



The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

All Saints Sunday

2 November 2025, 10am



PRELUDE

WELCOME

✘ **HYMN #326**

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

verses 1, 2, 3

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come into holy presence, O People of God: come from your busy-ness, your anticipation of the rest of the day, your concerns for the week ahead.

Know that you are gathered here with the saints:

those who followed Christ in the past; those who seek God’s path today.

MANY: We come from many places to one place;

we come as a family in Christ, led by the Spirit of God.

Come to an hour for prayer and praise. Rest in Mystery’s hands.

Listen for God’s voice, in song and silence.

We will seek the Holy One first,

and trust that all we need will be given unto us. Praise God!

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Weave”



Weave, weave, weave us to-geth-er. Weave us to-geth-er in u-ni-ty and love.



Weave, weave, weave us to-geth-er. Weave us to-geth-er, to-geth-er in love.

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A PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

ONE: Holy God, Maker of all:

ALL: Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor:

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life:

Have mercy on us.

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

(Prayer in silence)

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:
to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

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we confess to our brokenness:
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Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

With the whole church,

**We remember that we are forgiven by God,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

With people everywhere,

**We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

With all creation,

**We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life:
the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves
and the world. Thanks be to God!**

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“Weave”

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 **Village Music School Foundation**.*

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

ANTHEM

Happy and Blest Are They

Felix Mendelssohn

*Happy and blest are they who have endured!
For though the body dies, the soul shall live forever. (James 1:12, adapt.)*

✘ DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

**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

**All things belong to you, Holy One; we are your caretakers.
Grateful for the gifts you place into our lives, we return this offering as
a sign of our intention to live as your prayerful people:
surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit,
delighted by your presence, and generous toward your world.
In Jesus’ name; Amen.**

MODERN TESTIMONY

“Wake Up to Wonder”

Karen Wright Marsh

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

New Testament, p. 234

SERMON

“Dreaming Together”

Pastor John A. Nelson

✘ HYMN #375

“Shall We Gather at the River”
verses 1 & 2

HANSON PLACE

Responsive Prayer for All Saints

ONE: Almighty God, your people of all the ages live and praise you without ceasing. In our communion with you, we have communion with generations past and generations yet unknown. Before your throne we are one with a great multitude, beyond counting, and in praising you we join with those from every nation.

ALL: O God, the generations rise and pass away before you.

**You are the strength of those who labor;
you are the rest of the blessed dead.**

We thank you for all the saints:

**all those who have been baptized in the spirit
and whom you have justified by grace and faith.**

**We rejoice that their faithfulness
has paved the way for our lives to follow.**

**Thank you for the saints known to many, and those known to few;
we rejoice in their witness of joy and challenge, love and care,
as we now remember companions of this beloved community
who have rested in your peace in the last year:**

Melinda Sweet ✕ Peg Heck ✕ Eliot Brown

and others whom we name now.

**Grant to your church on earth that as we celebrate
the triumph of your saints in glory we may profit by their example,
and enter with them into the inexpressible joys
you have prepared for those who love you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✕ HYMN #375

“Shall We Gather at the River”
verses 4 & 5

HANSON PLACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PREPARATION

ONE: We gather now as one body, joined around the table.

**ALL: Here we celebrate God's presence among us
united in Christ's spirit, broken and whole all at once;**

Nourished and hungry, loving and lonely,
sinner and forgiven; we make one circle of knowing,
believing, rejoicing, being,
as God lights and rests among us.

REMEMBERING TOGETHER

This is the table of the Heavenly Feast,
the joyful celebration of the saints of God.

**Christ invites everyone to eat the bread of life,
to drink the cup of the new covenant.**

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life.

She who comes to me shall never hunger; he who believes in me shall never thirst."

**In the beginning, God provided every plant yielding seed
and every tree with seed in its fruit for food.**

When the Israelites were in the wilderness, God fed them with miraculous food.

**When the crowds were hungry, Jesus fed over five thousand
with two fish and five loaves of bread.**

THE MEAL

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and said,
**"This is my body which is for you;
do this remembering me."**

After supper Jesus took the cup and said,

**"This is the cup of the new covenant;
whenever you drink it, do so remembering me."**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*defts*)

Hymnal, p. 35

✕ ACT OF PRAISE (*sung*)

GREATOREX

**Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen; Amen.**

✘ UNISON PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Come, Holy Spirit: continue to pour out your life-giving, healing power on us, and on your feast. As we share this food and drink, may we become, for each other, the hope that Jesus has awakened in us. Here we celebrate the promised banquet when all shall be fed abundantly, and all shall drink from the river of the water of life. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

We celebrate an open communion, and invite everyone to this holy meal. We share the bread and the cup in Jesus' name as a reenactment of an ancient vision of God's feast for all people. You need not be a member of our church, or any church, to participate with us in this feast of grace: all that is needed is that you desire God's sustenance. We serve gluten-free bread and grape juice, as we seek to welcome all to the table.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for the gift of yourself — in the earthiness of bread and cup, and in the mystery of your hidden depths of grace, still being revealed. We rejoice as we remember those uncounted multitude of saints, past and present, who share this meal with us. Having been forgiven and fed, may we find common purpose in sharing your dream of a world of everlasting *shalom*. In Jesus' name; Amen.

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SINE NOMINE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

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. It 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.

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.)

New concerns:

Weekly prayer from UCC Global Ministries,
for the people of Eswatini and for our mission
partners: Council of Swaziland Churches •
Kukhany'Okusha Zion Church

People of Mali, endangered by al Qaeda-linked
militants; Gene Chin, serving US personnel who
remain in Mali

Continuing concerns:

The Joya family • Leo Gafney, recovering from
surgery • Mary Davidson • Charlie Youngblood •
Andrea Bargabos • Jim Bell • 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

Sara Jane Elliot • Eliot Brown

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

Thanksgiving for church leaders:

Church staff: Dan Baker, David Baranowski,
Catherine Chatham, Mary Davidson, Sarah Lesch,
Pastor John, Holly Tierney, Stephanie Tierney,
Richard Tietjen

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!

Today's Worship Leaders

Ushers: Allison Gray & Anne Williams • *Reader:* Gretchen Mol
Deacon: Dave Heck • *Communion servers:* Dave Heck & Don Mayland
Fellowship host: Sarah Lesch, Dan Baker, & Youth Group

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This Week at Salisbury UCC

SUNDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

10AM Worship & Sunday School
*followed by fellowship and Pumpkin
Pancake Brunch in the Parish Hall*

MONDAY, 3 NOVEMBER

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER

4PM Board of Christian Action meeting

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER

12:30PM Staff Meeting
4PM Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER

5:30PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER

8:45AM Men's Bible study
12NOON First Friday Music

SUNDAY, 9 NOVEMBER

10AM Worship & Sunday School
11:30AM Music Committee meeting



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