our website (www.southchurchconcord.org) or scan the QR code (right). You may also mail/drop off a check at the office. Thank you for your continued generosity!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ASSISTIVE LISTENING There's great reward in witnessing someone who has struggled to hear in worship re-establish their full participation in South Church's Sunday services. To that end, **we are seeking additional Assistive Listening Technicians. If you're comfortable using a smart phone and pairing it with wireless listening devices on the occasional Sunday, you're already 99%**

ready. Our veteran assistants will guide you and orient you to how the system works. Please email the Church Office (office@southchurchconcord.org) or reach out to Assistive Listening Technicians Janet Zeller or Sue Marcotte-Jenkins to learn more about volunteering.

DO YOU HAVE TECH SKILLS? We are looking for people who can work with Walt and be available to help with our technology (sound, livestreaming) for worship and other events. If you are interested, please let the office know.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES We're taking a break for the summer, but please consider helping our younger generation of our church family by volunteering with us in the Fall! Our Christian Education Director would love to hear from you: Contact Julia Grice at cedirector@southchurchconcord.org.

USHERING/LAY LEADING are simple but essential roles for any worship service. Ushers greet congregants, pass out bulletins, and bring around the offering plates; Lay Leaders are asked to do two short readings from the pulpit. We welcome you to take part. Sign up at: <https://volunteersignup.org/F48LL>.