

The Congregational Church of Salisbury
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PRELUDE

Prière à Notre-Dame

Boëllmann

WELCOME

✠ **HYMN #821**

“My Life Flows On”

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Before we remember You — **ALL: You are thinking of us.**
Before we talk to You — **You are listening.**
Before we know we're in trouble — **You are saving us.**
Before we try to please You — **You are loving us.**
Before we recognize our sin — **You are forgiving us.**
Before we see each other — **You are gathering us together.**
Before we invoke your presence — **You are here.**
We worship You, who holds us in Your care.

Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“O Sing to Our God”

CANTAI AO SENHOR

O sing to our God, O sing God a new song, O sing to our God,
O sing God a new song, O sing to our God, O sing God a
new song, O sing to our God, O sing to our God!

Text: Brazilian folk song; trans. Spanish, 1982, and English, 1986, Gerhard M. Cartford

Music: Brazilian folk melody; arr. Gerhard M. Cartford, 1982

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

God does not take our sins and add them to a ledger, to mull over and add them up — God dismisses them! God does not hold our mistakes and misdeeds against us, but forgives us! Join me as we pray to the One who delights in us, as we say,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that our lives weaken us, Strengthening God.

**We do not exercise our faith as we should,
and so fatigue easily.**

**We calculate the value of property,
and discount the treasure of love, hope, and dreams.**

**We make petty complaints about those who annoy us,
rather than shouting hosannas to heaven for the gift of their lives.**

You are our hope, Tender God: forgive us.

Create in us new hearts.

**Fill us with new energy to serve our sisters and brothers,
bringing them to the deep wells of salvation, where they can
fill their parched souls, even as we have been led to them by
Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior.**

(Silence is observed)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

As soon as we turn back to the source of grace, God's delight flows as streams of living water, washing us clean of our sins and refreshing our spirits with hope and joy.

ALL: This day! This day we give thanks to God who is our strength and our salvation. Praise God! Amen.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“O Sing to Our God”

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 98

ONE: O sing a new song to God Most High,
Who has done marvelous things.

**ALL: The Holy One's strong hand and saving arm
have delivered us from bondage.**

The Almighty has made our deliverance known,

**And has revealed this concern for the people
in the sight of the nations.**

The Most High has always shown love and faithfulness to the people.

All the ends of the earth have seen the deliverance by our God.

Shout for joy to God Most High, all the earth;

Break forth into joyous song.

Make music to the Holy One with the lyre,

With the lyre and melodious song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the Almighty,

The One who reigns.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

The world and those who live in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands;

Let the hills sing together for joy,

At the presence of the Holy One,

Who is coming to rule the earth.

The Almighty will rule the world with justice,

And the peoples with equity.

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

⌘ **HYMN #352**

“My Lord, What a Morning”

BURLEIGH

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

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.

ANTHEM

Soon and Very Soon

Crouch, arr. Dilworth

⌘ **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**

Remind us, Holy God, that your people draw hope, healing, feeding, reconciliation from the wells of our generosity. So, encourage us to draw from the abundance which is ours to bless our neighbors — friend and stranger alike. We ask it in Jesus’ name: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 65:17-25

Old Testament, p. 85 |

Luke 21:5-19

New Testament, p. 103

SERMON:

**“Minimum Protection;
Maximum Support”**

Pastor John A. Nelson

PASTORAL PRAYER

✠ HYMN #65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Jacques Lemmens



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.

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

Today's Worship Leaders

Ushers: Janet Kaufman & Joanne Taber

Reader: Toni Ramcharran • *Deacon:* Dave Heck

Fellowship host: Wendy Anderson & Hospitality Committee

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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 Colombia and for our mission partners:
Justapaz: Mennonite Center for Justice, Peace, and Nonviolent Action • Peace Commission of the Evangelical Council of Colombia

New concerns:

Kathy Mera, recovering from surgery

Continuing concerns:

The Joya family • 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:

Board of Religious Education: Julia Barbato, Peggy Hayes, Wei Liu, Holly Tierney

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!

Our Ministry Team

Ministers: All Participants in the Life of the Congregation

Worship & Music

Music Director: David Baranowski
Bell Choir Director: Mary Davidson

Faith Formation

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

Holding the Parts Together

Church Administrator: Catherine Chatham
Sexton: Richard Tietjen

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

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

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL &
SALISBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

Trivia Contest

with lunch!

SUNDAY NOV. 23	Salisbury UCC Parish Hall
12 NOON	30 MAIN (LIBRARY ST. ENTRANCE)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

DONATIONS ACCEPTED; CASH APPRECIATED.
PROCEEDS SUPPORT
* HISPANIOLA HEALTH PARTNERS *

This Week at Salisbury UCC

SUNDAY, 16 NOVEMBER

- 10AM Worship, Sunday School & Youth Group
*followed by fellowship & refreshments
in the Parish Hall*
- 11:30AM Music Committee (Council Room)
Board of Trustees (Library)

MONDAY, 17 NOVEMBER

- 11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER

- 5:15PM Handbell Choir rehearsal
9:15AM Centering Prayer (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER

- 12:15PM Staff Meeting
4PM Women's Bible Study
4:45PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER

- 11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER

- 8:45AM Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY, 23 NOVEMBER

- 10AM Worship and Sunday School
12NOON Trivia Game with St. John's
Episcopal

TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

- 5:30PM Interfaith Thanksgiving Service,
St. John's Episcopal



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