



The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

An Open and Affirming Congregation



*“I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”
Revelation 22:13*

21 November 2021 • 10:00AM
Last Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather as the Church

PRELUDE

“Das Magnificat Mariae”

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

✠ **HYMN #12**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We have chosen to be here, where God remembers us.

MANY: God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.

Like the first glimpses of the sun peeking over the horizon:

God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.

Like the moon lighting our way on a cloudless, autumn night:

God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Come Spirit, Come”

O WALY WALY



Come Spi-rit, come, our hearts con-trol; our spi-rits long to be made whole.



Let in-ward love guide ev-ery deed; by this we wor-ship and are freed.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

While there are many with power in our world — power to hurt us, power to hire or fire us, power to control us — only God has the power to forgive us and make us new people. Let us confess how we bend to the power of the world, and welcome the power of God’s grace:

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

The choices we make, Mighty God, reveal who we are.

Choosing the lies of the world, your Word has not been on our lips.

Choosing independent and isolated lives, we miss the opportunity to discover you in others.

**Choosing either to exalt or fear the powerful of our day,
we lose the Way of the One whose weakness gives us life.**

Forgive us, God who became weak for our sake.

Do not turn your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly.

Free us from our choices that captivate us, so we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ, our Teacher, our Savior.

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sing for joy, children of God! The God who was and is and is to come loves you, forgives you, and renews you.

God's Spirit rests upon us, grace and peace are the gifts of our loving God. Amen.

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“Come Spirit, Come”

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RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 93

The Holy One is ruler of all, is robed in majesty;

The Almighty is robed, is girded with strength.

God has established the world; it shall never be moved;

your throne is established from of old;

you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Holy One,

the floods have lifted up their voice;

the floods lift up their roaring.

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,

more majestic than the waves of the sea,

majestic on high is the Almighty!

Your decrees are very sure;

holiness befits your house,

O Holy One, forevermore.

We Proclaim the Gospel in Word

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*)

✠ **HYMN #367**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”
All attending Church School may leave as we sing the hymn.

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

MODERN TESTIMONY

from “Pastrix: The Cranky,
Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint”

Nadia Bolz-Weber

SCRIPTURE READING:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Old Testament, p. 1015

SERMON

“World Without End”

Pastor John A. Nelson

We Respond in Prayer and Faith

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

ONE: Today we remember and rejoice that Christ reigns over us. Unlike every other ruler, his is the power of humility, the law of grace, the strength of vulnerability. We remember and rejoice that we belong to a leader who welcomes every living soul as beloved, transforming our hardness into wonder, our brokenness into joy, our loneliness into community. May our giving reflect our confidence in the realm of God, dawning today.

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

RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Ave Maria”

E. Elgar

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

✠ 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

**As we offer our gifts in this moment to you, Holy God, we pray that
they might be used to bring hope, to bring healing, to bring new life to
all your people. We ask it in Jesus' name: Amen.**

✠ HYMN #263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

CORONATION

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

“Nun danket alle Gott”

Georg Friedrich Kauffmann



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: Janet Kaufman, Pat Palmer • *Cantor:* Jennifer Oberto
Reader: Theresa Carroll • *Deacon:* Lorna Edmundson

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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

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:

James O'Leary, in treatment for heart attack and stroke.

Continuing 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 • 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.

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, 21 NOVEMBER

9AM Zoom Sunday School
10AM Worship & Sunday School
11:30AM Board of Trustees meeting

MONDAY, 22 NOVEMBER

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

TUESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER

12:30PM Staff Meeting

THURSDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

Church offices closed
Happy Thanksgiving!

FRIDAY, 26 NOVEMBER

Church offices closed



Opportunities

The Salisbury Association is offering a free Holiday Concert with music and carols by The Salisbury Four on Saturday, 4 December, 5:00 – 6:00PM in the Church Meeting House. Face masks and proof of COVID vaccination are both required. To reserve seats, call 860-435-0566 or email info@salisburyassociation.org. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Walk-ins are allowed until the seating limit is met.



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