

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PRELUDE

“Kleine Prelude and fugue in C Major”

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

✠ **HYMN #41**

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

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

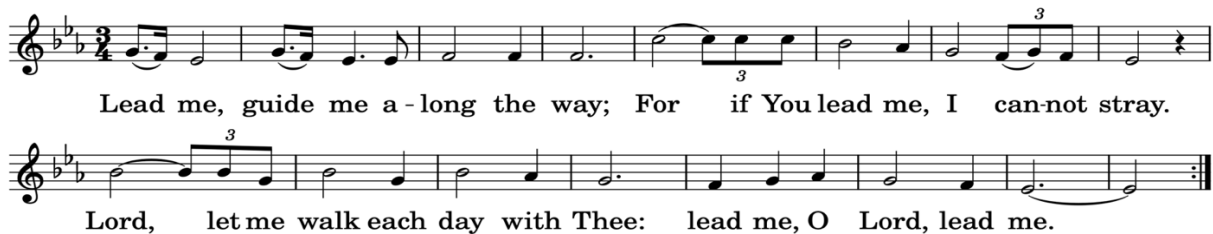
ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ALL: Welcoming God, we have gathered so that you may teach us the way we should go. In our times of distress and need, you have provided. When we have stubbornly followed our own plans, you have curbed our impulses. From our days of confusion and aimless wandering, you have rescued us and restored us to our true identity. Meet us now as we worship together to shape us into a righteous, reconciling people. Amen.

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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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

ALL: O God, we confess how often it is true of us that when difficult times come and we are trapped in the little worlds of our own making, we never look up to see the signs of hope you hold for us. Restore to us, we pray, the vision of new life with new beginnings and the promise of your grace in the strength of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

(Silence is kept)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Remember this Word of God: if we say we have no strains or separations, the truth is not in us. But even as we confess those broken places, God rushes in with holy power, leading us to wholeness. Brothers and sisters, in Jesus' name we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm #139: 1-14

ONE: O Lord, You have searched me and known me.

ALL: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

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

Hymnal, p. 35

✧ HYMN #451

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

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 Salisbury Housing Trust and 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

“Invention 4 in F major”

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

**Oh God, giver of all good things, you have taught us it is more blessed
to give than to receive. We dedicate these offerings to your service,
praying that all our gifts and energies may be consecrated for the
advancement of your love, mercy and justice, Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 1: 43-51

New Testament, p.112

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28: 10-22

Old Testament, p.30

SERMON

“Markers on the Way”

Dr. Rev. Betsey Mauro

PASTORAL PRAYER

✠ HYMN #65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Prelude in B flat Major

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. 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: Karin Noyes & Sharon Tingley

Reader: Emily Elliott • *Deacons:* Pat Palmer & Joanne Hayhurst

Fellowship host: Hospitality Committee

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 South Africa and for our mission
partners.

Continuing concerns:

Barb Brown • Janet Kaufman • Al Binouves •

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, 26 JULY

10AM Worship
*followed by fellowship & refreshments
in the Parish Hall*

MONDAY, 27 JULY

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

TUESDAY, 28 JULY

2PM Parish Hall in use

WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY

9:15AM Centering Prayer (via Zoom)
10AM Trail Magic
12:30PM Staff meeting

FRIDAY, 31 JULY

8:45AM Men's Bible study

SUNDAY, 2 AUGUST

10AM Worship and Sunday School
11:30AM Church Council meeting



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