



The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

14 November 2021 • 10:00AM

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather as the Church

PRELUDE

Prelude in C major

A. Bruckner

WELCOME

✠ HYMN #837

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

SHOWALTER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come, let us give thanks to God!

**MANY: We gather to praise the One who strengthens the weak,
and hears the prayers of the forgotten.**

Come, let us give thanks to Christ!

**We gather to sing of the One who calls us to serve those
who are hungry and alone at this time of year.**

Come, let us give thanks to the Spirit!

**We gather to exalt the One who provokes us to love
not only our family and friends, but the guest among us.**

RESPONSE IN SONG



Lord, pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar-y, pure and ho-ly, tried and



true. With thanks-giv-ing, I'll be a liv-ing sanc-tu - ar-y for you.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Longing for the touch of God, we cry out; humbled by the awareness of our human nature and brokenness, we bring our prayers of confession to God, praying together,

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

We have to admit, Holy Listener, that we are often more irritated by the lives of others, rather than being provoked to love them.

**When we are called to encourage those around us,
too often our actions and words miss that opportunity.**

**You offer lives of peace and hope;
we fill up with with anxiety and despair.**

Forgive us, Song of our Heart.

**Cleanse our inward beings, so we keep a clear place for love;
remind us of the path of faithfulness,**

**so we might find those whom we are called to serve;
give us your words, so we may confess your hope —
offered to all who are broken, who are lost, who cry out to you.**

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: God gives us hope, God gives us peace, God gives us joy so we may share these gifts with everyone we meet.

ALL: Thanks be to God, who has forgiven us and provoked us to love others and to serve all who are around us. Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE IN SONG (p. 1)

“Sanctuary”

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 16

ONE: Keep me safe, O God,

MANY: For in You I take refuge.

I say to The Holy One,

"You are my creator and my champion;

Apart from You, I am nothing."

Are there false gods in the land

In whom others take pleasure?

They are worthless.

Those who pursue delusions multiply their sorrows;

I will not pay homage to phantoms,

Nor call upon that which cannot save.

The Holy One is my life and my sustenance.

You hold my future.

The expanse of my inheritance is abundant.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

I open my heart to the Holy One,

Who gives me counsel;

Even in the night, as I sleep,

God's word courses through my heart.

I keep the Holy One prominent before me;

Because The Most High stays with me,

I am unshakable.

Therefore my heart is glad,

And my life delights;

My body rests secure.

For You will not abandon me to death,

Or let Your faithful one suffer terror.

You show me the path of life.

In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

In Your saving power is joy that endures forever.

We Proclaim the Gospel in Word

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*)

✠ **HYMN #36**

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

AR HYD Y NOS

All attending Church School may leave as we sing the hymn.

SCRIPTURE READING

"The Four Heavenly Fountains"

Suzy Kassem

GOSPEL READING:

Mark 13:1-8

New Testament, p. 60

SERMON

“Building Better”

Pastor John A. Nelson

We Respond in Prayer and Faith

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

ONE: Here and now we remember that what seems to be ours is God's: entrusted into our care so that we might invest ourselves in God's kin-dom on earth, in our time. No pie in the sky for us, but feasts on the table for all who hunger! — because we belong to the one whose generosity ever increases, and calls forth our own.

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

RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Locus iste”

A. Bruckner

✠ **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**

**We who are full can now give bread to others.
We who sleep under a roof can reach out to shelter the homeless.
We who have something can offer a seat of honor to those who have
nothing. And so we pray your blessing, God, on the gifts we return to
you: may your kin-dom come and your will be done! Amen.**

✠ **HYMN #541**

“God Be with You 'til We Meet Again”

RANDOLPH

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

“Postludium”

Flor Peeters



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 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, 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 join our email list. Assistive Listening Devices are available; please ask an usher for assistance.

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

Today's Worship Leaders

Ushers: Laura O'Niel, Deborah Moore • Cantor: Jennifer Oberto

Reader: Sue Morrill • Deacon: Lorna Edmundson

Flowers have been placed in the Meeting House by Loriann Chevremont,
in honor of her mother Linda.

Today's liturgy is adapted and reprinted from *Lectionary Liturgies* by the Rev. Thom Shuman © 2021 (lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com); used by permission.

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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:

Holly Tierney

Holding the Parts Together

Administrative Assistant: Loriann Chevremont

Bookkeeper: Alex Bercy

Sexton: Steven Wolf

Church Officers: Betsy Beck, *moderator*;

Jennifer Weigel, *treasurer*;

Jennifer Oberto, *clerk*

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

Occasions for Service, Witness, and Prayer

FROM THE NORTH EAST COMMUNITY CENTER

Dear Friends,

This past Saturday, November 6th, a local family suffered devastating loss and trauma in a house fire on South Elm street. The community support for the Yang family has been very heartening to witness and we appreciate everyone who has donated to their gofundme campaign and helped in other ways.

As you know, there was another family in the adjacent house that were affected by the fire and in turn lost their homes. NECC has also been working to provide this family with clothing, food, and temporary shelter. There is now a gofundme available for the Choc Cho and lcal household: **www.gofundme.com/f/help-these-two-families-with-living-expenses**

There is also a meal train available for this household:
www.mealtrain.com/trains/z2oqdr.

However, permanent housing is the most dire need for all five of the affected families. If you know of available housing in our surrounding area please contact Jessica at NECC 518-789-4259 x105 or email **jessica@neccmillerton.org**.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

We gladly list joys and concerns, and typically print them for four weeks after they are offered in worship. (Prayer requests may be renewed at any time.)

New concerns:

For the devastating house fire in Millerton on Nov. 6th, in which two neighbors perished: prayers for the grieving, for the wounded, for families left homeless, for the firefighters, and for the community • Sandra, recovering from eye surgery.

Continuing concerns:

Linda Estabrook, recovering from broken hip • missionaries kidnapped in Haiti, and the innumerable victims of kidnapping whose cases do not reach our attention • residents of areas devastated by volcanoes, storms, earthquakes, floods, fires, and drought • the people of Afghanistan • healing from gun violence and its long-term trauma • families seeking asylum and opportunity in the US • an end to hunger • courage and wisdom to reckon with the racism and white supremacy in our society and its violence • faithful care of God's creation & repair of human

damage to the environment • for our country's leaders and for all citizens striving to hold our country to its best standards.

In treatment for cancer: Stephanie; Gale; Pauline; Johanna; Karen; Melinda; Deborah Merwin — prayers for strength, healing, endurance for them, their families, friends, and caregivers.

For survivors of war, for neighbors in conflict zones, and for repentance from the use of deadly force.

Family & Friends who have passed away:

The Rev. Alan Jay Sorem

We thank God for the gift of life, and pray tender mercy on family and friends who are grieving.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PASTORAL VISIT, please call the church office (860-435-2442) or email Pastor John (jnelson@salisburyucc.org). Sometimes we don't find out about an injury or illness or other need until long after — so please call!

This Week at Salisbury UCC

SUNDAY, 14 NOVEMBER

9AM Zoom Sunday School
10AM Worship & Sunday School
11:30AM Music Committee Meeting

MONDAY, 15 NOVEMBER

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER

12:30PM Staff Meeting
4PM Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER

7PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, 19 NOVEMBER

8:45AM Men's Bible Study
3-6PM Souper Supper pickup



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