

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PRELUDE

“FOR A WILD ROSE”

Edward MacDowall

WELCOME

✠ **HYMN #703** “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: As you cause the sun to rise, O God

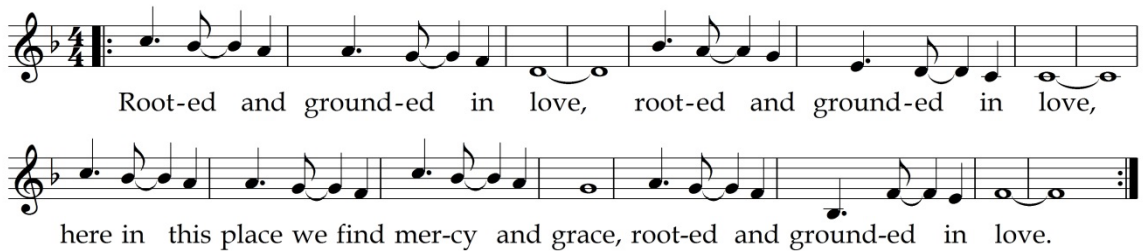
ALL: And bring the light of Christ to dawn in our souls and dispel all darkness

Give us grace to reflect Christ’s glory;

And let Love show in our deeds, Peace shine in our words, and Healing in our touch,

. . . that all may exclaim with joy: God IS!

May the God of Hope fill us with all Joy and Peace through the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us bow ourselves and worship.



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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

ALL: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we acknowledge and say truly that we have failed to be who we were born to be: conveyors of compassion, clear minds and honest speaking. We have wandered into distractions and wasted our gifts. By Divine Mercy, we ask for help and direction for our lives that we may live in Light and abide in Holy ways, in the name of Jesus, the One Who Saves. Amen

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, every moment of every day. The old self is gone; a new self is emerging.

All: In Christ, we are extended the hand of forgiveness and renewal.

Mercy is not withheld until we are worthy.

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting across generations.

Thanks be to God again and again.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Rooted and Grounded in Love”

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm #86: 11-17

MEN: Teach me, God, your way that I may walk in your truth, single-hearted and revering your name

WOMEN: I will praise you with all my heart, glorify your name forever,
Lord my God.

Your mercy to me is great; you have rescued me from the depths of Sheol.

O God, the arrogant have risen against me; a ruthless band has sought my life; to you they pay no heed.

But you, Holy One, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in mercy and truth.

**Turn to me, be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your handmaid.**

Give me a sign of your favor;

Make my enemies see, to their confusion, that you, Lord, help and comfort me.

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

Hymnal, p. 35

✠ HYMN #435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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 Northwest CT Community 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

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

ANTHEM

"Invention in A minor"

J.S. Bach

✠ 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

Holy and Ever-Present God, like Jacob, we often discover your presence in ordinary places and unexpected moments. You meet us on the roads we travel, in seasons of uncertainty, and in places we never imagined could become holy ground. You remind us that the earth is filled with your glory and that heaven is never as far away as we think.

Bless these offerings. May they become instruments of hope for those who are discouraged, welcome for those who feel alone, healing for those who are hurting and justice for those who long to be seen and heard.

Jesus' name, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 28: 10-19a

Old Testament, p. 30

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13: 24-30

New Testament, p. 17

SERMON

"The Lord is in This Place – and I Did Not Know it!"

Rev. Dr. Eileen Epperson

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PASTORAL PRAYER

✠ HYMN #714

“God of the Fertile Fields”

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

“Von Hummel hoch da kom ich hier“

Johann Pachelbel



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: Susan Hassler & Pat Thompson

Reader: Michael Naumann • *Deacon:* Pat Palmer & Joanne Hayhurst

Fellowship host: Hospitality committee & Church Council

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

Holding the Parts Together

Church Administrator: Catherine Chatham

Sexton: Richard Tietjen

Church Officers: Charlie Noyes, *moderator*;

Janet Offensend, *treasurer*; Liz Wing, *clerk*

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 Columbia and for our mission
partners.

Continuing concerns:

Barb Brown • Bella • Janet Kaufman • Myra's sister-
in-law • The Joya family • Al Ginouves •

Family & Friends who have passed away

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

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

This Week at Salisbury UCC

SUNDAY, 19 JULY

10AM Worship and Sunday School
*followed by fellowship & refreshments
in the Parish Hall*
11:30AM Board of Trustees

MONDAY, 20 JULY

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

TUESDAY, 21 JULY

2PM Parish Hall in Use

WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY

9:15AM Centering Prayer (via Zoom)
10 AM Trail Magic
12:15PM Staff meeting

THURSDAY, 23 JULY

5:30PM Project SAGE board meeting

FRIDAY, 24 JULY

8:45AM Men's Bible study

SUNDAY, 26 JULY

10AM Worship and Sunday School



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