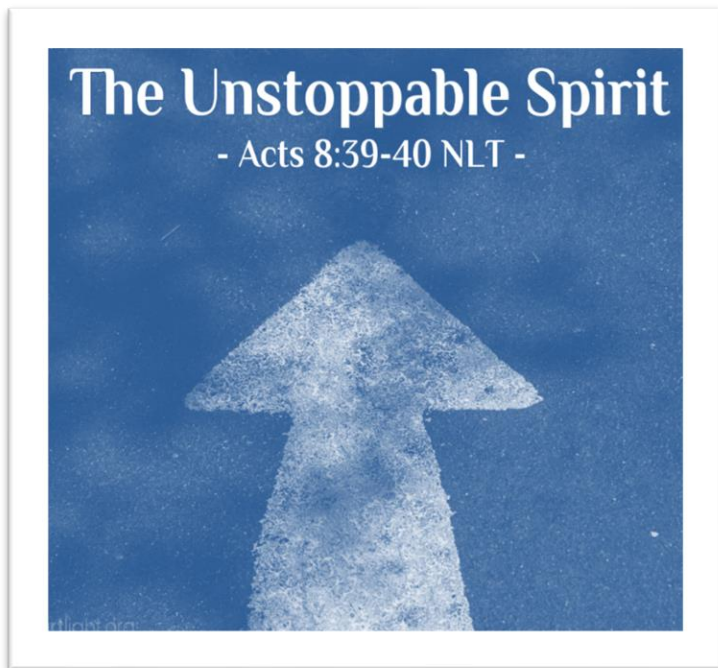


South United Methodist Church



~ Welcome to South Church ~

1226 Main Street, Manchester, CT 06040
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April 28, 2024

9:30am Traditional Service with Chancel Choir

Pastor: John Marshall, Jr.
Director of Music: Earle Bidwell
Organists: Tatiana Lukyanova & Christopher Walton
Nursery Coordinator: Michele Sawyers
Director of Ministries: Terry Marshall
Next Generation Ministries: J.T. & Catey Himmelstein
Office Managers: Colleen Olbert & Patti LaForest
Lay Leaders: Deb Grehn & Don Wilby
Sextons: Don Wilby & Arionna Littlefield
Retired Clergy: Rev. Richard Thompson
Missionary: Dr. Belinda Forbes, Nicaragua

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Our focus Scripture verses today is Acts 8:39, NLT

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing.

Order of Worship

Case Memorial Chime Deb Ingraham

Prelude: "Grand Chœur Dialogué" by Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

Welcome

Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with your love.
P: **Make us people who will proclaim God's good news in all that we do. Amen.**

*Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King" in bulletin

Theme for Today: "Follow where God leads."

Opening Prayer

* Responsive Reading: from Psalm 22:25-31, NLT

L: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
P: **my vows I will pay before those who worship the Lord.**
L: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
P: **those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord!**
L: For dominion belongs to the Lord who rules over the nations.

P: **All who sleep in the earth shall bow down to the Lord.**

Hymn: "Help Us Accept Each Other" in bulletin

A Time for the Young (and young at heart):

Kids are invited to go forward for the Children's story. CHILDREN'S CHURCH IS BACK! ALL children Pre-K through Gr. 7 are invited. Required forms are available in class, ONE FORM (for the year) PER CHILD PLEASE. Newcomers are ALWAYS welcome! Check with an Usher if you need directions

Anthem: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"***

Prayer for the People: Please submit requests to either
prayer@southumc.com or 860-337-2793

The Lord's Prayer:

Our 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

Scripture Reading: Acts 8: 26-40, NLT

Message: "Get Stuck In" Deb Grehn

Offering: Please place your offering in the plate or submit on line or our website or by text. Details later in the bulletin. Thank you!

*Doxology: Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: "Victory in Jesus" in bulletin

*Blessing

*Postlude

* Please stand if you are able -
**The Chancel Choir NLT New Living Translation

- Come, Thou Almighty King - vs. 1, 3 & 4

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise!
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence, evermore. Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!

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WORDS: Anon.

- Help Us Accept Each Other - vs 1, 2 & 4

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread. we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on; renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

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- Victory in Jesus - vs 1 - 3

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me; I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Refrain: O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood; he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing, how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see; and then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. Refrain

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory, and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; about the angels singing and the old redemption story, and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. Refrain

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WORDS: Eugene M. Bartlett, 1939



We are glad you are here today! We pray you feel God's presence as you enter here and worship with us. If you would like to know more about us, please check out our website at www.southumc.com Again, welcome and we hope to see you again soon!



Today's Altar flowers are given in loving memory of:
Gordon C. Eagleson
By His family

If you would like to place Altar flowers on a Sunday,
Please call Barbara Giggie at 860-643-6975

SUMC Children's Church. . .

Children's Church for Pre-K through **Grade 7** is happening today! The Session begins at 9:45am (following the Children's moment) and will conclude at the end of the service. **Please plan to pick-up your child in the Upper Ed Wing after 9:30am service concludes.** NEEDED FORMS are available in class. One form PER CHILD (per year) Newcomers are always welcome! **Nursery care is also available for kids age 3 and under for the 9:30am service.** Ask an Usher if you need directions!



Youth Group TODAY

Text JT at 623-670-2612 for info about upcoming events.

NEWCOMERS are always welcome!



The Social Justice Class. In honor of Earth Day, April 22, the Social Justice Class is hosting an Earth Day Table April 28. We'll be sharing what motivates us to care for creation. There will be a short video running to raise awareness of the scale of plastic pollution. We'll be giving away LED

lightbulbs (while supplies last), and displaying a few simple steps that we take to care for creation. And we'd love to hear from you. What steps are you taking and what motivates you to care for creation? Some in our congregation are working to prevent food waste by taking grocery store donations to food pantries. Are you buying food with less packing? Have you installed heat pumps or solar panels? The more ideas we can share and implement, the greater the benefit for creation and our well-being. Enter your Creation Care ideas worth sharing for a chance to win a counter top compost bucket. Please come visit our Earth Day table in Reception Hall after first service or near The Cafe after second service on Sunday, April 28.

Focus on The Little Pantry!

Thanks for your generosity, and please keep that up! For the next few weeks, we're asking you to focus on some specific items that are most in demand, to help keep our stockroom filled: canned meals with POP TOP LIDS. For example, Chef Boyardee pasta meals; or hearty soups. It's important to purchase items with pop top lids, as much of the population using our little pantry isn't taking these items back to a stocked kitchen with a can opener. Please continue to bring any and all items, as always; just maybe grab an extra few of these items from time to time as well if you have questions about how to best serve the pantry, see Earle Bidwell. Thanks for serving. Matt 25:40.



NEXT SUNDAY 5/5/24 AT SUMC

9:30am; Traditional (Sanctuary)
w/ Children's Message & Chancel Choir
9:45am-10:30am; Kids Own Worship (Pre-K-Gr. 7)
10:30-11:15am; Fellowship Time between Services
in Reception Hall
11:30am - Contemporary (in The Café)
w/ Children's Message & Wildfire Worship Band
6:00pm - Youth Group (Gr. 8-12)
Text; 623-670-2612 for info

SUMC Office Hours for 4/29 - 5/3

Mon: **OPEN 9am-Noon**
Tues: **CLOSED**
Wed: **OPEN 9am-Noon; OPEN 5-8pm**
Thurs: **OPEN 5-8pm**
Fri: **OPEN 9am-Noon**

Church Office Phone: 860-647-9141

If you need to reach Pastor John or Terry for any reason
Please call them at the parsonage at 860-643-4014.



ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Cup of Joy for Women – Something New 4/29-5/20! We meet **Mondays at 6:30pm** in The Café. Contact Patti at; pattilf@aol.com for more details. Newcomers are ALWAYS welcome!

Prayer 101 – **Tuesday at 5:30pm** in Reception Hall. Newcomers are encouraged and welcome. Contact Marnie at; prayer@southumc.com for more details.

Upper Room Study - ongoing but newcomers welcome meets **Wednesdays at 7:30am** in Reception Hall. Contact Bill at; runbillrun01@gmail.com for more details.

Social Justice Class - ongoing but newcomers welcome meets **Sundays from 10:40-11:30am** in the Upstairs Classroom opposite the Library Join us as we discuss Matthew Sleeth's book "Serve God, Save The Planet: A Christian Call to Action" Contact Jeff at gjkieft@yahoo.com for more details.

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like Pastor John to pray over your requests during our Sunday Morning services... please submit them via email to: prayer@southumc.com or call: **860-337-2793 by Sat. morning each week.**

THANK YOU for your support of SUMC

People are being reached with the love of God because of our combined commitment to Christ through SUMC and our shared ministries. You can support our church ministries:

- *Through the "Giving" tab on our website
- *Through Text giving; the number is 860-512-7185
- *Through Mailing a check to the church address above

Please return your 2024 pledge card ASAP Thank you!
PLEASE NOTE: Annual giving statements have been mailed, if you do not receive yours please contact; financialsecretary@southumc.com



We are still Rising Against Hunger. The program is not until 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 1, but we need to get our workers and our finances in order well before then. We are off to a great start, but we still have a way to go. Stop by the table in Reception Hall after the 9:30 service or check in with us before the 11:30 service in The Cafe. If you haven't been involved before, feel free to ask us any questions you want; it is a great experience for people of almost any age.

Trash & Treasures

Our huge "Trash & Treasures" tag sale was held in Cooper Hall from 9 am – 2 pm on Saturday, April 27th. Thank you to everyone that made the fair a success.



Cup of Joy

Starting Monday, April 29th we will be having fun with Drop in Pop Up Topics. All women are invited, it is sure to be a lot of fun. Come and join us in The Café at 6:30pm – refreshments are provided!! We will do Pop Up Table Topics through May 20th. Contact Patti LaForest if you have any questions – pattilf@aol.com.



- *Sun. 04/28; at 9:10am; Chancel Choir Reh. (Choir Room)
- *Sun. 04/28; at 9:30am; Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- *Sun. 04/28; at 9:45am; Children's Church (Upper Ed. Wing)
- *Sun. 04/28; at 11:30am; Contemporary Service (in The Café)
- *Sun. 04/28; at 6:00pm; Youth Group text 623-670-2612 for info.
- *Mon. 04/29; at 6:30pm; Cup of Joy (in The Café)
- *Tues. 04/30; at 5:30pm; Prayer 101 (Reception Hall)
- *Wed. 05/01; at 7:30am; Upper Room Study (Reception Hall)
- *Wed. 05/01; at 6:30pm; Wesley Ringers (Bell Loft)
- *Wed. 05/01; at 7:30pm; Concert Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- *Sun. 05/05; at 9:10am; Chancel Choir Reh. (Choir Room)
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