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outh Church is a covenanting member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations and is an accredited Welcoming Congregation and Green Sanctuary. Unitarian Universalism is a liberal religion with Jewish-Christian roots. It has no creed. It affirms the worth of human beings, advocates freedom of belief and the search for advancing truth, and tries to provide a warm, open, supportive community for people who believe that ethical living is the

supreme witness of religion. We welcome bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender people. There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalism congregations affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
- The goal of the world community with peace, liberty and justice for all
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

We are grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith; we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision.

## **SOUTH CHURCH**

**A Unitarian Universalist Congregation**

**Sunday Services: 10am on State Street**

**Live-Stream Services: 10am on our YouTube Channel**

**Office Hours: 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday**

**WiFi Network: SouthChurchPublic**

**Wifi Password: SundayMorning**

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**The Board meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm. All are welcome.**

Rev. Ellen Quaadgras – Minister

Kirsten Hunter – Director of Lifespan Ministries

Jen Del Deo-Barry – Director of Children and Family Ministry

Jonny Peiffer – Director of Music Ministry

Jennifer Leyden – Congregational Admin

Kristine Sawyer – Finance Director

Susan Adams – Accompanist

Ben Abbott - Tech & Attendant

# **SOUTH CHURCH**



**“The Creator’s Workshop”**

**A Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation  
April 21, 2024**

### **ARE YOU NEW TO SOUTH CHURCH?**

Are you a first-time visitor? Would you like to get more information about this congregation? Scan the QR code to fill out a visitor form or ask an usher for a hard copy!



### **HAVE A GROUP OR WORKSHOP TO OFFER?**

Do you have a program you would like to offer at South Church? Perhaps you would like to lead a discussion group, or offer a workshop of some kind? If so, the Learning Associates want to know! We invite you to reach out to us at [Learning@SouthChurch-UU.org](mailto:Learning@SouthChurch-UU.org), and we can send you the request form!

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRIES**

The Committee on Ministries 1) provides support and advice as needed to the Minister and Director of Lifespan Ministries, and 2) develops channels for congregation-wide reflection and feedback on the ministries at South Church. The CoM includes: Mitch Pivor, Joanne Holman, Andrew Scease, Rebecca Hennessy, Jennifer Wilhelm, Susan Dewhirst, Carol Cameron-Sears. Jim Verschueren and Kimberly Green. You can reach out to the CoM at [CommitteeOnMinistries@SouthChurch-uu.org](mailto:CommitteeOnMinistries@SouthChurch-uu.org)

### **ASSOCIATE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!**

Applications for two year appointments to the Pastoral, Worship, Fellowship, Social Justice, and Learning Associates are now available! Find deeper relationships, inspired collaborations, and an opportunity to grow shared values! For more information, email [sharedministry@southchurch-uu.org](mailto:sharedministry@southchurch-uu.org) or visit us at Social Hour!

### **POCKET GARDEN TOUR BLOOMS AND TICKET SALES**

During coffee hour through the month of April, the Pocket Garden Tour will be selling "Blooms"; donate with cash or check made out to South Church for any amount, and in return, we will publish a list of donors and messages (For example, "In Honor of My Mother") in the Order of Service and the NUUSflash. The listing can be anonymous. Beginning on May 1, we will be selling tickets via cash, check, or credit card for \$25. Day of event ticket cost will be \$30.

### **WE NEED USED BOOKS!**

Senior Youth will be having a used book sale on Sunday, June 2 after Worship to raise funds for their upcoming service learning trip to New Mexico. We need your help! Please donate gently used books now through May 31; there are bins in the Narthex labeled BOOKS. Please keep in mind that we are looking for books that will sell, NOT old encyclopedias! All books that are not sold will be donated.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

On multigenerational worship days, children remain in the sanctuary for worship. There are activity packs and supplies on shelves behind the last row of pews. On all other Sundays, children and youth are invited to go downstairs following the Time For All Ages, to participate in religious education sessions. Children are also always invited to remain in the sanctuary with their families. The Nursery is an open and staffed option for children 6 weeks through 3 years. The mission of our RE Program is to provide programming for children, youth, and families that promotes spiritual growth, intergenerational connections, faith development, a UU identity, and social action within a safe and welcoming environment.

*For more information on our Religious Education program, email Director of Children & Family Ministries, Jen Del Deo-Barry, at [jendeldeo@southchurch-uu.org](mailto:jendeldeo@southchurch-uu.org)*

### **ONGOING GROUPS**

***Aging with Grace*** meets the 2nd Thursday of the month (Sep-May) at 10:00am, at the Ports. Library. During Dec-March, they will meet on Zoom. Contact Ingrid Ahlberg at [inkyjapan@yahoo.com](mailto:inkyjapan@yahoo.com)

***Chant From Different Traditions*** will meet on the first Sunday at 9am on the balcony. Contact Cathy Okhuysen at [cathomusic@gmail.com](mailto:cathomusic@gmail.com)

***The Shawl Ministry*** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 11:10am in the Emerson Room. Contact: Jan Marston at [jmarston@comcast.net](mailto:jmarston@comcast.net)

The ***Men's Breakfast Group*** meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 8am. Email Ken Schoman at [ayuh.ken@gmail.com](mailto:ayuh.ken@gmail.com)

***Morning Poems*** meets on Thursday mornings at 7:30am on Zoom. Join with Meeting ID 8592 070 9438 Contact Kirsten at [kirsten@southchurch-uu.org](mailto:kirsten@southchurch-uu.org)

The ***Women's Breakfast Group*** meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 8:30am. For more info and to RSVP, contact [willow@woodflute.net](mailto:willow@woodflute.net)

***Covenant Groups*** are ongoing groups that meet twice a month from October-May. For more info, email [covenantgroups@southchurch-uu.org](mailto:covenantgroups@southchurch-uu.org)

***South Church Spiritual Book Group*** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7pm on Zoom. Contact Nancy at [bookgroup@southchurch-uu.org](mailto:bookgroup@southchurch-uu.org)

***Court Street Yoga*** is offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Check the website for times. Suggested donation \$10/class or \$75/month. For more info, email [yoga@southchurch-uu.org](mailto:yoga@southchurch-uu.org)

***The South Church Cancer Support Group*** meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30am in the Emerson Room. For more information, contact Anne Mackin at [annemackin2@gmail.com](mailto:annemackin2@gmail.com)

## GROUP CONTACTS

Shared Ministry – [sharedministry@southchurch-uu.org](mailto:sharedministry@southchurch-uu.org)

Pastoral Associates – [pastoralcare@southchurch-uu.org](mailto:pastoralcare@southchurch-uu.org)

Social Justice Associates – [socialjustice@southchurch-uu.org](mailto:socialjustice@southchurch-uu.org)

Worship Associates – [worship@southchurch-uu.org](mailto:worship@southchurch-uu.org)

Fellowship Associates – [fellowship@southchurch-uu.org](mailto:fellowship@southchurch-uu.org)

Learning Associates – [learning@southchurch-uu.org](mailto:learning@southchurch-uu.org)

Comm. On Ministries – [committeeonministries@southchurch-uu.org](mailto:committeeonministries@southchurch-uu.org)

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 21

8:30am Covenant Group  
10:00am Online and In Person Worship  
11:30am Shawl Ministry  
11:30am Social Justice Associate Meeting

### Monday, April 22

6:30am Court Street Yoga

### Wednesday, April 24

6:30am Court Street Yoga  
7:00pm Human Trafficking discussion on Zoom

### Thursday, April 25

6:45pm South Church Folk Rehearsal

### Friday, April 26

6:30am Court Street Yoga

### Sunday, April 28

9:45am Coming of Age at Court Street  
10:00am Online and In Person Worship  
4:00pm Senior Youth at Court Street  
4:00pm 7th Grade OWL

## STAR ISLAND RETREAT REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration is now open for the annual summer retreat on Star Island on Sunday, July 28 through Wednesday, July 31. Because we share the island with another conference, we have a cap of 70 people, so please make sure to register soon at [www.StarIsland.org](http://www.StarIsland.org). All are welcome! Helpful discounts for room and board are available at [www.StarIsland.org/discounts](http://www.StarIsland.org/discounts). If you have any questions, please reach out to Deirdre McEachern at [coachdeirdre@gmail.com](mailto:coachdeirdre@gmail.com)

## PREPARED MEALS SALE

Senior Youth will be offering soup, salad, and zucchini bread ready to take home and eat! Available after worship next Sunday, April 28. If you are interested in pre-ordering, please contact Jen Del Deo-Barry at [jendeldeo@southchurch-uu.org](mailto:jendeldeo@southchurch-uu.org). There will be limited extras available next Sunday, so get your orders in today!

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND “DEMON COPPERHEAD” - APRIL 24

The South Church Book Group invites you to a special zoom discussion of human trafficking in the context of Barbara Kingsolver’s book “Demon Copperhead” on Wednesday, April 24 at 7pm. Bryan Bessette, Director of the Freedom Cafe in Durham, will present an introduction to human trafficking and lead the discussion. The Freedom Cafe is a non-profit cafe dedicated to ending human trafficking and the commercial exploitation of all people. Please [southchurchbookgroup@gmail.com](mailto:southchurchbookgroup@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

## COFFEE HOUSE - MAY 4 - TIME CHANGE!

Calling all singers, comedians, poets, musicians and any performers! Please come share your talents at the South Church Coffee House on Saturday, May 4 at 7:30pm in Parish Hall. (Please make note of the new time!) Refreshments will be served! Please contact Mary Banach if you are interested in performing at [mbanach@unh.edu](mailto:mbanach@unh.edu)

## MAY BOOK DISCUSSION

The South Church Spiritual Book Group is hosting a discussion of “Poverty, By America” by Matthew Desmond. Join us on Zoom on Wednesday, May 8 at 7pm. All are welcome! Please contact [SouthChurchBookGroup@gmail.com](mailto:SouthChurchBookGroup@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

## AGING WITH GRACE SPRING MEETINGS

For May 9, Aging with Grace will meet at the Portsmouth Public Library from 10-11:30am. Bring a friend! We’ll have discussions about the monthly church theme. When summer arrives, we’ll find a pleasant outdoor space and change our meeting time to enjoy lunch together. Contact Ingrid to get on the email list at [inkyjapan@yahoo.com](mailto:inkyjapan@yahoo.com).

## MOTHER’S DAY PLANT SALE - MAY 12

Our annual Mother’s Day Plant Sale and Bazaar will happen on Sunday morning, May 12. The Senior Youth will be selling hanging baskets of flowers for \$30. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted. Join us after worship and pick up a flower for your mom, or the motherly figure in your life!

## WHAT’S UUP? - MAY 13

This month’s What’s UUp discussion is a follow up to the worship service being led on May 5th by Mary Katherine Morn, president of the UUSC. Join the Learning Associates on Zoom, May 13th at 7pm as we speak with special guests Irene and John Bush, who are long-time supporters of UUSC. Bring your questions and your curiosity for this exciting conversation. Meeting ID: 88060376794. Contact [Learning@southchurch-uu.org](mailto:Learning@southchurch-uu.org) for more information.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE      *We Can Watch The Universe Unravel*      By Jonny Peiffer  
WELCOME      Anna Howard  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
INVOCATION  
MISSION STATEMENT  
At South Church, we nurture spiritual growth through worship, learning and community; we celebrate the worth and dignity of all people; and we inspire one another to act on our faith in the larger community.  
CREATOR'S WORKSHOP      Originally written by Rev. Erika Hewitt  
Offered by Rev. Lara Campbell, Anna Howard, Sasha Howard and Jen Del Deo-Barry  
PART ONE      "One Story Among Many"  
OPENING HYMN #1003      *Where Do We Come From?*  
PART TWO      "Cooking Up A Planet"  
LIGHTING THE CHALICE      Anna Howard and Jen Del Deo-Barry  
SUNG RESPONSE #22      *Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design*  
PART THREE      "Creation"  
OFFERING INVITATION      Anna Howard  
OFFERTORY      *Jupiter*      Susan Adams, piano  
By Gustav Holst, arr. by Mimi Koike  
RESPONSE #1010      *We Give Thanks*  
PART FOUR      "Another Ingredient"  
HYMN #163      *For The Earth Forever Turning*  
PART FIVE      "Unique Spark"  
GUIDED MEDITATION      Rev. Lara Campbell  
CLOSING HYMN #301      *Touch The Earth, Reach The Sky!*

# APRIL 21, 2024

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE      Anna Howard  
BENEDICTION      Rev. Lara Campbell  
POSTLUDE      *Canticle of the Sun*      Susan Adams, piano  
By Marty Haugenn, arr. by Paul Tate



## April Theme: Interdependence

During the month of April, our collection will be shared with Seacoast Pathways, a place for adults living with mental illness to come together for purposeful work and meaningful relationships with a Clubhouse Model. A Clubhouse is a restorative environment for people who have had their lives drastically disrupted, and need the support of others who believe that recovery from mental illness and successfully managing the effects of brain injury is possible for all.

Learn more about Seacoast Pathways at

<https://granitepathwaysnh.org/seacoast-pathways/>



### Quick Link: Donate to South Church and our monthly Shared Plate!

Point your phone camera at the QR code to the left and head to our mobile site. Make a one time gift, or log in to create recurring gifts!

Assisted listening devices are available in the rear of the sanctuary.

Today's worship was originally written by Rev. Erika Hewitt. Special thanks to Rev. Lara Campbell for leading today, and for offering this special service.