

# The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

✘ **HYMN #726**

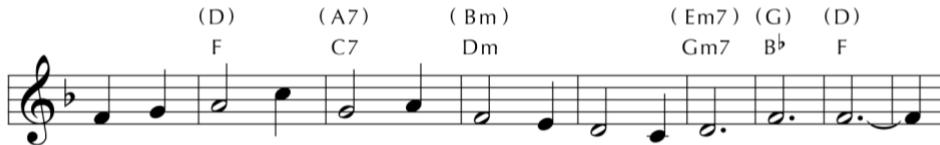
**“The Summons”**

KELVINGROVE

(✘ *The congregation may rise, in body or in spirit.*)



- 1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 “Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 “Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)  
 Gm7 Bb Am7 Bb Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Bb F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987  
 MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987  
 Text and Music Arr. © 1987 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

KELVINGROVE  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

### CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: On days when we think God has nothing to do with employment or family or the world:

**ALL: The Word of Life tells of One who worked with his hands;  
 who wandered the streets; who answered the powers of fear with the  
 truth of grace.**

On days when we think the purpose of life is to keep our heads down and make ends meet:

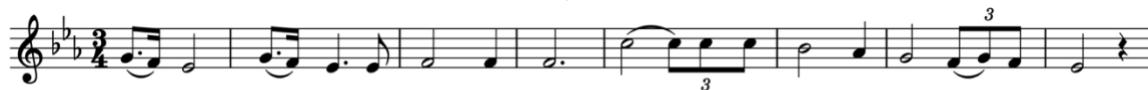
**The Word of Life invites us to give of ourselves  
and discover community as we do so.**

On days aching with loneliness, or longing for love and laughter:

**The Word of Life draws us into the embrace of God's open heart.  
Let us worship God!**

**RESPONSE IN SONG**

**"Lead Me, Guide Me"**



Lead me, guide me a-long the way; For if You lead me, I can-not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with Thee: lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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**RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ONE: When we are impatient and dissatisfied,

**ALL: Forgive us, patient God.**

*We reflect in silence.*

When we are ungrateful and complacent,

**Forgive us, generous God.**

*We reflect in silence.*

When we ignore the needs of others,

**Forgive us, compassionate God.**

*We reflect in silence.*

When we ignore our own needs,

**Forgive us, healing God.**

*We reflect in silence.*

When we are quick to judge others,

**Forgive us, merciful God.**

*We reflect in silence.*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God offers forgiveness, hope, mercy, and new life to us and to all:

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

## **RESPONSE IN SONG**

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

## **RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 16**

ONE: Keep me safe, O God,

**ALL: For in You I take refuge.**

I say to The Holy One,

"You are my creator and my champion;

**Apart from You, I am nothing.”**

Are there false gods in the land

In whom others take pleasure?

**They are worthless.**

Those who pursue delusions multiply their sorrows;

**I will not pay homage to phantoms,**

**Nor call upon that which cannot save.**

The Creator is my life and my sustenance.

**You hold my future.**

The expanse of my inheritance is abundant.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;**

I open my heart to the Author of Life,

Who gives me counsel;

**Even in the night, as I sleep,**

**God’s word courses through my heart.**

I keep the Everlasting prominent before me;

**Because The Most High stays with me,**

**I am unshakable.**

Therefore my heart is glad,

**And my life delights;**

My body rests secure.

**For You will not abandon me to death,**

**Or let Your faithful one suffer terror.**

You show me the path of life.

**In Your presence there is fullness of joy;  
In Your saving power is joy that endures forever.**

**A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*debts/debtors*)

*Hymnal, p. 35*

✘ **HYMN #721**

**“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”**

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

*All attending Sunday School may leave as we sing the hymn.*



1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing  
2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat  
3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my  
4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly  
car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; 7 you will  
la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant  
longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.  
find there my nets and la - bor.  
love that keeps on lov - ing.  
friend, as thus you call me:

*Refrain / Estribillo*



O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my  
boat's left on the shore - line be - hind me. By your  
side I will seek oth - er seas.

This is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. It asks singers to become like the fishermen who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others.

TEXT: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979; English trans. Gertrude Suppe, George Lockwood, and Raquel Gutierrez-Achón, 1988, alt.  
MUSIC: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979; harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987  
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PESCADOR DE HOMBRES  
8.10.10 with refrain

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## OFFERTORY

### THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

*Offerings not specifically designated for the Church (including any checks with “Light of Service” or “LOS” in the memo line) will be given to an organization doing compassionate work that complements our church’s mission. This week, we share our gifts with the **Salisbury Housing Trust** and the **Salisbury Housing Committee**.*

ONE: God has poured gifts into our lives; we now return our tithes and offerings.

**ALL: Let us gather our gifts with grateful praise,  
and offer them to God’s purposes.**

### RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

*Our church welcomes every size gift, and thanks you for your generosity.*

### MUSICAL OFFERING

#### ✘ DOXOLOGY

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit ever more;  
One God of grace, whom we adore! Amen.**

**✠ UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Holy One, gift giver: all that we have is yours. We are stewards of your bounty; our lives are blessed by the abundance you have poured out. Here we offer tokens of our gratitude, praying that our own giving will honor you and serve our neighbors. Amen!**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

I Kings 19:1-15a  
Luke 9:51-62

*Old Testament, p. 404*  
*New Testament, p. 85*

**SERMON**

“The Novel of Our Lives” The Rev. Dr. Johan Johnson

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**✠ HYMN #377**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

HOUSTON

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and  
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

TEXT and MUSIC: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966  
Text and Music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

HOUSTON  
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## BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

## POSTLUDE



## Welcome to Church!

Gathered in 1744, the Congregational Church of Salisbury is an Open and Affirming member of the United Church of Christ, in a “net zero” building powered by clean energy. Our church is also a welcoming home to people from a great variety of church backgrounds and life experiences. Your presence is a gift to us! We hope you will feel God’s Spirit here today through our worship and fellowship.

*We seek to love God with all our hearts, souls, and minds and love our neighbors as ourselves.*

*This Church is **Open** to all for participation, membership, leadership and employment regardless of race, ancestry, class, gender identity, physical and mental ability or sexual orientation. We **Affirm** each individual as a child of God, celebrating the total identity of each person.*

*As an **Open and Affirming** Congregation, we commit to work toward ending ignorance, fear, hatred, prejudice, and discrimination against any person.*

*Whoever you are, wherever you are on life’s journey,  
you are welcome here!*

If you are visiting us, Welcome! Please sign our guest book and introduce yourself to our Pastor or to one of the Deacons. Fill out a welcome card in the pew to join our email list. Assistive Listening Devices are available; please ask an usher for assistance.

**Kindly set phones to silent (unless you’re expecting a call from Jesus).**

## Today's Worship Leaders

**The Rev. Dr. Johan Johnson**, an ordained Episcopal priest, has served in various leadership roles at independent schools, including his current role as Chaplain of the Salisbury School. He founded an independent middle school, Trinity Episcopal Day School (Hartford), co-founded an independent K-8 school, Harlem Academy (NYC), and served as chaplain and dean at schools in Christchurch, VA and Richmond, VA. Throughout his career, Dr. Johnson has sought to serve young people in educational settings as both an educator and a pastor. "I see myself trying to create a spark that encourages students to wrestle with 'Big Life Questions' such as: Who am I? Why am I here? How should I live? These are the inquiries at the center of my school ministerial career."

Chaplain Johnson graduated Clark University (BA), Union Theological Seminary (M.Div.) Fordham University (Ph.D.). He and his wife Gabriela, an academic librarian, have two daughters attending local schools.

Special thanks to **Barbara Collins** for musical leadership, today.

*Ushers:* Joanne Taber & Anne Williams

*Reader:* Bob Maxwell • *Deacon:* Pat Palmer

*Fellowship time hosts:* Hospitality Committee

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## Our Ministry Team

**Ministers:** All Participants in the Life of the Congregation

### Worship & Music

**Music Director:** David Baranowski  
**Bell Choir Director:** Mary Davidson  
**Cantor:** Jennifer Oberto

### Faith Formation

**Sunday School Coordinator:** Holly Tierney  
**Sunday School Assistant:** Stephanie Tierney  
**Youth Group Leader:** Sarah Lesch  
**Youth Group Assistant:** Dan Baker

### Holding the Parts Together

**Church Administrator:** Jennifer Oberto  
**Sexton:** Richard Tietjen

**Church Officers:** Charlie Noyes, *moderator*;  
Janet Offensend, *treasurer*; Liz Wing, *clerk*

**Pastor and Teacher:** The Rev. Dr. John A. Nelson

## In Our Prayers:

We gladly list joys and concerns, and typically print them for four weeks after they are offered in worship. (Prayer requests may be renewed at any time.)

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### New concerns:

*Weekly prayer from UCC Global Ministries,*  
for the people of Hong Kong and for our mission partners: Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs • Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China • Hong Kong Christian Service • Hong Kong Christian Council • Divinity School of Chung Chi College • Christian Study Centre on Chinese Religion and Culture • Asian Human Rights Commission.

Compassionate God,

We pray for the people of Asia and around the world who are suffering from wars and hunger, those who are affected by illnesses and calamities, and those who are affected by human trafficking, domestic violence, statelessness, hate, discrimination, and indifference.

Touch our hearts so that we may be moved by your example of compassion for the othered, outcast, and marginalized. May we embrace with courage the call you have given us to minister to those treated unjustly by oppressive systems and powers.

May your Spirit continue to guide and inspire us as we journey together, united in purpose and committed to your call. Grant us grace to be living signs of your Kingdom, reflecting your love in every place we go. May it be so!

### Continuing concerns:

Charlie Youngblood • Andrea Bargabos • Lee Baranowski • Melinda Sweet • Peg Heck • Jim Bell • David Stoneman, in hospice • Margaret Haubrich • beloveds in treatment for cancer

Immigrants and asylum seekers in our country  
Friends and family now serving in the armed forces  
• All those serving or living in conflict zones.

### Family & Friends who have passed away

Alan Mawdsley (brother of Janet Offensend)  
Mark Sullivan (father of Kate Nichols)

We thank God for the gift of life, and pray for the Spirit's strong presence with all who grieve.

### Thanksgiving for church leaders:

*Hospitality Committee:* Ron Collins, Emily Elliot, Toni Ramcharran, Gretchen Mol, Winter Williams

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**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PASTORAL VISIT,** please call the church office (860-435-2442) or email Pastor John (jnelson@salisburyucc.org). Sometimes we don't find out about an injury or illness or other need until long after — so please call!



*Please Recycle this Bulletin!*



## This Week at Salisbury UCC

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### SUNDAY, 29 JUNE

10AM Worship and Sunday School  
followed by fellowship & refreshments  
in the Parish Hall

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### MONDAY, 30 JUNE

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

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### TUESDAY, 1 JULY

4PM Board of Christian Action

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### WEDNESDAY, 2 JULY

9:15AM Centering Prayer (via Zoom)  
12:15PM Staff Meeting

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### FRIDAY, 4 JULY

*Office closed for holiday*  
*No First Friday Music this month*

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### SUNDAY, 6 JULY

10AM Worship and Sunday School



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*L'homme à la charrue /*  
Looking Back - the man at the plow  
(Brooklyn Museum).



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