

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

3 October 2021 • 10:00AM

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather as the Church

PRELUDE

Ricercar in C minor – I

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

✠ **HYMN #**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

(✠ *The congregation may rise, in body or in spirit.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Welcome to this place:

**MANY: where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,
where God has been, is, and always will be.**

Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God’s children:

**where we find God’s love,
where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.**

Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

**where we bring our hunger, and find food;
where we bring our brokenness, and find healing;
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.**

RESPONSE IN SONG

1.

Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who

2.

seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. The first system consists of two staves: a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff. A first ending bracket is above the final two notes of the first system. The second system also has two staves. It begins with a repeat sign and a second ending bracket above the final two notes. The key signature changes to one sharp (F#) in the second system.

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A PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

ONE: Holy God, Maker of all

MANY: 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.

Before God, with the people of God,

we confess to our brokenness:

to the ways we wound our lives,

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.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

With the whole church,

**We remember that we are forgiven by God,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

With people everywhere,

**We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

With all creation,

**We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life: the
unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

We Feast at God's Table

✠ **COMMUNION HYMN #498** "Loaves Were Broken"
Verses 1-3

BEACH SPRING

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ONE: God be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Holy One.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

Let us rejoice and be glad.

Creator God, we bless you and praise you: you spoke and the Earth was formed;
you drew a breath and the sea rose.

All of creation sings your praises.

From the dust of the Earth, you created our bodies. You gave us our senses and
blessed us with the power of reason and compassion. You called prophets and

teachers to show the way to union with the mystery of grace. Yet we turned against you and one another.

Have mercy on us, Mighty God.

And so you sent us your son, our brother Jesus, to show us how to love you. He announced good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed.

Through all his life and death, he reconciled us to you and to our neighbors, and invited us into the realm of heaven.

On the night he was arrested, in company with his good friends, Jesus took the bread of Passover. After giving you thanks, he broke it and said,

“Take. Eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this, remembering me.”

After supper, he took a cup of wine, thanked you, and said,

“Drink this, all of you. This is the new covenant, sealed in my blood; whenever you drink it, do this, remembering me.”

LORD’S PRAYER (*debts*)

✠ **RESPONSE IN SONG**

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.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Come, Holy Spirit. Continue to pour out your life-giving, healing power on us, and on this meal that nourishes us. As we share this food and drink, may we become, for each other, the hope that Jesus has awakened in us. In this meal we celebrate the promised banquet when all shall be fed abundantly, and all shall drink from the river of the water of life. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

(We use gluten-free bread and unfermented grape juice, to extend a wider welcome.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ONE: Eternal and gracious One, though we live in a world of need,

**ALL: here we have tasted your goodness
and hungered for a world more just.**

Though afflicted by brokenness and division,

here we have heard your call to be a people of healing community.

Though daily we touch our limits,

here we have received the fullness of your grace.

Abide among us, O God,

in faith, in hope, and in love. Amen.

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BEACH SPRING

Verse 4

Children (PreK–8th grade) attending Church School may leave as we sing the hymn.

We Proclaim the Gospel in Word

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 8

ONE: You reign in glory over the heavens.

**MANY: So that even out of the mouths of babes and infants,
Words flow,
To silence the forces of chaos 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 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!

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Old Testament, p. 558-9

SERMON

“Faithful Persistence”

Pastor John A. Nelson

We Respond in Prayer and Faith

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

ONE: We are stewards of mystery and wonder and blessings: all these gifts of God, given into our care. We treasure them, and we return them to God so they may bless others. In the manner of good stewards everywhere, let us open our hearts and empty our wallets!

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

RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Conditor Alme Siderum”

Michael Praetorius

✠ **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**

Keep leading us into generosity, Giving God. Make us into a people who celebrate you when we wake in the morning, and who trust in your mercy when we surrender to sleep. Receive our offerings, even if they are as small as a sip for someone who thirsts. Transform these into evidence of your reign of grace, here and now on earth. We ask in the name of Jesus, your greatest gift: Amen.

✠ **HYMN #815**

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

FESTAL SONG

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Ricercar in C minor – II

Johann Pachelbel



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!*

If you are visiting us today, 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 be put on our email list. Assistive Listening Devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance!

Please set phones to silent (unless you're expecting a call from Jesus)

Today's Worship Leaders

Ushers: Becky Belcher, Joanne Hayhurst

Communion servers: Patricia Palmer; Deborah Moore

Reader & Deacon: Patricia Palmer

Today's flowers are given in honor of loved ones, by Betty Dobrwado.

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Our Ministry Team

Ministers: All Participants in the Life of the Congregation

Worship & Music

Transitional Music Director:

Dr. Samuel Lord Kalcheim

Bell Choir Director: Mary Davidson

Faith Formation

Religious Education Coordinator:

Barbara Collins

Religious Education Assistant:

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Holding the Parts Together

Administrative Assistant: Loriann Chevremont

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Church Officers: Betsy Beck, *moderator*;

Jennifer Weigel, *treasurer*;

Jennifer Oberto, *clerk*

Pastor and Teacher: The Rev. Dr. John A. Nelson

This Week at Salisbury UCC

SUNDAY, 3 OCTOBER

9AM Zoom Sunday School

10AM Worship & Sunday School

11:30AM Church Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 6 OCTOBER

9AM Staff Meeting

4PM Women's Bible Study

5:30PM Board of Deacons

MONDAY, 4 OCTOBER

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

THURSDAY, 7 OCTOBER

5PM Board of Christian Action

7PM Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, 5 OCTOBER

4:45PM Board of Trustees (Zoom meeting)

FRIDAY, 8 OCTOBER

8:45AM Men's Bible Study



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