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South Congregational Church, UCC

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Welcome to South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ! Whoever you are, whatever your faith tradition, whatever creed you profess, whatever your age, ability, race, sexual orientation or gender expression: You Are Welcome Here!

We Gather...

PRELUDE

How My Heart Sings

Earl Zindars

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dr. Gyne Hardy

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We thank you, Lord, for the privilege, gift, and blessing of prayer.

Fill us with Your Holy Spirit. This day is Yours. Everything we are is Yours. May You be pleased with us today.

*HYMN #237

In the Garden (*all verses*)

UNISON PRAYER OF APPROACH

Heavenly Father, we come before You today and ask that You show us how to make You the focus of our day. You are the God of the universe, yet You ask us to come closer. We thank You that Your ear is always listening for the cries of Your people. Our words are not just spoken into empty air, but You give them Your attention. We praise You for the gift of prayer which grants us access to You. We invite the Holy Spirit to be our teacher, to lead and guide us in all truth. We rest under Your mercy. As we open our hearts to forgiveness, grant us peace. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

CHORAL ANTHEM The Lord's Prayer by William Ogmundson

Cal Genzel, Soloist

COMMISSIONING - YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP

Rev Duane Bailey

A MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

To Hear God's Word...

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lynne Morgan

Holy God, thank You for Your grace. Help us to live simple, sincere lives, repelling away every thought of discontent, anxiety, and self-seeking. Cultivate in us charity, the habit of holy silence, and a childlike faith in You. We look to You, Lord God Our Father, in Jesus our Savior, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:5-6
James 5:16
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Lynne Morgan

REFLECTION

Prayer And Your Prayer Closet

Dr. Gyne Hardy

*HYMN #505

Sweet Hour of Prayer (*all verses*)

To Pray Together...

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father-Mother in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

To Renew Our Commitment...

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

Virtual offering plate: bit.ly/SouthUCC. Other options include using the "Donate" button on the website, or mailing/dropping off a check to the office.



Thinking of remembering your church in your estate? Please contact Planned Giving.

OFFERTORY

The Prayer by Foster, Sager, Testa, Renis

Cal Genzel and Gail Desjardins, Duet

*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

To Serve the World...

*HYMN #517

I Need You Every Hour (*all verses*)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Luca Plays

Michael Annicchiarico

**Please stand in body or spirit*

*Flowers are donated by Peggy Scott and Cindy Rogers
in honor of all who rescue animals and give them loving homes.*



Minister: Rev. Dr. Tanya Sadagopan

Guest Preacher: Dr. Gyme Hardy

Pianist: Abigail Charbeneau

Guest Pianist: Michael Annicchiarico

Music Director: Sue Berlenbach

Christian Education Director: Julia Wagner

Memorial Bells Director: Carlene Ruesenberg

Zoom Technician: Sarah DeFreitas

Sexton: Walt Irvine

Today's Participants

Ushers: Diana Zeller-Norris and Leigh Cheney

Lay Leader: Lynne Morgan

Counting and Deposits: Christine Frost and Adria Cilley

Assistive Listening Technician: Janet Zeller

Worship & Spiritual Life Representative: Linda Kenison