



The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

An Open and Affirming Congregation

14 June 2020 • 10:00AM • Second Sunday after Pentecost

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 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 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/

REFLECTING AS WE GATHER

"A religion that doesn't have the courage to speak out for human beings doesn't have the right to speak out for God."

Luis Espinal (Jesuit poet who was tortured and killed in Bolivia), 20th century

"You may break the clods, you may sow your seeds, but what can you do without the rain? As absolutely needful is the divine blessing."

*Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Morning and Evening,
Based on the English Standard Version, 19th century*

"I liked those ladies! They were helpers, and they danced. These are the words I want on my gravestone: that I was a helper, and that I danced."

Anne Lamott, Grace (Eventually): Thoughts on Faith, 21st century

WE GATHER AS THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

INTROIT

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee:
lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We come to worship our God, who has done wonders in our lives.

**ALL: God anoints us with joy and light,
gifts from the treasures of God's heart.**

We come to follow Jesus, who bears our lives with grace and hope.

**Jesus would send us into the brokenness
of the world to bring healing.**

We come to be touched by the Spirit, who brings gentleness and peace for all.

**The Spirit would enable us to offer
reconciliation and justice to everyone we meet.**

HYMN #475

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The bass line is in the bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "I Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bles-sing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be! streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise. Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee. Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang-ing love. here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove."

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RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy God, Maker of all

All: Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life

Have mercy on us.

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

(Prayer in silence)

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:

to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

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Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God has promised that whenever we repent, whenever we seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now. Beloved friends, know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee:
lead me, O Lord, lead me.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,'. The second staff contains 'for if you lead me, I can - not stray.' and features a triplet of eighth notes. The third staff contains 'Lord, let me walk each day with thee:' and also features a triplet of eighth notes. The fourth staff contains 'lead me, O Lord, lead me.' and ends with a double bar line.

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WE PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL IN WORD

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*)

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 100

ONE: Let all the earth make a joyful noise to God Most High.

MANY: Dedicate yourself to the Holy One with gladness;
Come into the presence of the Almighty with singing.

Know that the Creator is God.

It is God who made us,

Not we ourselves;

We are God's people,

The flock that the Blessed One cares for.

Enter the gates of the Author of Life with thanksgiving,

Enter the gardens of the Creator with jubilation.

Give thanks to the Almighty!

Honor the One Who has made all things good.

For the Holy One is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever,

And the faithfulness of the Most High embraces all generations.

ANCIENT TESTIMONY: Romans 5:1-8

SERMON "Grounded in Grace" John A. Nelson

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER | SILENT PRAYER

OFFERTORY

One: Ready or not, grace finds us, loves us, transforms us. Being found, loved, and transformed, may we offer what God has placed in our care — our best selves, our presence, our resources — for the work of God's realm.

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

✠ DOXOLOGY

**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.**

OLD 100TH

✘ UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We may be the healing for those who suffer;
we may be the strength for those who long to endure;
we may be the hope for those buffeted by the world —
and so we offer ourselves, as well as our gifts,
in hopes that you, God of all who wander, will use us to bless our neighbors.
In Jesus' name: Amen.

HYMN #693

“Though I May Speak”

GIFT OF LOVE



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
3 Come, Spir-it, come, our hearts con - trol,



and have the gift to all in - spire,
and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love; my words are vain;
but not be giv'n by love with - in,
Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
the pro - fit soon turns strange - ly thin.
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

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BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN (Hymnal, #600)

POSTLUDE

