

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

16 January 2011 • 10:00AM

Second Sunday after the Epiphany



We Gather as the Church

“Let us not think of our movement as one that seeks to integrate into all the existing values of American society. Let us be those creative dissenters who will call our beloved country to a higher destiny, to a new plateau of compassion, to a more noble expression of humanness.”

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Where Do We Go from Here?

I still believe that one day [humankind] will bow before the altars of God and be crowned triumphant over war and bloodshed, and nonviolent redemptive goodwill will proclaim the rule of the land.

Most of these people will never make the headlines and their names will not appear in *Who's Who*. Yet when years have rolled past and when the blazing light of truth is focused on this marvelous age in which we live, men and women will know and children will be taught that we have a finer land, a better people, a more noble civilization because these humble children of God were willing to suffer for righteousness' sake.

*The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech (December 1964)*

PRELUDE

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WELCOME

HYMN #395

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

LIEBSTER JESU

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Martin Luther King, Jr., adapted

ONE: I say to you, seek God, and discover God, and make God a power in your life.

**ALL: Without God all of our efforts turn to ashes
and our sunrises into darkest nights.**

Without God, life is a meaningless drama with the decisive scenes missing.

**But with God, we are able to rise
from the fatigue of despair to the buoyancy of hope.**

With God we are able to rise

from the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy.

**We were made for God,
and we will be restless until we find rest in God.**

RESPONSE IN SONG

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.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

ONE: God, you have sent us Jesus, your living Word,
to teach us how to live in your way.

ALL: Help us to hear, help us to learn, help us to change.

Jesus showed us how to celebrate life, how to live faithfully, how to love boldly.

Help us to hear, help us to learn, help us to change.

Your Spirit reminds us that the Gospel calls each of us to lives of risky compassion.

Help us to hear, help us to learn, help us to change.

Your prophet, Martin Luther King, spoke about your dream for all people to live together as brothers and sisters, and to dismantle all that crushes lives and spirits.

Help us to hear, help us to learn, help us to change

Often we ignore your words, the example of Jesus, the challenge from those who cry out prophetically in our own time.

Help us to hear, help us to learn, help us to change.

(Silent reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has said, “I will speak up for your good. I will never be silent until you are safe and secure.” So be assured: God will call you by name: “My Delight.”

God’s steadfast love extends to the heavens, and reaches down to touch our hearts. Thanks be to God who forgives and saves us! Amen.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Come Spirit, Come”

O WALY WALY

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 36: 5-10

ONE: Your steadfast love, O Holy One, reaches to the heavens,

MANY: Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your graciousness is like the mighty mountains,

Your justice like the great deep;

You save humans and animals alike, O Holy One.

How cherished is Your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

They feast on the abundant fare of Your house,

And You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

From You springs forth the fountain of life;

By Your light we see light.

Maintain Your faithful care for those devoted to You,

And lavish Your blessings upon those who trust in You.

We Proclaim the Gospel in Word

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

Hymnal, p. 35

HYMN #292

“As the Wind Song”

WAIKUA TAPU

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

Old Testament, p. 847

GOSPEL READING:

John 2:1-11

New Testament, p. 113

We Respond in Prayer and Faith

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

Each week, offerings not specifically designated for the Church will be given to an organization that doing compassionate work and is close to the heart of a participant in our church. This week, we share our gifts with Heifer International — see more about this inspiring organization on the back of the bulletin.

ONE: God has poured gifts into our lives; we now return our tithes and offerings.

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

RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

Our church welcomes every size gift, and thanks you for your generosity.

MUSICAL OFFERING

✠ 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

Sometimes, we believe the gifts we offer do not matter. But when they are combined with all the other gifts — of healing, of hope, of compassion, of your heart — they can become rivers of grace and justice flowing through the lives of everyone around us. We offer our gifts to you in this hope, as we pray in Jesus’ name: Amen.

HYMN

“Come, My Way”

THE CALL



1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way as
 2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a light as
 3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a joy as



gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all strife;
 shows a feast; Such a feast as mends in length;
 none can move; Such a love as none can part;



Such a life as kil - leth death.
 Such a strength as makes a guest.
 Such a heart as joys in love.

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

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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: Sarah Morrison, Janet Kaufman

Reader: Kathy Mera • *Deacon:* Janet Kaufman

Psalm adapted from *The Psalms in Worship*, Mary Susan Gast, © 2002; used by permission.

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

Cantor: Jennifer Oberto

Faith Formation

Religious Education Coordinator:

Barbara Collins

Religious Ed. Assistant: Holly Tierney

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

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*

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 additions:

All Authorized Ministers and Members in Discernment in the Southern New England Conference, UCC • *Weekly prayer from UCC Global Ministries*: the people of the Philippines and the United Church of Christ in the Philippines who are unpacking, unlearning, and reclaiming their faith against the backdrop of five centuries of Spanish and American colonial rule.

Continuing concerns:

For neighbors in Kansas, grieving and uprooted by tornadoes • Families and friends of more than 5,525,560 beloveds who have died due to Covid-19 disease, including 847,715 in the US • Linda Estabrook, recovering from broken hip • Residents of areas devastated by volcanoes, storms, earthquakes, floods, fires, and drought • the people

of Afghanistan • 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 • Friends and family now serving our country in the armed forces • For survivors of war, for neighbors in conflict zones, and for repentance from the use of deadly force.

David Douyea; MingMing; Deborah Merwin and others in treatment for cancer — prayers for strength, healing, endurance for them, their families, friends, and caregivers.

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, 16 JANUARY

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

MONDAY, 17 JANUARY

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (church offices closed)
11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

WEDNESDAY, 19 JANUARY

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

THURSDAY, 20 JANUARY

6PM Music Director Search Committee meeting (via Zoom)
7PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, 21 JANUARY

8:45AM Men's Bible Study

Heifer Project

THE HEIFER PROJECT

(heifer.org), which receives this week's "Light of Service" offering, distributes animals, along with agricultural and values-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency. Recipients "pass on the gift" by donating animal offspring, as well as sharing the skills and knowledge of animal husbandry and agricultural training with other impoverished families in the community.



Heifer International started as Heifers for Relief in 1944. Its founder, an Ohio farmer named Dan West, was a Church of the Brethren relief worker during the Spanish Civil War. Working with Quakers and Mennonites, West directed a program where hungry children were given rations of milk. West was ladling out milk to hungry refugee children and wrote later that he thought, "These children don't need a cup [of milk], they need a cow." Heifer International started with a shipment of 17 heifers to Puerto Rico in 1944. Since 1944, Heifer International has distributed livestock such as goats, bees, and water buffalo, along with training and other resources, to 20.7 million families — or more than 105.1 million people in more than 125 countries.



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