

*The Congregational
Church of Salisbury*
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

15 November 2020 • 10:00AM
Twenty-fourth 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 below).

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

You may also view the worship on YouTube, has slightly better audio quality (though we'll miss visiting with you in the Zoom meeting!):

www.youtube.com/channel/UCBLRqeZ9Gxj7828rN9sp7og/

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

God of promises, you offer us guidance, yet we grasp the hand of the world on our journey. You would nurture us with love and grace, and we feast on the empty calories of success and seduction. You call us to be your faithful people, and we often follow the politicians, the promoters, the petty.

Forgive us, Covenant God. You have not forgotten your promises, nor will you break them. Rather, you come to us so we will know your love. You walk with us, so we will find the way. You redeem us, so we will trust your words which were fulfilled in Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior.

(We pray in silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In every time, in every place, in every life, God shows compassion and mercy. Thus, we know God has heard our prayers and has filled us with grace and hope.

In this time, in this place, in our lives, our grace and hope are sustained by this abiding love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

RESPONSE IN SONG #820

“Nothing Can Trouble”

J. Berthier

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 90: 1-8, 12

ONE: O Sovereign One, You have been our dwelling place from generation to generation.

MANY: Before the mountains were born,
before You had brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say,

"Return, you mortals."

A thousand years in Your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,

or like the vigil of a few hours in the night.

You sweep human beings away;

they are like a dream,

like grass that is renewed in the morning;

at daybreak it flourishes anew;

By evening it wilts and withers.

We are consumed by fear of Your anger,

and terrified of Your indignation,

when our corruption is laid out before You,

**When our secret wanderings from Your way
are exposed in the light of Your presence.**

Teach us to make sense of our days,

to live them aright,

That we may gain a wise heart.

WE PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL IN WORD

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*)

MODERN TESTIMONY

Naomi Klein, "On Fire"

"After listening to the great farmer-poet Wendell Berry deliver a lecture on how we each have a duty to love our 'homeplace' more than any other, I asked him if he had any advice for rootless people like me and my friends, who disappear into our screens and always seem to be shopping for the perfect community where we should put down our roots. 'Stop somewhere,' he replied. 'And begin the thousand-year-long process of knowing that place.'

That's good advice on lots of levels, because in order to win this fight of our lives, we all need a place to stand."

ANCIENT TESTIMONY:

Psalm 90

SERMON

"Our Dwelling Place"

John A. Nelson

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER | SILENT PRAYER

OFFERTORY

ONE: God has been our dwelling place through all generations. Giving ourselves to God — to the power of life and love, the power of justice and mercy — we enter into our true home. We give to sing our joy, and to share the wonder of God's goodness, praying that our generosity is pleasing to God.

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

RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING: "Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her," BWV 711

J.S. Bach

✕ 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

May we not hide our gifts, Loving God, but offer them to you with trust and hope, so all may join us on the journey to your kin-dom of grace and hope, peace and healing. Amen.

HYMN #697

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”
verses 1, 2, 4, 6

ST. ANNE

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN (Hymnal, #600)

POSTLUDE

Partita in E major: Giga

J.S. Bach



Participants in Today's Celebration

Members and Friends of the Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC	<i>Worshippers</i>
Jennifer Oberto	<i>Cantor</i>
Theresa Carroll	<i>Reader</i>
Salisbury UCC Choir	
Karin Noyes	<i>Zoom meeting host</i>
Dr. Samuel Lord Kalcheim	<i>Music Director</i>
The Rev. Dr. John A. Nelson	<i>Preacher</i>