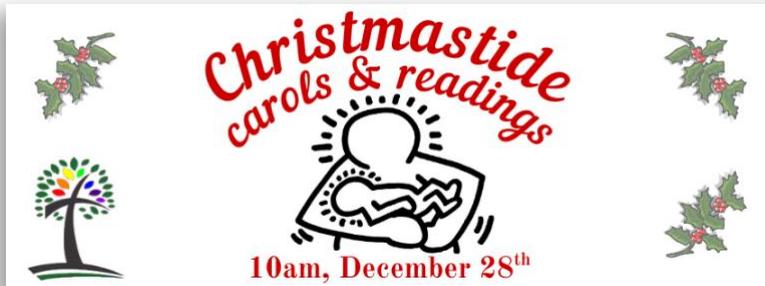


The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PIANO PRELUDE

Huron Carol
Simple Gifts

WELCOME

✘ **CAROL #144**

“In the Bleak Midwinter”
verses 1, 2, 3

CRANHAM

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing.

All: Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

For God so loved the world as to give the Only Begotten One,
that whoever believes may not die, but have eternal life.

**God sent Love's Own Self into the world not to condemn the world,
but that through Love's Self, the world might be saved.**

RESPONSE IN SONG

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

CRANHAM

What shall I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.

If I were a wise one, I would do my part.

Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

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ONE: Friends, let us approach a new year with hearts that have been unburdened, and let us make our confession before God and one another.

God of stars and angels, God of sheep and lambs,

ALL: God of abundance and grace:

You know us well, better than we know ourselves.

You hear us cry “Gloria!” and “Praise!”

And you watch us tear things apart with our words and deeds.

You hear us say “Thy will be done!” and “Use me, O God!”

And you watch us do nothing in response to cries for help.

You know us, and you love us, and you forgive.

Hear us now say, “Help us to change; turn us around,

Make us more loving and courageous and hopeful.”

This we pray in the name of Jesus who taught his friends this prayer:

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

Hymnal, p. 35

MODERN TESTIMONY

from *The Serviceberry*

Robin Wall Kimmerer

✠ CAROL #113

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

OFFERTORY

ONE: Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. 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

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain,
As sounding brass and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be giv’n by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, spirit, come out hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed.
By this we worship, we are freed. Amen.*

✘ **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**

**Bless these gifts to your service and keep us ever mindful of the needs
of others. Amen.**

READING

“The Twelve Days of
Christmas (Correspondence)”

John Julius Norwich

SHARING

READING

“The Gift of Giving”

Frank Sonnenberg

✘ **CAROL #136**

“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”

GO TELL IT

BENEDICTION

PIANO POSTLUDE

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”



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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.

Today’s Worship Leaders

Ushers: Janet Kaufman & Sarah Morrison

Singers: Betsy Beck, Louise Brown, Emily Elliot • Deacons: Betsy Beck, Myra Brandt, Barbara Collins, Dean Haubrich, Dave Heck, Don Mayland, Pat Palmer



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