

THE CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF SALISBURY

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

27 October 2019 • 10:00AM  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



**CHIMING OF THE HOUR | WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

*Helmut Walcha*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER**

**INTROIT #401**

“Here in This Place”

GATHER US IN

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: This is the day the Lord has made:

**MANY: a day for praise and prayer;  
a day for gratitude and generosity.**

This is the time God has given us:

**a time for singing and silence;  
a time for speaking and listening.**

This is the life to which God calls us:

**a life of humility and service;  
a life of faith and trust.**

✠ **HYMN #275**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

EIN' FESTE BURG

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

ONE: When we pray to God, do we do so with relief that we're not as bad as some others — or with that humble hope which recognizes how we have not lived as God's children, and how we need God's forgiveness and grace in our lives? Join me as we pray to our God, saying,

✠ *The congregation may rise, in body or in spirit*

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Watching God, like the Pharisee, we have caught ourselves thinking that we've done our duty, prayed enough prayers, followed you in faith. Then, we remember the harsh thoughts words we have harbored this week, the hurt we have inflicted on someone we loved, the lack of compassion we failed to offer to someone who needed our help.**

**Forgive us, God of Grace, and deal gently with us. May we become more like the tax collector - humble, penitent, acknowledging our fault-filled lives to you. Then, may we receive the mercy that you keep giving us, through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior.**

*Silence is observed*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ONE:** Forgiven and healed, we open ourselves to the grace, the peace, the hope offered to us through our loving God. This is the good news we have received!

**ALL:** Graced and blessed, we are able to pour out our lives for others, taking them by the hand to reach that finish line called the Realm of Heaven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

⌘ **GLORIA**

GREATOREX

**Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen; Amen.**

**WE PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL IN WORD**

**A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS**

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

⌘ **HYMN #794**

**"O Savior, in this Quiet Place"**

ST. STEPHEN

Children (PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade) attending Church School  
and Youth Discussion Group may leave as we sing the hymn.

**RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 84: 1-7**

**ONE:** How lovely is Your dwelling place, O God Almighty!

**MANY: My soul yearns, indeed it faints with longing,  
For the flourishing gardens of the Holy One;  
My heart and my body sing for joy to the living God.**

Even the sparrow has a home, and the swallow finds a nest,  
**Where it may lay its young at Your altar, O God Almighty,  
Ruler of creation and center of my soul.**

Happy are those who live in Your presence, ever singing with joy.  
**Happy are those whose strength is in You,  
In whose hearts are the highways to You.**

As they pass through the parched valley,  
They make it a place of springs;  
**The early rain covers it with blessing.  
They go from strength to strength;  
Coming at last before the Almighty,  
in the city of Your blessedness.**

<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	<i>New Testament, p. 260</i>
<b>GOSPEL READING:</b>	Luke 18:9-14	<i>New Testament, p. 99</i>
<b>SERMON</b>	“Justified”	John A. Nelson

## **WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND FAITH**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER | SILENT PRAYER**

#### **OFFERTORY**

ONE: God keeps pouring out grace, for one and all, with a special heart for those whose lives most need hope and healing. Here we act to commit our hearts, our lives, and the gifts God has entrusted to us, so neighbors near and far may know relief and receive compassion.

**ALL: Let us gather our gifts with grateful praise,  
and offer them to God’s purposes.**

#### **RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**                      “Be Still”                      *Hank Beebe*

✠ **DOXOLOGY**

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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, all things belong to you; we are caretakers of your bounty.  
Here we return a portion of those gifts, praying that you will bless  
them in the work of that holy realm that values the people we have  
not yet learned to love, lifts up those we have forgotten, and brings  
hope and healing to all. We ask it in Jesus' name: Amen.**

✠ **HYMN #645**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

**BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN (Hymnal, #599)**

DRESDEN AMEN

**POSTLUDE**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

*Wilbur Held*



**WELCOME TO CHURCH!**

Gathered in 1744, the Congregational Church of Salisbury is an Open and Affirming member of the United Church of Christ. It is also a welcoming home to people from a great variety of church backgrounds and life experiences. Your presence here today 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!