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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

Website: www.southchurch-uu.org

Email: info@southchurch-uu.org

Phone: 603-436-4762

Board of Trustees Email: Board@southchurch-uu.org

The Board meets on the 3rd 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



**“Another World: Hope from the Grassroots
& UUSC”**

**A Unitarian Universalist
Congregation
May 5, 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, 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

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 or visit us at Social Hour!

POCKET GARDEN TOUR TICKET SALES AND GARDEN HOSTS

We are selling tickets to the Pocket Garden Tour via cash, check, or credit card for \$25 during Coffee Hour.. Day of event ticket cost will be \$30. We are also looking for garden hosts; a pleasant and easy volunteer experience! Hosts ensure gardens do not get too crowded and are treated with care. Meet new people, get a free ticket, AND an invite to the after party! Sign up during the month of May at Coffee Hour!

LIVING ROOM CONVERSATIONS: GAZA AND ISRAEL

Kirsten and Rev. Ellen will be offering a guided space for congregants who are looking to talk with others about the ongoing violence in Gaza and Israel. If you are interested in joining the discussion on May 9th, please email Rev. Ellen at RevEllen@SouthChurch-uu.org

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

ONGOING GROUPS

Ageing 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

Chant From Different Traditions will meet on the first Sunday at 9am on the balcony. Contact Cathy Okhuysen at cathomusic@gmail.com

The Shawl Ministry meets on the 3rd Sunday at 11:10am in the Emerson Room. Contact: Jan Marston at 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

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

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

Covenant Groups are ongoing groups that meet twice a month from October-May. For more info, email covenantgroups@southchurch-uu.org

South Church Spiritual Book Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 7pm on Zoom. Contact Nancy at bookgroup@southchurch-uu.org

Court Street Yoga is offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, and Tuesday evenings at 73 Court Street. Check the website for times. Suggested donation \$10/class or \$75/month. For more info, email 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

GROUP CONTACTS

Shared Ministry – sharedministry@southchurch-uu.org

Pastoral Associates – pastoralcare@southchurch-uu.org

Social Justice Associates – socialjustice@southchurch-uu.org

Worship Associates – worship@southchurch-uu.org

Fellowship Associates – fellowship@southchurch-uu.org

Learning Associates – learning@southchurch-uu.org

Comm. On Ministries – committeeonministries@southchurch-uu.org

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 5

8:30am Covenant Group
9:00am Chants from Different Traditions
9:00am Pocket Garden Tour Meeting
9:45am Coming of Age at Court Street
10:00am Online and In Person Worship
11:30am Drop-In Covenant Group
11:45am New Member Luncheon
4:00pm 7th Grade OWL
4:00pm Senior Youth at Court Street

Monday, May 6

6:30am Court Street Yoga
5:00pm Property Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 7

7:00pm Special Congregational Meeting on Zoom

Wednesday, May 8

6:30pm Court Street Yoga
8:00am Men's Breakfast at 8:00am at Cafe Espresso

Thursday, May 9

7:30am Morning Poems on Zoom
10:30am Aging with Grace at Portsmouth Public Library

Friday, May 10

6:30am Court Street Yoga

Sunday, May 12

10:00am Online and In Person Worship
11:30am Cancer Support Group
4:00pm 7th Grade OWL

MAY BOOK DISCUSSION - MAY 8

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 for the Zoom link.

AGING WITH GRACE - MAY 9

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.

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 for more information.

SOUTH CHURCH PRIDE GATHERING - MAY 19

South Church Pride is trying something new for LBGTQA+ folks who wish to gather for food, connection and conversation. Join us after the church service on May 19th at the Hearth Food Garden, Daniel and Penhallow Streets. We may do this on a monthly/quarterly basis if there is enough interest.

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. All are welcome! Helpful discounts for room and board are available at www.StarIsland.org/discounts. If you have any questions, please reach out to Deirdre McEachern at coachdeirdre@gmail.com

ORDER OF SERVICE

MAY 5, 2024

PRELUDE *River Flows In You* Susan Adams, piano
By Yiruma

WELCOME Lissa Mascio

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

LIGHTING THE CHALICE Lissa Mascio

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.

NEW MEMBER CEREMONY Rev. Ellen Quaadgras

OPENING READING Lissa Mascio

OPENING HYMN #134 *Our World is One World*

TIME FOR ALL AGES "Wangari's Trees of Peace" by Jeanette Winter
Read by Kirsten Hunter

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL #413 *Go Now In Peace*

MEDITATION "For When People Ask" by Rosemary Wahtola Trommer
Read by Rev. Mary Katherine Morn

OFFERING INVITATION Lissa Mascio

OFFERTORY *Innocents* Susan Adams, piano
By Rosalie Bonighton

RESPONSE #1010 *We Give Thanks*

READING "Dear Matafele Peinem" by Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner

SERMON "Another World: Hope from the Grassroots & UUSC"
Offered by Rev. Mary Katherine Morn

UUSC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE John and Irene Bush

CLOSING HYMN #121 *We'll Build A Land*

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE Lissa Mascio

BENEDICTION Rev. Mary Katherine Morn

POSTLUDE *Franconia* Susan Adams,
piano
By James Patten



May Theme: Pluralism

During the month of May, our collection will be shared with NAMI NH. NAMI New Hampshire is a grassroots organization working to improve the quality of life for all by providing support, education and advocacy for people affected by mental illness and suicide. Comprised of a network of affiliate chapters and support groups, staff and volunteers, NAMI NH provides information, education and support to all families and communities affected by mental illness and suicide.

Learn more at www.naminh.org



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.

Special thanks to Rev. Katherine Morn and John and Irene Bush for offering worship today.