The Congregational Church *of* Salisbury

United Church of Christ



Prelude "Gavotte 1 and 2 in D minor" J.S. Bach

Welcome

✠ **Hymn** #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
(✠ *The congregation may rise, in body or in spirit.*)

Announcements | Joys and Concerns | Silent Prayer

Call to Worship

One: Here we are, those that were scattered are now gathered.

All: Here we are, to worship, to give thanks, and to sing

Here we are, open and alive, listening, seeing, and feeling, seeking wonder and grace.

Here we are, the children of God in all shapes and forms. Whether we are strong or not so strong, whether we are feeling broken or feeling whole.

Jesus calls us: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Thanks be to God.

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RESPONSE IN SONG "Oh Lord, Hear my Prayer" Taizé Community



COMMON CONFESSION

ALL: Holy One, forgive us when our actions fall short and are not life giving. We confess that we all too often act as if we are on our own and in total control. We confess that our thoughts are self-serving and our deeds tend to our needs. We ask that you bless us with grace and forgiveness.

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Hear the news, and it is good. God's love embraces us all in the fullness of our humanity. God's love works wonders within and without, yesterday, today and tomorrow. You are not alone. Amen.

RESPONSE IN SONG "Oh Lord, Hear My Prayer" Taizé Community

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm #121

ONE: I lift up my eyes to the hills . . . from where will my help come?

ALL: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; the one who keeps you will not slumber.

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon at night.

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; the Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Thanks be to God.

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*) *Hymnal, p. 35*

✠ **HYMN** #450 "Be Thou My Vision"

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 "Center for Leadership & Justice."

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 "Cantique de Jean Racine" Gabriel Fauré

✠ DOXOLOGY

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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, work your will with these gifts. Mold them into your purpose so that they service, nurture and increase. We give our thanks. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS	1 Thessalonians 5:12-28	*New Testament, p.250*
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 25: 14-30	*New Testament, p.*34

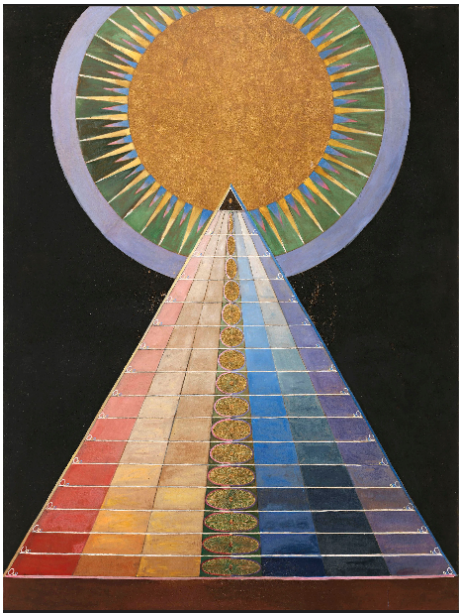
SERMON "A Prayer to Share" Rev. Mark Diters

PASTORAL PRAYER

✠ **HYMN** #720 "Jesus Calls Us"

BENEDICTION and **SUNG AMEN**

POSTLUDE "Boureé 1 and 2 from English Suite in A minor" 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 & Sarah Morrison
Reader: Jeanette Weber • *Deacon:* Myra Brandt
Fellowship host: Lisa Naumann

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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 Dominican Republic and for our mission partners.

Continuing concerns:

Roxanne Dorrie • Rosemary Bell • Janet Kaufman • Ann Burcroff • Susan DeMelle • Toni Ramcharran's brother • Family of Bill Palmer • Family of Chris Corey • All those serving or living in war and conflict zones around the world and those who have been displaced by aggression.

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, 15 November
10AM Worship
followed by fellowship &
refreshments in the Parish Hall
11:10 AM Extravagant Thank You
11:30AM Board of Trustees meeting
11:30AM Board of Christian Action meeting

Monday, 16 November
11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

Tuesday, 17 November
2PM Parish Hall in use

Wednesday, 18 November
9:15AM Centering Prayer (via Zoom)
4PM Choir Rehearsal
5:30PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 19 November
9:30AM Northwest Ministerial Association
10 AM Home school meet-up
12PM Staff meeting
5:30 PM Project SAGE Board Meeting

Friday, 20 November
8:45AM Men's Bible study

Sunday, 22 November
10AM Worship and Sunday School
11:30AM Board of Deacons meeting

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