

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PRELUDE

“Toccata in C”

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

✠ **HYMN #12**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Give thanks to the Lord. Call on his name.

ALL: Make his works known among the peoples.

Sing to him. Tell of all his wonders.

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord be glad.

He brought Israel out of Egypt with silver and gold in their hands, and one month later they were hungry.

He spread a cloud over them by day and a fire through the night.

In the evening he sent quail. In the morning there was bread on the ground, and no one could say what it was.

They gathered what they needed and it was enough for the day,

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

We come with our hands open. Feed us what we cannot name.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Bless the Lord, My Soul”

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads us in - to life.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: The bread came to the people who were complaining. Let us confess our sin,
trusting that God's habits have not changed.

UNISON PRAYER OF COMMON CONFESSION

Merciful God,
you set bread on the ground every morning
and told us to take what we need.

We take more.
We store against a tomorrow you have already promised to feed,
And we open the jar and find it spoiled.

We keep accounts on our neighbors.
We measure what they were given against what we earned,
And we call it unfair.

We remember our old bondage as though it were a full table.

Forgive us,
Open our hands.

**Teach us to eat what we cannot name.
Amen.**

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Hear the good news. In the evening God sent quail and in the morning bread, and the complaining had not stopped.

All: God feeds us before we deserve it.

The landowner paid the last the same as the first and said he could do what he liked with what was his.

God gives us more than we have earned.

What is set before you today will not keep, and it does not need to.

There will be bread again tomorrow.

Friends, believe the gospel. You are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Bless the Lord, My Soul”

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm #105: 1-6, 37-45

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 judgments he has uttered,

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

Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.

He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

They asked, and he brought quails, and gave them food from heaven in abundance.

He opened the rock and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.

For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.

So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing,

He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,

That they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

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

Hymnal, p. 35

✠ **HYMN #39**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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 The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

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

"Praise His Holy Name"

Keith Hampton

✠ **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,
You told Israel to gather what they needed and nothing more.
We are still working on the second half of that.
Here is some of what we did not need.
Send it where the need is.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 16: 2-15

Old Testament, p.78

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20: 1-16

New Testament, p.26

SERMON

“What Is It”

Jason Larson

PASTORAL PRAYER

✠ **HYMN #435**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

BENEDICTION

Go from here side by side.
Stand firm and be gentle with each other while you do it.

And may the peace of God stand guard over your hearts
A peace you will never manage to explain to anyone,
And may you find tomorrow morning
That there is something on the ground again.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

Brandenburg 5

J.S. Bach



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 & Karin Noyes

Reader: John Merwin • Deacon: Don Mayland

Fellowship host: Don Bailey

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 Haiti and for our mission
partners.

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, SEPTEMBER 20

10AM Worship
*followed by fellowship & refreshments
in the Parish Hall*

11:30AM Board of Trustees meeting

11:30 AM Board of Christian Action meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

2PM: Parish hall in use

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:15AM Centering Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30PM Staff meeting

4:00 PM Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:30AM Homeschool meet up

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:45AM Men's Bible study

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

10AM Worship and Sunday School

11:30AM Board of Deacons meeting

12:45PM CROP Hunger Walk

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