South 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 enriched and ennobles our faith; we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision.
**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.

**MARCH BOOK DISCUSSION**
The South Church Spiritual Book Group is hosting a discussion of "The Silence of the Girls" by Pat Barker on Wednesday, March 9 at 7pm. All are welcome. Please contact southchurchbookgroup@gmail.com for the Zoom link!

**SHARED PLATE VOTING FOR 2022-2023**
During the month of February, members of South Church are encouraged to vote to select the Shared Plate Recipients beginning in April 2022. You can vote online or in person on Sundays! Each member has 5 total votes on one ballot. Find the ballot link at the bottom on the home page on the South Church website, along with a description of all the nominated organizations! Thank you for your support. Voting will continue through the month of February and winners will be announced in March.

**ASSOCIATE PROGRAM RECRUITING HAS BEGUN!**
Please come visit Martha and Laura at the Shared Ministry table in the Narthex after service! We would love to speak to you about joining any of our Associate Programs so they can remain vibrant pillars in the daily ministry of South Church! Pastoral, Worship, Fellowship, Social Justice and Learning are ALL accepting new members!

**SPRING JOURNEY TO MEMBERSHIP CLASS**
The Spring J2M class will be held virtually on March 20 and 27, and April 3. Learn more about South Church, Unitarian Universalism and explore and share your individual spiritual journey. For more information or to sign up, contact the Fellowship Associates at fellowship@southchurch-uu.org.

**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** will meet on the first Sunday at 9am on Zoom during the winter. Contact Cathy Okhuysen at cathomusic@gmail.com for more information.

**The Shawl Ministry** meets on the 3rd Sunday at 10:10am in the Emerson Room. For more info: 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 for details and to join the mail list.

**The Women’s Breakfast Group** meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 8:30am. For more info, contact revsusan@southchurch-uu.org

**Morning Poems** meets on Sunday mornings in the meditation room at 9am and Tuesdays on Zoom at 7:30am. 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.

**CALL IT HOME: WORKFORCE HOUSING FORUM**

Call It Home: A Workforce Housing Forum is being sponsored by the Social Justice Associates on March 27 at 11:30am in the sanctuary. This forum will also be live streamed on the South Church YouTube channel. Panelists include Rebecca Perkins-Kwoka, NH Senator; George Reagan, Workforce Housing Coalition; Emily Flinkstrom, Fair Trade of Kittery; and Maggie Randolph, Harmony Homes. Look for the reservation on the South Church website beginning on March 1st.

**BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL TEA TALKS**

The Black Heritage Trail of NH is sponsoring Tea Talks again this year; community dialogues on issues of race and justice, for 6 consecutive Sundays at 2pm beginning February 6. You can attend in person or by Zoom, but you must register first. Todays topic is “The Myth of a Model (Asian) Minority, which will address stereotypes among groups and its effect.

For more information, and to register for the Tea Talks, visit www.blackheritagetrailnh.org

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**CALENDAR**

| Sunday, February 20 | 10:00am | Online and In Person Worship |
| 11:15am | Shawl Ministry in the Emerson Room |
| 4:00pm | 7th Grade OWL in Fellowship Hall |
| 4:00pm | Senior Youth at Court Street |

**Tuesday, February 22**

| 7:00pm | What’s UUp? On Zoom |

**Wednesday February 23**

| 7:30am | Morning Poems on Zoom |

**Thursday, February 24**

| 6:00pm | South Church Folk rehearsal in the sanctuary |

**Friday, February 25**

| 6:30pm | Social Hour on Zoom |

**Sunday, February 27**

| 10:00am | Online and In Person Worship |
| 10:00am | 6th and 7th Grade Service Learning in the Carson Parlor |
| 4:00pm | 7th Grade OWL in Fellowship Hall |
| 4:00pm | Senior Youth at Court Street |

**FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL HOUR**

Beginning on Friday, February 25 at 6:30pm, the Fellowship Associates will host a weekly one hour Zoom social hour for members and friends of South Church. The format will be check in, fun questions to ponder or lighthearted topics to discuss. Come meet other members in an informal setting and join us as often as you’d like! Zoom Meeting ID: 895 3742 4165, Passcode: 714468
ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE  Sonata in D Minor  Susan Adams, piano
D. Scarlatti

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME  Laurie Bilby

INVOCATION/CALL TO WORSHIP  Laura Donovan

LIGHTING THE CHALICE  Laurie Bilby

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  Laurie Bilby

OPENING MUSIC #168  One More Step  South Church Choir and Susan Adams

TIME FOR ALL AGES  Kirsten Hunter

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL #413  Go Now in Peace

OFFERTORY  Three Interludes  Starling Goodwin
Susan Adams, piano

*RESPONSE #1010  Oh, We Give Thanks

PRAYER & MEDITATION  Rev. Susan Suchocki Brown

CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERN
We find that taking time to acknowledge our sorrows and joys bring us 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 place your card in the basket and we will be in touch with you. If you would like your prayer concern named aloud during the service, please be in touch with the office or Rev. Susan by Friday and / or write your concern down and hand it to us before service.

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SERMON  “The Circle of Connections”  Rev Susan Suchocki Brown

CLOSING MUSIC #318  We Would Be One  South Church Choir & Susan Adams

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE  Laurie Bilby

BENEDICTION  Rev. Susan Suchocki Brown

POSTLUDE  Haleluya!  Susan Adams, piano and Jonny Peiffer, congas
Pelo Tsa Rona

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During the month of February, Black History Month, our collection will be shared with the Black Heritage Trail of NH. The BHTNH promotes awareness and appreciation of African American history and life to build more inclusive communities.

Learn more at www.blackheritagetrailnh.org

Special thanks to Susan Adams, Jonny Peiffer, Laura Donovan and the South Church Choir for the gift of music today!

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