

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PRELUDE

“Prelude and fugue in A minor”

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

✠ HYMN #267

“Come Christians, Join to Sing”

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We bring ourselves to you, O God, as we prepare to worship.

ALL: We desire to begin and end this time of worship focused on your inspiring and graceful presence.

We desire to hear your voice within us.

We desire to grow in gratitude and devotion to you.

Hear us as we lift our praise and thanks before you.

We open our hearts to the presence of God in this time and place.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Weave”



Weave, weave, weave us to-geth-er. Weave us to-geth-er in u-ni-ty and love.



Weave, weave, weave us to-gether. Weave us to-gether, to-gether in love.

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

ALL: We confess to you, O God, that we have used only a small part of the potential that is in us: there are energies, powers and possibilities in us that have never been released. Forgive us for settling for second best, for growing accustomed to the way we think and act and then failing to go beyond our usual responses. Help us to yield to you this day, and thus to open our lives once more to your joy, service and adventure, made possible through the embracing forgiveness of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

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

“Weave”

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm #23

ONE: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

ALL: He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

For you are with me;

Your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

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

Hymnal, p. 35

✠ HYMN #829

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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 Storm Damage provided by Salisbury Housing Committees.

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 10 in G 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

**Whatever we give to you, O God, is but a small reflection of the bounty
you have bestowed on us. Teach us generosity with all we have, including
our love and praise, that we may live abundantly in the Spirit of Christ,
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 107: 1-3; 21-32

Old Testament, p.687

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17: 11-21

New Testament, p.98

SERMON

“Signs of the Times”

Dr. Rev. Betsey Mauro

PASTORAL PRAYER

✠ HYMN #546

“Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Toccata VI

Leonardo Leo



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: Julia Barbato & Susan Hassler

Reader: Pat Palmer • *Deacon:* Myra Brandt

Fellowship host: Hospitality Committee

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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 Morocco 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, 16 AUGUST

10AM Worship
*followed by fellowship & refreshments
in the Parish Hall*
11:30AM Board of Trustees meeting
11:30PM Board of Christian Action meeting

MONDAY, 17 AUGUST

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST

2PM Parish Hall in use

WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST

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

FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST

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

SUNDAY, 23 AUGUST

10AM Worship and Sunday School
11:30AM Board of Deacons meeting



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