

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PRELUDE

“The Swan”

Camille Saint-Saens

WELCOME

✠ **HYMN #410**

“God is Calling through the Whisper”

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The world around us is noisy

ALL: Our minds are crowded with worries, expectations and endless distractions.

Yet God does not compete with the noise

God gently invites us into stillness

Let us quiet our hearts.

Let us bring our whole selves before the One who is nearer than our breath.

All: Let us bow ourselves and worship.

PRAYER

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The Lord Is My Song

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O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
Or The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O
all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song; the

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.
Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION (UNISON)

Gracious God, You speak with a quiet voice while we swim in the kingdom of noise. You offer us peaceful presence here and now, yet we look away, searching in distance places. Forgive us when we cling to frustration and disappointment rather than trusting divine grace. Forgive us for the ways we contribute to conflict rather than peace, division rather than reconciliation, fear rather than hope.

We have ignored the cries of our neighbors, neglected the care of your creation or failed to love ourselves as your beloved children, have mercy upon us.

Still our anxious hearts and renew our spirits. Teach us again to recognize your presence already among us and within us. Through Christ, who has drawn near to us, we pray,

(Silence is kept)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Hear the Good news: Paul reminds us, “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.”

All: God is not far away. In Jesus the Christ, the Holy One has already crossed every distance that separates us. Divine mercy is near. Great love is near. God’s grace is near.

In Christ we are forgiven, renewed and invited to begin again.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Oh Lord, Hear my Prayer”

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 85: 8-13

ONE: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for God will speak peace to the people, to the faithful, to those who turn in their hearts.

ALL: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who honor him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Goodness and justice will go before our God and will make a path for righteous steps.

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

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

Hymnal, p. 35

⌘ HYMN #450

"Be Thou My Vision"

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 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 14 in B flat”

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**

**Generous God, everything we have comes from your gracious hand.
Receive these gifts and receive our lives as well. May what we offer
today bring hope where there is despair, peace where there is conflict
and comfort where there is loneliness. Use these gifts and use us to
become signs of your quiet but transforming love in the world.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

I KINGS 19: 9-15

Old Testament, p. 404

GOSPEL READING

Romans 10: 5-12

New Testament, p. 194

SERMON

“Nobody Likes Me”

Rev. Dr. Eileen Epperson

PASTORAL PRAYER

✠ **HYMN #475**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

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Dietrich Buxtehude



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: Allison Grey & Sarah Morrison

Reader: Louise Brown • Deacon: Myra Brandt

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 Korea and for our mission
partners.

Continuing concerns:

Pat Lowell • Janet Kaufman • Gene Carroll • Barb
Brown

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 at 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, 9 AUGUST

10AM Worship
*followed by fellowship & refreshments
in the Parish Hall*
11:20AM: Search committee discussions

MONDAY, 10 AUGUST

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club
4pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry

TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST

2pm: Parish Hall in use

WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST

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

FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST

8:45AM Men's Bible study – on pause until
September 4th

SUNDAY, 16 AUGUST

10AM Worship and Sunday School
11:30AM Board of Trustees meeting
11:30AM Board of Christian Action Meeting



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