

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PRELUDE

“Prelude in D Minor”

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

✠ **HYMN #401**

“Here in This Place”

GATHER US IN

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We have come to worship

ALL: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice!

Within each of us is evidence of God’s grace.

We are loved, we are children of God.

We are gathered each and every one of us.

We are gathered to share ourselves and creation.

Embrace the day, live life fully, and love one another

Yes! Embrace the day, live life fully, and love one another.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“GLORY TO GOD”

Chords: Dm, Gm, C, F, (chords continue)

* May be sung as a canon.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**May be sung as a canon.*

A PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

ONE: Holy God, Maker of all

ALL: Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life

Have mercy on us.

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

(Prayer in silence)

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:

to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

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Amen.

COMMON CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF GRACE

All: Creator God, we are your children, we seek to hear your voice and do your will, yet we confess to our imperfection and failings. We fall short and err, for this we ask forgiveness and mercy. Show us the better way.

One: You are blessed creatures of God. Before we were, God knew us. God's blessings flow in and through us with forgiveness in spite of ourselves.

Thanks to be to God. Amen

Thanks be to God, Amen.

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

Hymnal, p. 35

RESPONSE IN SONG

"Glory to God"

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 Tri Corner F.E.E.D.

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

"My Shepherd will Supply My Need"

Virgil Thompson

✠ 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 One, we offer these gifts with gratitude and thanksgiving, bless them with a bounty beyond their own. Endow them with power and meaning and direct them to your purpose in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 32: 22-31

Old Testament, p.37

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14: 13-21

New Testament, p.19

SERMON

“Well, Isn’t That Something”

Rev. Mark Diters

PASTORAL PRAYER

✠ **HYMN #504**

“We Come as Guests Invited”

We Feast at God's Table

INVITATION

RESPONSIVE THANKSGIVING

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is good and right to give God our thanks and praise.

O God, we thank you for the rich blessing of your Creation, and come to offer our whole selves as you call us to live for your realm of *shalom*.

Thanks be to you, O Holy One, for the goodness you have poured into all things. Our hearts fill with joy and wonder as we answer your call to be your people.

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

Christ invites everyone to eat the bread of life, to drink the cup of the new covenant.

Jesus said, I am the bread of life.

She who comes to me shall never hunger;

he who believes in me shall never thirst.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said, This is my body which is for you; do this remembering me.

After supper Jesus took the cup and said,

This is the cup of the new covenant.

Whenever you drink it, do so remembering me.

And so we breathe out hope as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Come, Holy Spirit. Continue to pour out your life-giving, healing power on us, and on this meal that nourishes us. As we share this food and drink, may we become, for each other, the hope that Jesus has awakened in us. In this meal we celebrate the promised banquet when all shall be fed abundantly, and all shall drink from the river of the water of life. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

We celebrate an open communion and welcome every person to the table. We understand the sharing of the bread and the cup in Jesus' name to be a reenactment of an ancient vision of God's feast for all people. We don't require you to be a member of our church, or any church, to participate with us in this feast of grace: all that is needed is that you desire God's nurture. (We use gluten-free bread and unfermented grape juice in an effort to remove barriers to anyone's participation in the sacrament.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ONE: Eternal and gracious One, though we live in a world of need,

ALL: here we have tasted your goodness

and been fed by your vision of fullness of life for all creation.

Though afflicted by brokenness and division,

here we have heard again your call to live as a Beloved Community.

Though daily we touch our limits,
 here we have received the abundance of your grace.
You have filled us, O God:
 inspire us to live in love and to share your shalom! Amen.

✠ **HYMN #542** “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE “Ballo Della battaglia” Bernardo Storace



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: Joanne Hayhurst & Anne Williams

Reader: Wendy Anderson • *Deacon:* Myra Brandt • *Communion servers:* Myra Brandt & Theresa Carroll

Fellowship: 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 Indonesia and for our mission
partners.

Continuing concerns:

Pat Lowell • Al Ginouves •
Janet Kaufman • Barb Brown • Gene Carroll

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, 2 AUGUST

10AM Worship
*followed by fellowship & refreshments
in the Parish Hall*
11:30AM Church Council meeting

MONDAY, 3 AUGUST

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST

2PM Parish Hall in use

WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST

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

FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST

8:45AM Men's Bible study- paused until
September 4th
12noon First Friday Music in the Meeting House

SUNDAY, 9 AUGUST

10AM Worship and Sunday School
11:30AM Music Committee meeting



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