

South Congregational Church, UCC

Rev. Dr. Tanya Sadagopan, Minister



Sunday, October 5th, 2025

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The Courage to Live in Community

*HYMN #538

Standing at the Future's Threshold

vs. 1,3,4

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

Modern Day Lord's Prayer for Courage *by Tina Datsko de Sanchez*

Divine Loving Creator of the Universe, be with us now and always. Reveal to us the kinship of all beings. Heal us from fear and brokenness. Let Your love and wisdom live through us. Nourish us each day in body and spirit. Unlock the chains of our past mistakes, as we let go our judgement of others. Keep fear and worry from flooding us. Help us to find the solid ground of courage. From You, Divine Creator, comes the vision and the energy to move forward, the opportunity to co-create and do our part to live in harmony and evolve humanity. May our intentions be filled with Your energy. May our actions share Your love, peace, and justice with all. 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.



MOMENT FOR MISSION

Neighbors in Need

OFFERTORY Song from a Secret Garden by Rolf Løvlan

Jim Martel, guest musician

SUNG RESPONSE DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, who fills each cup and plate, Whose table's wide and love is great. From broken bread, may all be fed, And justice rise where fear has spread. Amen."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #81

God Be with You

vs. 1-4

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Holy Manna, arr. John Carter

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
Livestream Technician: Walt Irvine
Sexton: Walt Irvine

Today's Participants:

Assistive Listening Technician: Suzanne Winchester

Lay leader: John Buttrick

Usher: Norma Angwin



*Flowers are donated by Cy Sherman in gratitude
for the South Church family.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 5th, 2025

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, October 11th - Crop Walk

Saturday, October 25th - Silent Auction: In this time of transition for our congregation, what better way to reconnect than through fun-filled fellowship at this year's auction? It's a great chance to shop or prepare for the holidays and it's even better to join as a volunteer!

Please consider helping by:

1. **Soliciting gift cards** from local businesses
2. **Donating your talent, time, or a service** for others to bid on a great way to meet fellow members.
3. **Preparing or serving finger foods** at the event.

We need help in all three areas!

- To help with food, contact Nancy Brown:
wcbnpb@comcast.net
- To help with gift cards or donate a service, contact Betsy Clardy (**nelsonclardy@comcast.net**) or Ann Walls (**awalls16@comcast.net**)

See you at the Auction!

Sunday, October 26th - Worship and Potluck with First Congregational Church of Hopkinton. Please Sign up!

Photo exhibit coming in November!

For the month of November South Church is hosting a photography exhibit, "Crying in the Wilderness: An Immigrant's Journey in Detention." Becky Field spent a year and a half photographing the journey of an African man who came here legally asking for asylum but was jailed and tracked. She photographed him while he was under house arrest and living with an ever-present ankle monitor. Ten large photographs are paired with his powerful poetry. The exhibit will be in Fellowship Hall from Nov. 8-29, with an opening reception at 5 pm on Nov. 8. Temple Beth Jacob is co-sponsoring this exhibit. More details to follow.

Fall is in the air...and soon, so will the leaves. Skip the raking and support a great cause with the Youth Group's Leaf Raking Fundraiser! Sign-up forms to reserve your spot in our schedule are now available!

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.

Coffee Hour is Back!

We're excited to announce that coffee hour will once again be held each Sunday after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

The Faith in Action Moment for Mission for the month of October is **Neighbors in Need**. Neighbors in Need is one of the United Church of Christ's special mission offerings, supporting ministries of justice and compassion throughout the country. One-third of the offering benefits the Council for American Indian Ministries, while the remaining two-thirds go toward UCC justice ministries. This important offering has already supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who are engaged in both direct service and advocacy work. Please donate using white envelopes or online via the South Church Website. Thank you for your Generosity.

NEW ONLINE DONATION APP

We launched a new digital giving platform that will support recurring gifts and gifts via bank transfers (much less expensive for the church than credit cards). Scan QR code for donating. Questions? Contact the office, office@southchurchconcord.org

Volunteers Needed for Children's Ministries!

Do you enjoy spending time with kids and helping them grow in their faith? We're looking for **Sunday School teachers, nursery attendants, and youth group advisors** to join our amazing team! The only requirements are:

- A love for children
- Completion of our Safe Church compliance training.

Whether you can help weekly or just occasionally, we'd love to have you involved. If you have any questions or are interested, please contact Julia Wagner at

cedirector@southchurchconcord.org. Thank you for supporting the next generation of our church family.

Altar Flowers

It is customary to have flowers grace our worship space every week. If You would like to contribute to worship in this way, please contact Linda Gray at RevLinGray@yahoo.com, to arrange a particular Sunday or Month you would like to have flowers.

Assistive Listening

Having difficulty hearing in the sanctuary? An Assistive Listening Assistant is at the back of the sanctuary and is glad to help you connect your smart phone to South Church's "Listen Everywhere" smartphone app. Once you've downloaded the app to your phone, you can use it to better hear all other programs you access through your phone wherever you have a Wi-Fi connection and your hearing aids or a pair of headphones/earbuds that's compatible with your phone.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR ASSISTIVE LISTENING USERS:

**South Church has another new Wi-Fi connection: Netgear47
Password: sweetwater840 (all lower-case letters)**

REMINDER: Using your hearing aids with our "Listen Everywhere" phone app?

Turn your Hearing Aid volume DOWN and Phone volume UP.

Office Hours This Week:

9:00am-1:00pm, Monday through Thursday

To Reach Pastor Tanya for a Pastoral Emergency

Please Call 603-513-8331