

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PRELUDE

“Fugue in G minor”

Andrea Basili

WELCOME

✠ **HYMN #336**

“We Gather Together”

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: This is the day that the Lord has made.

ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad!

We come to gather together and be witness to the light.

We come to hold and to let go.

We come to co-create with our Creator.

We come to breathe in the Spirit.

We do this together; we are not alone.

Thanks be to God!

Amen!

Amen!

RESPONSE IN SONG “God, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Ken Medema

God, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. God, send your Spir-it in this place.

God, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

ONE: God-made-flesh,
We confess that we think we can go it alone,
That we try to do it all,
That in doing so, we neglect the gifts you have given us:
The bodies you created,
the relationships you created us for
the creatures and creation you placed in our care.

Jesus Christ, you who lived in a human body,

Call us to community.

Remind us that in you we are one.

Awake in us a respect for one another,

And celebrate with us the diversity within that unity.

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Christ Jesus walked with disciples who didn't recognize him — and still he brought good news, new understanding, a holy meal. Even when we don't recognize him, our Risen God meets us with joy and grace, acceptance and sustenance. We are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God! Alleluia; Amen.

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RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm #105: 1-7

ONE: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

ALL: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered

O offspring of his servant, Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

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

Hymnal, p. 35

✕ HYMN #450

“Be Thou My Vision”

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 The CROP Hunger Walk.

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 D 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**

Christ Jesus, our tithes and offerings are a small part of us, but they express our hopes and our commitment. We dedicate them to the vision of your realm of grace and reconciliation and joy. Bless the gifts, bless the giving, bless the givers, and may all that is within us bless your holy name: Amen and Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 3:1-15

Old Testament, p.62

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16: 13-18

New Testament, p. 22

SERMON

“Give it a Name”

Rev. Mark Diters

PASTORAL PRAYER

✠ **HYMN #546**

“Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

“Andante from Concerto in D Major” George Friedrich Handel



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.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ushers: Peggy Hayes & Pat Thompson

Reader: Kevin Wolgemuth • *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 Angola and for our mission
partners.

Continuing concerns:

Friends and family now serving our country in the
armed forces • All those living in war or conflict
zones around the world.

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, 30 AUGUST

10AM Worship
*followed by fellowship & refreshments
in the Parish Hall*
11:30AM Fall Festival Planning meeting

MONDAY, 31 AUGUST

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

2PM Parish Hall in use

WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER

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

FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER

8:45AM Men's Bible study
12noon First Friday Music in the Meeting House

SUNDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER

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



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