



# The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**7 June 2020 • 10:00AM • Trinity Sunday**

## **WELCOME!**

Welcome to the Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC! While we refrain from meeting in person during the COVID-19 crisis, we continue to share in worship together, virtually. This bulletin will guide you through the process of joining us in worship.

## **HOW WE WILL WORSHIP TOGETHER**

Today's service will be held over Zoom, which is videoconferencing technology available free of charge online. Zoom allows us to see one another throughout the service. To prevent background noise, you will be put on 'mute' for the majority of the service. Even when we can't hear you, you are invited and encouraged to speak your part in the responsive readings, sing boldly, and participate fully.

### **PREPARE FOR OUR ONLINE WORSHIP**

1. Visit [zoom.us/download](https://zoom.us/download) to find the Zoom app for desktop, laptop, or smartphone
2. For desktop computer users, make sure your webcam is plugged in
3. To practice, join a test meeting: visit [zoom.us/test](https://zoom.us/test) and click "join."

If you are not able to use a smartphone or computer, you can also call in via any regular phone (see next page).

### **JOIN WORSHIP ONLINE**

Link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/954580657>

Or join Worship by Phone:

Call (646) 876-9923. When prompted, enter this meeting ID: 954 580 657

Notice of Livestream on YouTube

Please note that our Zoom Worship Service will be livestreamed simultaneously on YouTube, so we can welcome as many people as possible into our worship together. If you are uncomfortable with the possibility of your name or face appearing online, you can turn off your camera or watch the service on our YouTube channel:

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCBLRqeZ9Gxj7828rN9sp7og/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBLRqeZ9Gxj7828rN9sp7og/)

## REFLECTING AS WE GATHER

"Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens."

*Jimi Hendrix, 20th century*

"Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers."

*Alfred Lord Tennyson, 19th century*

"I don't understand it any more than you do, but one thing I've learned is that you don't have to understand things for them to be."

*Madeleine L'Engle, A Wrinkle in Time, 20th century*

"You cannot in one glance survey this most vast and beautiful system of the universe, in its wide expanse, without being completely overwhelmed by the boundless force of its brightness."

*John Calvin, 16th century*

## WE GATHER AS THE CHURCH

*Today we will share communion. Please have on hand bread and juice — or anything that will, for you, represent the food and drink that Jesus shared with his disciples in their last Passover meal together.*

### PRELUDE

### GREETING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

### CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We lift our voices in praise with the voice of light:  
shimmering in star skies and moonrise, flooding bright with sun.

**ALL: We give thanks to God:**

**Mystery, Teacher, and Revealer.**

We lift our voices in praise with the voice of waters:  
tumbling free, running deep, bringing life, moving on.

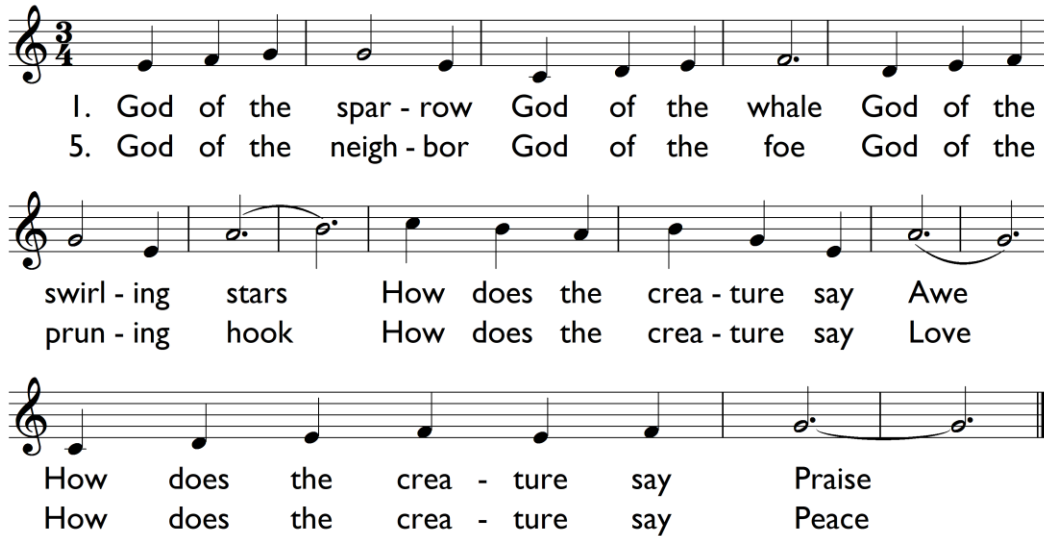
**We give thanks to God:**

**Source, Life, and Power.**

We lift our voices in praise with the voice of living things:  
bird and whale song, plants stretching, microbes churning the earth,  
creatures of day and of night, humanity in manifold tongue and hue:

**All: We give thanks to God:**

**Creator, Love, and Breath.**



1. God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the  
5. God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the

swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love

How does the crea - ture say Praise  
How does the crea - ture say Peace

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### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Like creation on that first morning,  
may we tingle with anticipation  
of your goodness and wonder  
flowing into our lives,  
God who shapes all things.  
May we join all creation  
in worshiping you,  
who is as close as a heartbeat.

We remember, God:  
As your mind overflowed with dreams,  
you brooded over the waters,  
stirred the clouds with your wind,  
breathed life into all that is,  
Spirit of fanciful faith,  
planting the seeds of *shalom*.  
May we join all creation  
in dancing with you,  
who is as close to us  
as every breath we take. Amen.

6. God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the  
swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
How does the crea - ture say Praise

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## WE PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL IN WORD

### RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 8

ONE: You reign in glory over the heavens.

**ALL: So that even out of the mouths of babes and infants,**

**Words flow, to silence the forces of turmoil and terror.**

When I look at Your heavens,

**The work of Your fingers,**

**The moon and the stars that You have crafted,**

**I wonder,**

What are human beings that You are mindful of them?

mortals that You care for them?

**You have made them but a little less than Divine,**

**And crowned them with glory and honor;**

You have entrusted them with the works of Your hands;

**You have put all things into their care,**

**all the sheep and oxen,**

**and also the beasts of the field,**

**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,**

**whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O God, our Sovereign,

**How majestic is Your stature in all the earth!**

MODERN TESTIMONY:

“The Peace of Wild Things”

Wendell Berry

ANCIENT TESTIMONY:

Genesis 1

SERMON

“Learning Reverence; Living Respect”

John A. Nelson

## WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND FAITH

### PASTORAL PRAYER | SILENT PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (*depts*)

#### OFFERTORY

ONE: The first words of the Bible are about God's own generosity. God gave us the gifts of a wondrous, growing creation, our home, the good green earth and the animals that live here with us. On this summer morning, we come together to thank God and to offer our gifts so that the ministry of this church will continue to grow and be a blessing to the world.

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

#### RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

#### ✕ 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

**God, we make offerings in your name that they may be a part of your creative, liberating rule in our world. With them we offer our intentions and actions, today and in the days ahead, that by your grace we may be part of your answer to the hopes and needs of all creatures that dwell in sea, sky, and earth. Amen.**

## WE FEAST AT GOD'S TABLE

#### APPROACH

In the beginning, the Spirit brooded time into being:

**So that God could give form to the world.**

At the Incarnation, the Spirit breathed God's time into being:

**So that the world could receive the Living Word.**

Through Pentecost, the Spirit brought transformed time into being:

**So that the Word of Life could be everywhere encountered.**

Entering these gifts of bread and wine the Spirit blesses this time being:

**So this encounter with Spirit can comfort, challenge, and transform us.**

#### CONFESSION

One: Creator God, your Spirit brings us many different gifts:

**All: forgive us when we have coveted only the spectacular ones ...**

*We unburden ourselves in silence*

Your Spirit speaks to us through many different voices:

**forgive us when we have cut off the disconcerting ones ...**

*silence*

Your Spirit offers us many different insights:

**forgive us when we have considered only the comfortable ones ...**

*silence*

Your Spirit invites us into many different moments of possibility:

**forgive us when we have closed down the costly ones ...**

*silence*

Spirit of the living God, beyond time, and yet here with us now –

give us the wisdom to receive and treasure all your gifts,

the discernment to hear and respond to your voice,

the understanding to see and follow your patterns,

and the courage to recognize and seize your moments.

**So may we grow in knowledge of Christ's realm,**

**deepen in dependence on its grace,**

**and love in accordance with its measures. Amen.**

## INVITATION

## COMMUNION STORY

## SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## CONSECRATION

And as we share these gifts of grace may the Holy Spirit take and transform them  
that we may know their comfort and their challenge,

and so find ourselves and our time

in turn transformed by heaven itself.

## SHARING THE MEAL

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Spirit, you who birthed creation and enabled Incarnation:

**Continue to form and nurture us as we stumble towards maturity.**

Spirit, you who led Jesus into the wilderness:

**Stir us out of ease and safety as we follow the way of Christ.**

Spirit, you who transformed the disciples:

**Grace us and gift us for the task of building God's realm.**

Spirit, you whom Jesus bequeathed to all who follow the way of *shalom*:  
**Continue to comfort and discomfort us**  
**until justice prevails, peace reigns, and love directs all.**

**HYMN**

**“For the Healing of the Nations”**

LAUDA ANIMA

Verses 1, 3, 4

1. For the heal-ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with one ac - cord;  
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the earth be banned:  
 4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on hu - man - kind;

for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that earth af - fords.  
 pride of sta - tus, race or school - ing, dog - mas that ob - scure your plan.  
 for our grow - ing in your like - ness, bring the life of Christ to mind;

To a life of love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.  
 In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.  
 that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

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**BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN (Hymnal, #600)**

**POSTLUDE**



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