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.

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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  
Sean Kramer & Ivory Bailey - Attendant
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!

NEW FOUR WEEK MEDITATION OFFERING
Buddhist meditation instructor Suddhayu from Aryaloka Buddhist Center will be leading a four week meditation course at South Church. The 90 minute meditation sessions will meet on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00pm starting May 26 through June 16. While there is no required fee, the sessions are by donation, If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Wilhelm at fatpeachfarmers@gmail.com

WHAT’S UUP?
What’s UUP is facilitated by the Learning Associates, reflecting on current conversations in Unitarian Universalism, and it’s open to anyone. In May we will be discussing: General Assembly and Congregational engagement. This discussion is an hour long, and will include information on how to register if you’re interested in attending GA this year. We will meet on zoom, Wednesday, May 25 at 7pm for a 1-hour discussion on Zoom. Meeting ID: 880 6037 6794

AGING WITH GRACE SUMMER GATHERINGS
Aging with Grace is planning to move back to our pre-Pandemic summer lunch gatherings, starting on Wednesday, June 15. Bob Vaccaro has graciously offered his yard or Great Room at 411 Middle Street. We will plan to meet from 11:30a-1:00p. Please bring your lunch and a beverage! Zoom works from Bob’s yard, so we will send a link to those who would like to join virtually. Please email Ingrid at inkyjapan@yahoo.com for information!

JUNE BOOK DISCUSSION
The South Church Spiritual Book Group is hosting a discussion of “This Tender Land” by William Kent Krueger on Wednesday, June 8 at 7pm. All are welcome. Please contact southchurchbookgroup@gmail.com for the zoom link.

OUTSIDE CHANTING JUNE TO SEPTEMBER
All are welcome to join in chants, rounds and short songs on the first Sunday at 9am outside of the church during the summer months, beginning on June 5. Meet by the steps, or follow you ear! Contact Cathy Okhuysen for more information at cathomusic@gmail.com, Zoom participation may be an option if there is interest.

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. Children 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 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. 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.

WIDEN THE CIRCLE – JOIN AN ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

The Shared Ministry Council is still recruiting for all Associate Programs (Worship, Pastoral, Fellowship, Learning, and Social Justice). Please stop by our table after the service in the Narthex or on the Portico to chat with us about this opportunity to serve South Church in a way that aligns with your interests and talents or email us at sharedministry@southchurch-uu.org.

IMMIGRATION ACTION ALERT

Senators Susan Collins (ME) and Maggie Hassan (NH) have asked President Biden to extend Title 42, the Trump-initiated curb on immigration over the southern border. Title 42 allows asylum seekers to be turned away at the border during a public health crisis. Please consider sending an email to Senator Hassan, her staff Tom Koester, or to Susan Collins, or her staffer Trent Benishek. You could be the voice that makes a difference.

https://www.hassan.senate.gov/contact/email
tom_koester@hassan.senate.gov
https://www.collins.senate.gov/contact/email-senator-collins
trent_benishek@collins.senate.gov

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POCKET GARDEN TOUR – HOSTS, COOKIES, TICKETS, OH MY!

The Pocket Garden Tour is just weeks away and we need South Church folks to host a garden and bake cookies. Sign up to bake cookies and/or garden host at the table during Social Hour, or by clicking HERE for flowers and HERE for cookies! Tickets are also available for sale online, or during Social Hour!

STANDING TOGETHER – SEACOAST LGBT SOCIAL & SUPPORT GROUPS

The Seacoast NH LGBT History Project is curating an exhibit at the Portsmouth Athenaeum called “Standing Together – Seacoast LGBT Social and Support Groups” beginning on Friday, June 3 at 5pm. The exhibit runs through July 15 and can be viewed Tuesday-Saturdays from 1-4pm.

CHARLIE HOWARD MEMORIAL BENCH DEDICATION

The Seacoast LGBT History Project and Portsmouth High School GSA invites you to the Charlie Howard Memorial Bench Dedication at Portsmouth High School on Wednesday, June 1 at 4pm at the high school auditorium entrance. The program includes guest speakers, music, reflections, and refreshments. The downtown bench will be dedicated in July.
ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE  
*Moment Musical in Ab Op. 94 no. 6*
F. Schubert  
Susan Adams

WELCOME  
Bret Newbury

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION  
Singing Bowls

LIGHTING THE CHALICE  
Bret Newbury

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.

INVITATION TO FLOWER COMMUNION

OPENING WORDS  
Bret Newbury

OPENING MUSIC #63  
'Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers'

TIME FOR ALL AGES  
Jen Del Deo

FLOWER COMMUNION  
Prayer, Consecration, and Invitation

MUSIC  
'Mother Spirit, Father Spirit'
Jennifer Leyden
N. Capek

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

OFFERTORY  
'The Salley Gardens'
Trad. Irish, arr. by B. Britton  
Jonny Peiffer, melodica; Susan Adams, piano

RESPONSE #1010  
'Oh, We Give Thanks'

PRAYER & 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.

MAY 22, 2022

MUSICAL INTERLUDE #8  
'Mother Spirit, Father Spirit'

SERMON  
"A Flower Communion Message of Commitment"  
Rev. Susan Suchocki Brown

CLOSING MUSIC #78  
'Color and Fragrance (Verses 1-4)'

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE  
Bret Newbury

BENEDICTION  
Rev. Susan Suchocki Brown

POSTLUDE  
'To A Wild Rose'  
E. MacDowell  
Jonny Peiffer, melodica; Susan Adams, piano

During the month of May, our collection will be shared with the Joan G. Lovering Health Center. The Lovering Health Center is dedicated to providing confidential, comprehensive and accurate sexual and reproductive health information and services to all in a supportive environment. Learn more at [www.joanloveringhealthcenter.org](http://www.joanloveringhealthcenter.org)

Thanks to Jonny Peiffer, Susan Adams, and Jennifer Leyden for the gift of music today.

Please join us on the portico after Worship for Social Hour.

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, Ivory Bailey, 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.