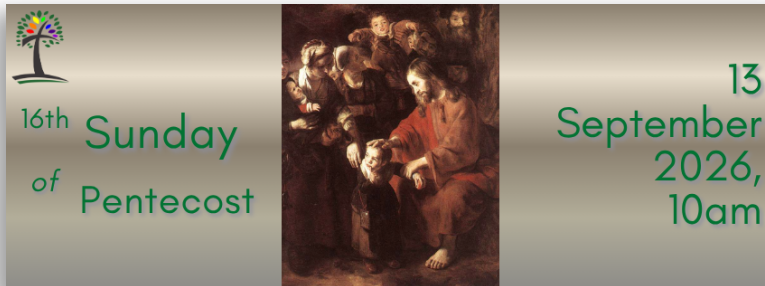


The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PRELUDE

“G minor fugue ‘little’”

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

✠ **HYMN #418**

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We are not alone; we live in God’s world.

ALL: We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God

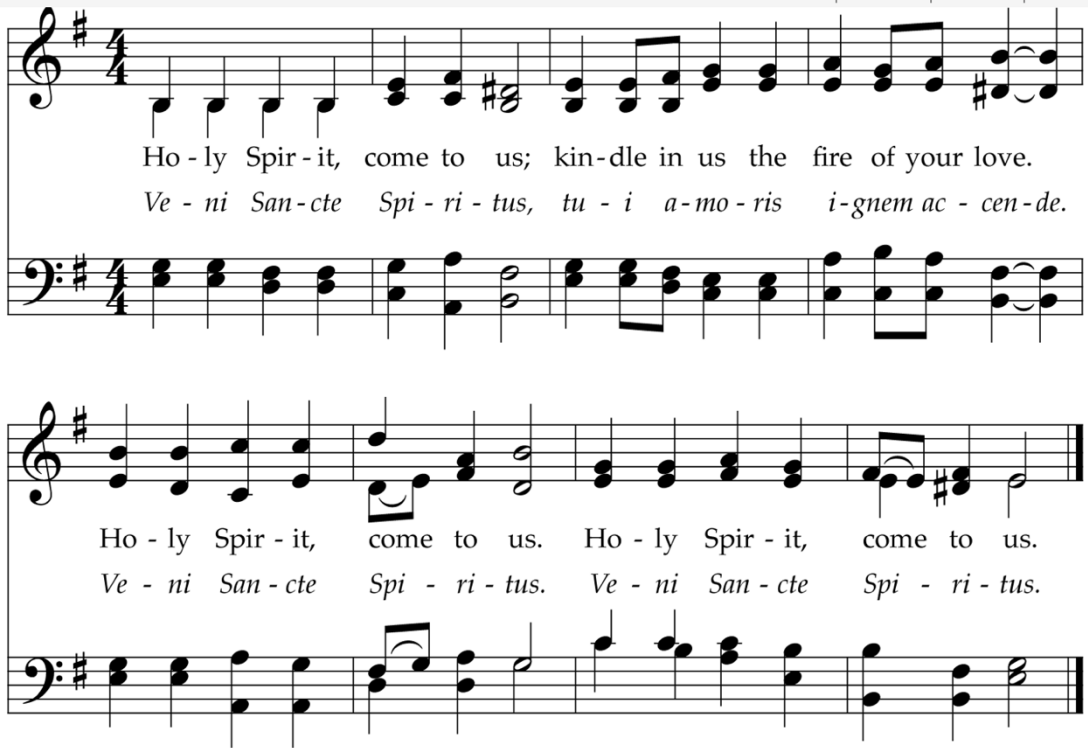
We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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RESPONSE IN SONG**“Holy Spirit, Come to Us”**
Tui amoris ignem

Jacques Berhier



Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us; kin - dle in us the fire of your love.
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus, tu - i a - mo - ris i - gnem ac - cen - de.

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The original text of this chant from Taizé is a shortened version of a text sung in the Latin mass after the reading of the gospel on Pentecost. The full text can be translated: “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and ignite the fire of your love within them.”

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1998

MUSIC: Jacques Berhier, 1998

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TUI AMORIS IGNEM

Irregular

COMMON CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, as individuals and as community, we humbly admit that we need your help. We confess that we miss the mark and wander from your way. We ask forgiveness, whether in erring on the side of caution or acting in ways that harm. Offer us the fruit of your spirit, breathe into us the sense of renewal and hope.

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Believe that God's love will lift you up as on eagle's wings. God's presence is your hope and God's will is to empower, embolden and embrace. In Christ, Amen.

RESPONSE IN SONG

"Holy Spirit, Come to Us"

Jacques Berthier

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm #103: 1-6

ONE: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,

ALL: Bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from the Pit,

Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Who satisfies you with good as long as you live

So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication

And justice for all who are oppressed.

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS – THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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

Hymnal, p. 35

✠ **HYMN #43**

"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"

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 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

“We’ve Come the Far by Faith”

Mary McDonald

✠ **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, in hope and joy we wish to do your will. We have many gifts; teaching, singing, comforting, serving . . . may our gifts, varied and many, be shared as we share now our offerings. Use these gifts to your purpose in love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 22: 1-14

Old Testament, p.21

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 19: 13-15

New Testament, p.25

SERMON

“Breaking Through”

Rev. Mark Diters

PASTORAL PRAYER

✠ **HYMN #721**

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary”

David German



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: Susan Hassler & Deb Moore

Reader: Myra Brandt • *Deacon:* Don Mayland

Fellowship host: The Deacons for Extravagant Welcome

Today's liturgy is adapted and reprinted from *Lectionary Liturgies* by the Rev. Thom Shuman © 2025
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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 Palestine and for our mission
partners and the people suffering from
displacement and war.

Continuing concerns:

Friends and family now serving our country in the
armed forces • All those serving or 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 (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, 13 SEPTEMBER

10AM Worship
*followed by The Extravagant Welcome
in the Parish Hall*
11:30AM Music Committee meeting

MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

2PM Parish Hall in use

WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER

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

FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER

8:45AM Men's Bible study

SUNDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER

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



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