

South Congregational Church, UCC

Rev. Dr. Tanya Sadagopan, Minister



Sunday, July 13, 2025

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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!

PRELUDE Precious Lord, Take My Hand by Thomas Dorsey
Cal Genzel, soloist

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 65 Written by Rev. Tanya Sadagopan

Let us come into the House of the Lord with thanksgiving!
Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!
Oh God, you hear our cries in the wilderness of our souls.
You answer our prayers and fulfill our needs.
When we are lost and wandering aimlessly,
You bring us to a land flowing with milk and honey.
You visit the earth and water it.
The river of God is full of water; you provide our people with grain,
Your water flows abundantly, with showers and rivers throughout,
bringing growth and blessings.
Let us open our eyes and see the wonders all around us.
For you delivered us into this promised land!

*HYMN #28 For the Beauty of the Earth vs. 1, 2, 4

UNISON PRAYER

O God, you are our God; we seek You. Our soul thirsts for You as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So we look for You in our sanctuary so that we may be restored. But sometimes we are lost in our troubles, blinded by our losses that we fail to see the abundant gifts all around us. all we see is what we lack, and we feel there is never enough. have enough. We are enough. You bring us an abundant life. May we hunger and thirst no more, for You give us Living Water.
Amen

HYMN #556 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens vs. 1-3

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC I Thank You Jesus by Morris/Johnson,
Cal Genzel, soloist

A MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 65:5b-13

SERMON

Reflections on South India

COMMUNION

Today's Communion will be by Intinction

Invitation to the Table
Prayer Over the Elements
Words of Institution
Receive Communion

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.

AN INVITATION TO GENEROSITY Virtual offering plate: to make an online donation, please **click the QR code**. 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

Ezekiel Saw the Wheel arr. Teresa Wilhelmi

*SUNG RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #478

I've Got Peace Like a River vs. 1-3

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur by Douglas Wagner

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Minister: Rev. Dr. Tanya Sadagopan
Pianist: Abigail Charbeneau
Music Director: Sue Berlenbach
Christian Education Director: Julia Wagner
Memorial Bells Director: Carlene Ruesenberg
Zoom Technician: Sarah DeFreitas
Sexton: Walt Irvine

Today's Participants

Lay Leader: Bonnie Ota
Counting and Deposits: Chris Simmers and Richard Nelson
Assistive Listening Technician: Janet Zeller
Worship & Spiritual Life Representative: Bonnie Ota



ANNOUNCEMENTS – July 13, 2025

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have Prayer Requests, please fill out the yellow bookmarks in the pews and place them in the basket on the Altar.

MOMENT for MISSION

The Faith in Action Moment for Mission focus for the months of July and August is the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH). The organization is holding its sixth annual Blues, Brews & BBQ fundraiser event featuring live music and an all-you-can-eat barbeque on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at the Barn at Bull Meadow. Founded in 2008, the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) is a private nonprofit dedicated to eliminating homelessness in our community. To donate, please use a white envelope from the pew and mark it as “Moment for Mission.” Don’t forget to mark your calendars for CCEH’s great fundraising event to Help End Homelessness!!

RAISE THE LIFT

Yay! At our most recent Annual Meeting, the congregation voted to purchase and install a new lift. Soon, we will once again have an accessible building. As we also voted to borrow the funds from our endowment to cover the cost of the new lift **and** to repay the loan within three years, we need a plan. If you are interested in working with others to conjure a plan for making this happen, please contact the office. It will surely be a fun project.

NEW ONLINE DONATION APP

We are launching a new digital giving platform that will support recurring gifts (so that-if you want- you can set it and forget it!) and gifts via bank transfers (much less expensive for the church than credit cards). In today’s bulletin you’ll see a new QR code for making a donation and a new giving experience on the website. Questions? Contact the office at office@southchurchconcord.org

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday September 6th – Rally Picnic

Sunday September 7th - Rally Sunday: 10AM worship will resume.

Sunday, September 14th - Leadership Gathering: members of all the various ministries are asked to stay after worship for a leadership gathering and potluck lunch.

100th BIRTHDAY

Maidee Wilson, a long-time member of the church, is turning 100 on August 18!! The family is doing a card shower for her and will present her with cards throughout the week of her Birthday. They would love to have church members send her a Birthday card **by August 9th** to the following address:

Maidee Wilson 10 Badger St. Concord, NH 03301

Thank you in advance for being part of Maidee's 100th year celebration! She will love to get your card!!

FROM THE NH CONFERENCE

The Peace with Justice Advocates ask
YOU to join US in making this commitment
to RISE to the challenges of our times and SHINE.

In this unprecedented moment I commit:

- to take concrete steps with others to defy fear, confront cruelty, dissolve hate, and work for the well-being of all.
- to connect, train, plan, and take action to resist the injustices we face with courage, goodness, and the power of nonviolent struggle.
- to learn from the examples of people around the world who ended dictatorships with powerful nonviolent movements.

It has been done before. It can be done again. Therefore, I commit:

- to *rise* to the challenges of this time and
- to *shine* with the power of love, truth, and solidarity.

For ways you can become involved go to: <https://paceebene.org/rise-and-shine> or contact the Peace with Justice Advocates at the NH Conference, UCC.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING

**South Church Has A New WiFi
Connection**

**NETGEAR04 (NETGEAR is all in
capitals followed by a zero 4)**

Having difficulty hearing in the sanctuary? An Assistive Listening Assistant is at the back of the sanctuary and would be glad to help. Reminder: Using your hearing aids and “Listen Everywhere” smartphone app? Turn your Hearing Aid volume DOWN and Phone volume UP.

Office Hours This Week:

9:00am-Noon, Monday through Thursday

**To Reach Pastor Tanya for a Pastoral Emergency
Please Call 603-513-8331**