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.

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  Sean Kramer - Janitor

March 13, 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!

APRIL BOOK DISCUSSION
The South Church Spiritual Book Group, in partnership with the Buddhist group, is hosting a discussion of “Silence: The Power of Quiet in a World Full of Noise” by Thich Nat Hanh on Wednesday, April 13 at 7pm. All are welcome. Please contact southchurchbookgroup@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

SPRING JOURNEY TO MEMBERSHIP CLASS
The Spring J2M class begins March 20 at 11:15 on Zoom! 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.

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL HOUR
The Fellowship Associates are hosting a weekly one hour Zoom social hour for members and friends of South Church. Zoom Meeting ID: 895 3742 4165, Passcode: 714468

WIDEN THE CIRCLE: JOIN AN ASSOCIATE PROGRAM!
Do you want to help care for members of our congregation who are experiencing a change of life event? Do you want to assist the minister with morning worship? Would you like to welcome new members and help people feel loved and connected? Would you like to help our congregation engage in lifespan approaches to faith development? Would you like to act on our faith in the larger community by serving as a Social Justice Associate? We need quite a few people to join each Associate Program! Visit the Shared Ministry team in the Narthex after Worship, or email sharedministry@southchurch-uu.org. Learn more at http://www.southchurch-uu.org/what-we-offer/shared-ministry/

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. Panelists include Rebecca Perkins-Kwoka, NH Senator; George Reagan, NH Housing; Emily Flinkstrom, Fair Trade of Kittery; Andrew Bagley, Portsmouth City Council; and Maggie Randolph, Harmony Homes. Reserve your space by visiting the link on the South Church website.

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 inkyjiapan@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 jilmarston@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 vsusan@southchurch-uu.org

Morning Poems meets on Wednesdays at 7:30am on Zoom. 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 if 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
- Collaborative Governance – collaborative@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. Through the Wider Network of Care, we offer rides, meals, companionship, conversation, and support, because sometimes we all need somebody to lean on. If you want to be part of the WNC offering comfort to members, fill out the yellow card in your pew and give it your usher! You can share your joys and concerns on Sundays by filling out a blue Pastoral Request card in your pew, or via email at pastoralcare@southchurch-uu.org or through Rev. Susan at revsusan@southchurch-uu.org. If you have a prayer that you would like shared during Worship, please reach out to Rev. Susan by Friday.

BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL TEA TALKS

The Black Heritage Trail of NH’s final Tea Talk is today at 2pm! You can attend in person or by Zoom, but you must register first. The talk is titled “Shades of Blackness” and will be Black Americans sharing their stories. For more information, and to register for the Tea Talks, visit www.blackheritagetrailnh.org. All six presentations are available on the BHTNH’s YouTube channel.

POCKET GARDEN TOUR OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

Partner up to supply retail tickets! Co-lead volunteer organizations! Organize refreshments! Find artists! Help make the PGT another fabulous fundraiser for South Church by joining in the planning. For more information, contact Lauren Katz and Sue Hubbard at pgt@southchurch-uu.org.

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2022-2023 SHARED PLATE RECIPIENTS

Your votes have been tallied and the results are in! The 9 Shared Plate Recipients chosen by the congregation are: The Black Heritage Trail, CASA, Gather, Lovering Health, Planned Parenthood, Seacoast Family Promise, Seacoast Outright, Team Seacoast (Afghan Families), and Womenaid. The Social Justice Associates have chosen Fair Tide as their organization. Next month, the children in Religious Education will choose their organization, and a month will be left open for the Collaborative Leadership Team to choose an organization. Thanks for all of your votes!

PASTORAL ASSOCIATES REACH OUT RALLY – NEXT SUNDAY!

Who: You and the Pastoral Associates! When: Next Sunday, March 20 at 11:15am. Where: The Carson Parlor. Why: To better understand YOUR needs! As South Church reopens its doors, we find ourselves in changed and changing times. How can the Pastoral Associates evolve to better meet your needs? Please join us to share your ideas, questions, thoughts, and vision!
ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Amen!

Jonny Peiffer, piano

Ignacio Cervantes

WELCOME

Bret Newbury

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Murphy

LEARNING ASSOCIATE TESTIMONIAL

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

Bret Newbury

OPENING MUSIC #1028

The Fire of Commitment

Kirsten Hunter

TIME FOR ALL AGES

CHILDREN’S RECESSIONAL #413

Go Now in Peace

Jenny Hunter

OFFERTORY

Best Friends

Written and played by Jonny Peiffer

*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 blue 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.

MARCH 13, 2022

SERMON

“Blessings of Renewal”

Rev. Susan Suchocki Brown

CLOSING MUSIC #20

Be Thou My Vision

Bret Newbury

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Bret Newbury

BENEDICTION

Solace

Jonny Peiffer, piano

Scott Joplin

POSTLUDE

During March, Women’s History month, our Sunday collection will be shared with Womenaid of Greater Portsmouth. Womenaid provides short term financial assistance to neighbors in need when they have nowhere else to turn. To learn more, visit www.womenaidportsmouth.org

Special thanks to Jonny Peiffer and the South Church Choir for the gift of music today!

We are deeply grateful to the many staff and volunteers whose often unseen efforts make our Sunday services possible. Many thanks to Jennifer Leyden, Tim Dullea, Kevin Leahy, our custodian, greeters, ushers and everyone else who has lent a hand this week!

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