South Church is a covenanted 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 enriched and ennobles our faith; we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision.

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**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](http://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. Susan Suchocki Brown – Interim Minister
Kirsten Hunter – Director of Lifespan Ministries
Jen Del Deo – Religious Education Coordinator
Jonny Peiffer – Director of Music Ministry
Jennifer Leyden – Congregational Admin  
Kristine Sawyer – Finance Director

Susan Adams – Accompanist  
Ken Koski and Sean Kramer - Janitors

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**SOUTH CHURCH**

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

January 16, 2022
ARE YOU NEW TO SOUTH CHURCH?
Are you a first-time visitor? Would you like to get more information about this congregation? Fill out the green card in the pews with your contact info, give it to the morning usher, and we’ll take care of the rest! Welcome!

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP AT 10am
South Church has one Worship service at 10am on Sundays, both in person and on our YouTube channel. Moving forward, vaccinations will be required to attend Worship. If you have concerns, please speak to a staff member.

FEBRUARY FILM DISCUSSION
The South Church Spiritual Book Group is hosting film discussions in January and February. On Wednesday, February 9 at 7pm, we will discuss “Passing”, a film based on the book by Harlen Renaissance writer Nella Larsen. All are welcome. Please watch the film in advance of the discussion. Contact southchurchbookgroup@gmail.com for the Zoom link!

JOIN A SMALL GROUP FOR FEB-MAY
Our Small Group Ministry Program has a reset period during the month of January to allow new members to join groups that have spaces. Several groups have space available and would be happy to welcome a new member. If you are interested in joining a small group, please contact Rita Weathersby at rita.weathersby@unh.edu by January 30.

33rd ANNUAL POCKET GARDEN TOUR
The 33rd annual Pocket Garden Tour is scheduled for June 24-25, the gardens are all set and we have a wonderful committee who needs a little more help. We are especially in need of tech and social media folks as well as a co-chair. Please email us at pgt@southchurch-uu.org for more information and to join the funnest committee at South Church!

WORKFORCE HOUSING FORUM – SAVE THE DATE!
Save the date for a Workforce Housing Forum on March 27 at 11:30am in the South Church Sanctuary, both in person or live streamed on our YouTube page. This event is being hosted by the Social Justice Associates, as more info will follow as we get closer to the date.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
The Religious Education Program at South Church is a community supported program grounded in the Unitarian Universalist principles, which promote a sense of social justice and responsibility as well as tolerance, identity and spiritual growth. Our purpose is to involve children in a religious community in which they develop a spiritual sense of themselves, their connection to others and to the world as a whole.

RE Program 2021-2022
The Nursery (unstaffed) is open for you and your children to have a quiet, private place during Worship. Please remain with your children at all times.
As we return to in-person Worship, children will have the option to join an all-ages RE time of community and connection after the Time For All Ages part of Worship.
Alternatively, children are always welcome to remain in Worship.
For more information on our Religious Education program, email our Religious Education Coordinator, Jen Del Deo, at jendeldeo@southchurch-uu.org.

ONGOING GROUPS
Aging with Grace meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10-11:30am on Zoom. For more info/to get on the mailing list: Ingrid Ahlberg at inkyjapan@yahoo.com
Chant From Different Traditions meets the first Sunday at 10:15am on the portico while the weather permits. For more info: Cathy Okhuysen at cathomusic@gmail.com
The Shawl Ministry meets on the 3rd Sunday at 10:10am in the Emerson Room. For more info: Jan Marston at jlmarston@comcast.net
The Men's Breakfast Group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 8am at Café Espresso. Email Ken Schoman at ayuh.ken@gmail.com for details and to join the mail list.
The Women's Breakfast Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 8:30am at Café Espresso. For more info, contact revsusan@southchurch-uu.org
Morning Poems meets on Wednesday mornings on Zoom at 7:30am through Dec 15. Drop in for one or come every week. Contact Kirsten Hunter for more information. kirsten@southchurch-uu.org
Small Group Ministry are ongoing groups that meet twice a month from October-May. We recruit in September and again in January is there is room. Please contact Rita Weathersby at rita.weathersby@unh.edu
South Church Spiritual Book Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 7pm on Zoom. For more info: Nancy Lambert at southchurchbookgroup@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
- **Search Committee** – searchcommittee@southchurch-uu.org
- **Com. On Ministry** – committeeonministry@southchurch-uu.org

PASTORAL ASSOCIATES

Remember this old song by Bill Withers? “Lean on me, when you’re not strong, and I’ll be your friend. I’ll help you carry on…”

We are the Pastoral Associates. We offer rides, meals, companionship, conversation, and support, because sometimes we all need somebody to lean on. You can share your joys and concerns on Sundays by filling out a yellow Pastoral Request card in your pew, or via email at pastoralcare@southchurch-uu.org or through Rev. Susan at revsusan@southchurch-uu.org.

SHARED PLATE NOMINATIONS FOR 2022-2023

From now through January 23, the congregation is invited to nominate organizations for the Shared Plate ballot. On the South Church website under the GIVING heading, you will find information under Shared Collection. Nominate your favorite organizations and see the list of the organizations we supported over the past 2 years! You may nominate as many organizations as you like, completing a separate form for each organization. You may also nominate organizations in person at church, by filling out the nomination form and handing it to a staff member. Forms are printed on colored paper and are available from your greeter! Please note that nominating ends on January 23.

COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE PRESENTATION ON ZOOM

Join us on Zoom on Thursday, January 20 at 6pm for a presentation and discussion about Collaborative Governance and recommended changes to our bylaws. This is a similar presentation to the one made last December about the same topic. Join us on Zoom with the Meeting ID 896 2256 8715 or by visiting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89622568715

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JOIN ONE OF OUR ASSOCIATE PROGRAMS!

Have you been wanting to get more involved in our UU Congregation? Our Associate Programs (Social Justice, Learning, Worship, Fellowship, Pastoral) are a big part of the ongoing ministry of South Church, and we currently have fewer associates due to the pandemic. There are current openings for Worship and Social Justice Associates if you are looking to make an immediate contribution. If you are interested in exploring these opportunities, please reach out to Shared Ministry at sharedministry@southchurch-uu.org, or download an application from the South Church website!

ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET PRESENTATION

Join the South Church Board of Trustees and Finance Council next Sun, Jan 23 at 11:30am on Zoom for a presentation about the proposed 2022 budget. The following Sun, Jan 30, will be the Annual Meeting, also held on Zoom. The agenda will include votes on a bylaw change to allow virtual Annual Meetings post-Covid, approval of the 2022 operating budget, bylaw changes to continue to formalize our collaborative governance model and updates on capital projects and search. To join the budget meeting click https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83391477537. To join the Annual Meeting, click https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84616370146. This information will also be sent to members via email.
ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE  
Deep River  
Susan Adams and Jonny Peiffer, piano  
African American Spiritual, arranged by Lloyd Larson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Hilary Clark

INVOCATION/CALL TO WORSHIP  
Hilary Clark

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.

OPENING WORDS  
Hilary Clark

OPENING SONG  
Lift Every Voice and Sing  
Merrill Peiffer, soprano

TIME FOR ALL AGES  
“Intentional Luck”  
Jen Del Deo

CHILDREN’S RECESSIONAL  
Go Now In Peace

OFFERTORY  
This Little Light of Mine  
Arr. by Joel Raney  
Susan Adams and Jonny Peiffer, piano

*RESPONSE  
We Give Thanks

PRAYER & MEDITATION  
Tristan Husby

CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERN  
Throughout our days and lives, we encounter events, people and circumstances that perplex, pain, or empower us. We find that taking time to acknowledge our sorrows and joys brings release, support, and strength and joy. We invite you to take a moment and reflect on a joy or concern you are holding. If it is something you want us to know about, please take a moment and write your concern on the Pastoral Care yellow card in the pew. When you come to the table to light your candle you may hand your card to a Pastoral Associate and/or place your card in the basket and we will be in touch with you.

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SERMON  
Tell Me What You Want  
Tristan Husby

CLOSING SONG  
His Eye Is On The Sparrow  
Merrill Peiffer, soprano

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE  
Hilary Clark

BENEDICTION  
Tristan Husby

POSTLUDE  
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot  
Arr. by Lloyd Larson  
Susan Adams and Jonny Peiffer, piano

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During the month of January, our collection will be shared with Planned Parenthood of Northern New England. Founded in 1916, Planned Parenthood is a trusted health care provider, educator, and passionate advocate here in the U.S. as well as a strong partner to health and rights organizations around the world. To learn more, visit https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-northern-new-england

Nominations are currently being accepted for 2022-2023 organizations to support through Shared Plate.

Special thanks for Tristan Husby from UU Action NH for leading Worship today, and to Merrill Peiffer for her beautiful voice.

Assisted listening devices are available in the rear of the sanctuary or by asking your Usher.