

# The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

6 February 2022 • 10:00AM

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



## We Gather as the Church

**PRELUDE**

Sonata for Solo Violin in C Major - Largo

*J.S. Bach*

**WELCOME**

**HYMN #401**

“Gather Us In”

GATHER US IN

**ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:  
“Come! Follow me! Be my disciples!”

**ALL: We come to this place, to this time,  
at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

In the name of Christ,

**as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

**we proclaim the God of Compassion.**

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

**we proclaim the God of Hope.**

In the midst of indifference and apathy,

**we proclaim the God of Love.**

Come, let us worship together

**and be strengthened to be witnesses  
of God’s living presence in the world.**

## RESPONSE IN SONG

## “Lead Me, Guide Me”

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you  
lead me, I can-not stray. Lord, let me walk each day with  
thee: lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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## A PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

ONE: Holy God, Maker of all

**ALL: 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.

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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.**

## **PRAYER RESPONSE**

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

(p. 2)

## **We Feast at God's Table**

## **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.”**

**PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER** (*debts/debtors*)

*Hymnal, p. 35*

✘ **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.

## We Proclaim the Gospel in Word

**HYMN #494**

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

QUEBEC

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

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 6:1-8

*Testament, p. 778*

Luke 5:1-11

*New Testament, p. 76*

**SERMON**

“Try Again”

Pastor John A. Nelson

## We Respond in Prayer and Faith

**OFFERTORY**

**THE LIGHT OF SERVICE**

*Each week, offerings not specifically designated for the Church will be given to an organization doing compassionate work that is close to the heart of a participant in our church. This week, we share our gifts with **Souper Suppers**.*

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**

“Panis Angelicus”

César Franck

✠ **DOXOLOGY**

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**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**

**Bless us, O God, that we may be a blessing to others. Bless these tithes and offerings, that they may meet the needs of our neighbors. Send us with power and grace and joy to share the blessing of you, in word and deed. Amen!**

✘ **HYMN #170**

“You Walk along Our Shoreline”

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**BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

Voluntary in B flat Major

*Jonathan Battishill*



**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:* Deborah Moore, Joanne Taber

*Reader/Deacon:* Sue Morrill

Flowers have been placed in the Meeting House  
by Anne Williams in honor of her daughter, Amanda.

Call to Worship adapted from "On Earth Peace" ([www.onearthpeace.org](http://www.onearthpeace.org)). Prayer of Reconciliation reprinted from *The Iona Abbey Worship Book*, © 2001 The Iona Community, published by Wild Goose Publications, Iona Community, Unit 16, Six Harmony Row, Glasgow G51 3BA, Scotland.

## **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*

## This Week at Salisbury UCC

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### SUNDAY, 6 FEBRUARY

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

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### MONDAY, 7 FEBRUARY

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

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### WEDNESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY

12:30PM Staff Meeting  
4PM Women's Bible Study  
6PM Board of Deacons meeting

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### THURSDAY, 10 FEBRUARY

7PM Choir Rehearsal

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### FRIDAY, 11 FEBRUARY

8:45AM Men's Bible Study

## Opportunities

**THIS WEEK FOR OUR LIGHT OF SERVICE** we will be raising funds to support our local **Souper Suppers**. This program is a community effort, involving other churches, local businesses and individuals who want to offer a meal, free of charge, to people in our area. We have an ambitious goal: to raise the \$1000 needed to sponsor the month of April. This money goes for the cost of food for 130 meals and will be supporting a local farm business to boot. (As a member of the Green Team, I am happy to say we have moved away from the plastic and are using recyclable soup containers). It is exciting to be a part of something that involves a broad cross section of our community. I hope you will be moved to donate to this local effort. — Karin Noyes



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