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 enriches 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. 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

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"Gaia, Mother Earth, and The Oneness of Everything."

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation
March 10, 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!

HELP OUT WITH SOCIAL HOUR
Want to offer a little more to South Church, but aren’t sure how? Looking for flexible ways to get involved? The Social Hour crew is looking for volunteers to help with set up and break down; we will show you what you need to know, and you will always be working with a trained kitchen host. To learn more and sign up, reach out to Kevin Leahy at kleahy51@gmail.com.

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! Consider what you are passionate about, what changes you want to see in the world and match your talents and interests to one of these programs. 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!

MEN’S BREAKFAST - THIS WEDNESDAY
The South Church Men’s Breakfast meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:00am at Cafe Espresso. All are welcome! This month, we will gather on March 13. Please reach out to Ken at ayuh.ken@yahoo.com to RSVP.

MARCH BOOK DISCUSSION - MARCH 13
The South Church Spiritual Book Group is hosting a discussion of “Horse” by Geraldine Brooks on Wednesday, March 13 at 7pm on Zoom. All are welcome! Please contact SouthChurchBookGroup@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

JOURNEY TO MEMBERSHIP - MARCH 17 and 24 and APRIL 7
Are you new to South Church, or a long time attendee of Sunday services and want to know more? The Fellowship Associates will be hosting the Winter/Spring Journey to Membership on 3 consecutive Sundays in March and April. Dates are being finalized soon! Classes are from 11:30am-1pm. Learn more about South Church and UUism. If you are interested, please contact the Fellowship Associates at fellowship@SouthChurch-uu.org

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-Berry, at jendeldeo@southchurch-uu.org

ONGOING GROUPS
Aging 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 inkvianapan@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 ilmarston@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
- Committee on Ministries: committeeonministries@southchurch-uu.org

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10
9:45am  Coming of Age at Court Street
10:00am Online and In Person Worship
11:30am Cancer Support Group
4:00pm  7th Grade OWL
4:00pm  Senior Youth at Court Street

Monday, March 11
6:30am Court Street Yoga

Tuesday, March 12
6:00pm Restorative Yoga at Court Street
6:00pm Fellowship Associate Meeting
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 13
6:30am Court Street Yoga
8:00am Men’s Breakfast at Cafe Espresso
7:00pm Spiritual Book Group on Zoom

Thursday, March 14
7:30am Morning Poems on Zoom
10:30am Aging with Grace on Zoom
6:45pm South Church Folk

Friday, March 15
6:30am Court Street Yoga

Sunday, March 17
8:30am  Covenant Group
9:45am  Coming of Age at Court Street
10:00am Online and In Person Worship
11:30am Journey to Membership Class
11:30am Shawl Ministry
11:30am Social Justice Associate Meeting
3:00pm  7th Grade OWL (Long Session)
4:00pm  Senior Youth at Court Street

SOCIAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATES OPEN HOUSE - MARCH 17
Are you interested in learning more about being a Social Justice Associate? Come join us during coffee hour on March 17 in the Carson Parlor to learn more about what we do as we strive to help South Church live its mission in the larger community.

BARBIE MOVIE NIGHT - MARCH 23
Dress in your best pink and come join the FA’s for a Barbie movie night on Saturday, March 23 at 6pm in Parish Hall. Co-writer and producer Greta Gerwig is a fellow UU and the movie has been a huge hit! Bring some pink snacks and drinks, your favorite pillow, and enjoy the show! Parents, please be advised that the movie is rated PG-13 and is not suitable for younger children. Questions? Reach out to Jan Marston at jlmarston@comcast.net

2023-2024 SHARED PLATE RECIPIENTS
Thank you to everyone who submitted votes for the 2023-2024 Shared Plate organizations. The Social Justice Associates collected and tallied your votes, and the following organizations have been selected: Seacoast Pathways, NAMI NH, South Church Immigrant Support Fund, Crossroads House, Gather, Families First, Lovering Health Center, Black Lives Matter Seacoast and Womenaid of Greater Portsmouth. The other 3 organizations are selected by the Leadership Team (Rev. Ellen and Kirsten), the Social Justice Associates, and the children and youth in our Religious Education programs.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE SALES
Our high school youth group will be holding fundraising sales of fair trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and more! This will happen one Sunday per month during Social Hour through June on the following dates: 3/17, 4/14, 5/12, and 6/2. All proceeds go toward the Youth Learning Journey to New Mexico that will happen in June.

WIDER NETWORK OF CARE SIGN UP
The Pastoral Associates offer support to South Church members by organizing a large group of volunteers called the Wider Network of Care (WNC). WNC volunteers sign up in any or all of these areas of help, and it is up to the volunteer when and how often they participate. If you are interested in volunteering for the WNC, do one of the following: fill out the yellow WNC card in your pew or email pastoralcare@southchurch-uu.org.

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

PRELUDE  Music for Centering and Meditation  Jim Scott
Classical Guitar Improvisation

WELCOME  Bret Newbury

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TESTIMONIAL  Fellowship Associates

INTROIT/OPENING SONG  Common Ground
By P. Winter, J. Guth, M. Holmes, J. Scott, J. Sattler and I. Lins
Played by Jim Scott with the South Church Choir/Band

LIGHTING THE CHALICE  "With a Fire in its Heart"

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 HYMN #347  Gather the Spirit

READING  "This Dangerous Bastion"

TIME FOR ALL AGES  The Rainforest Song
Written and played by Jim Scott with the Band

CHILDREN’S RECESSIONAL  The Rainforest Song (Cont.)

OFFERING INVITATION  Bret Newbury

OFFERTORY  Harmony
Written and played by Jim Scott with the South Church Choir/Band

RESPONSE #1010  We Give Thanks

PRAYER & MEDITATION  Bret Newbury

READING  "God of the Two Black Holes"

SERMON  "Gaia, Mother Earth, and The Oneness of Everything"
Offered by Jim Scott

SONG  The Oneness of Everything
Written and played by Jim Scott with the South Church Choir/Band

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CLOSING SONG  May Your Life be as a Song  Trad. Russian Tune
Written and played by Jim Scott with the South Church Choir/Band

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE  "Wisdom and Love"

POSTLUDE  May Your Life be as a Song (Instrumental Reprise)

March Theme: Transformation

During the month of March, our collection will be shared with the Joan G. Lovering Health Center. It is the passion of Lovering Health to honor, respect, and advocate for the right of everyone to maintain freedom and choices regarding their own sexual and reproductive health, and to provide confidential, comprehensive, and accurate sexual and reproductive health information.

Learn more at https://joangloveringhealthcenter.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.

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, Ben Abbott, our greeter and ushers, and everyone else who has lent a hand this week!