

The Congregational Church of Salisbury
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PRELUDE

“Prayer in B flat major”

A. Guilmant

WELCOME

✘ **HYMN #**

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

DENNIS

Verses 1, 3, 5

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Psalm 148*)

One: Celebrate our God, from the plains to the mountains!

Many: Celebrate our God, from the waters and hills.

Sing to our God who designed creation.

Fill the air with song to the One who painted the world with love.

Let us praise our God, the author of grace.

Let us worship our God, the composer of joy.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Weave”



Weave, weave, weave us to-geth-er. Weave us to-geth-er in u-ni-ty and love.



Weave, weave, weave us to-geth-er. Weave us to-geth-er, to-geth-er in love.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND GROWTH

God of Awe and Harmony,

We were given the great commandment to love one another the way you, the Christ, the Spirit loves us. And yet, the ways we love become conditional. Our suffering, our distance from you distorts our view of Divine Love. How can we learn again your life-giving way of loving? Transform our hearts, we pray, as we seek to deepen our compassion.

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

With God, all things are possible. With God, forgiveness is ours.

The Spirit of God heals our hearts, blessing us with grace, and working through us to bring healing to the world. May it be so! Amen.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Weave”

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 148

ONE: Hallelujah!

MANY: Give honor to the Holy One from the heavens;

Give honor to God in the heavens of the heavens!

Honor the Holy One, all you angels of God;

Honor the Holy One, all you heavenly multitude!

Honor the Holy One, sun and moon;

Honor the Holy One, all you shining stars!

**Honor the Holy One, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them honor the Holy One's purposes,

For God willed it and they were created.

The Almighty established them to endure forever;

The Author of Life gave a decree that will never pass away.

Honor the Holy One all who are on the earth,

you sea monsters and all ocean depths,

fire and hail, snow and mist,

stormy wind that blows God's will!

**You mountains and all hills,
Fruit trees and all cedars!**

Wild animals and tame,
Creeping things and winged birds!

**All monarchs of the earth and all peoples,
The rulers and the mighty of the earth!**

Young men and young women alike,
Old people and children together!

Let them honor the Holy One's purposes,
For God's renown alone is exalted;

God's splendor is greater than earth and heaven.

The Holy One has raised up the people to dignity,
The faithful themselves are an honor to God,

God's people,
Who are close to the Almighty.
Hallelujah!

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

Hymnal, p. 35

✠ **HYMN #366**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

Verses 1, 2, 4

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

OFFERTORY

THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

Karin and Charlie Noyes

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 Caron Treatment Centers — Caron's mission is to transform lives impacted by drug and alcohol addiction through proven, evidence-based, comprehensive, and personalized behavioral healthcare.

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

“If Ye Love Me”

Tallis

✘ 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

Holy One, we glorify you by sharing our gifts of love with this community. We celebrate your presence by caring for your creation. May these offerings today nourish a world that longs for love, peace, justice, and hope. Amen.

MODERN TESTIMONY

“The Cost of Living”

Arundhati Roy

GOSPEL READING:

John 13:31-35

New Testament, p. 132

SERMON

“Commandment”

Pastor John A. Nelson

PASTORAL PRAYER

✘ HYMN #757

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”
Verses 1, 3, 4

KINGSFOLD

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in C major”

J. 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 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, Becky Belcher

Reader: Janet Offensend • *Deacon:* Lorna Edmundson

Today's liturgy is adapted and reprinted from "Glorify God: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday of Easter," by the Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, St. Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, Illinois.

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

Holding the Parts Together

Administrative Assistant: Loriann Chevremont

Bookkeeper: Alex Bercy

Sexton: Richard Tietjen

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 additions:

Linda Estabrook, in recovery from a second hip fracture.

Weekly prayer from UCC Global Ministries: the people of Israel and the Palestinian territories, and Sara Makari, Global Mission Co-Worker in Israel/Palestine, who serves with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America with the Diyar Consortium of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

Continuing concerns:

The danger to women's health and women's autonomy as reproductive rights are under renewed threat • Baby Sid, grandson of Susie Belcher, born with esophageal atresia, in NICU at Children's Hospital, Providence, for all giving him care, and for his family • The people of Ukraine and all striving to end war • Richard Wardell, recovering from heart surgery • Ruth Tyrol, in nursing care in New Hampshire • Barbara Austin, in rehab at Geer Village • the people of South

Africa facing devastating floods • the people of Afghanistan • Families seeking asylum and opportunity in the US • Faithful care of God's creation & repair of human damage to the environment.

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

Family & Friends who have passed away

Families and friends of more than 67,218 beloveds who have died due to Covid-19 disease in the last four weeks, including 10,906 in the US

Larry Blades

We thank God for the gift of life, and pray for the Spirit's strong presence with family and friends who grieve.

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!

The Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC
2022 Spring Concert



MOZART

Coronation
Mass K. 317

**Art Songs by Fanny Hensel, Clara Schumann,
Libby Larson and Samuel Lord Kalcheim**

FEATURING

The Salisbury UCC Choir, Orchestra, and Soloists

Sunday, May 22 • 3pm

**The Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC
30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT**



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This Week at Salisbury UCC

SUNDAY, 15 MAY

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

MONDAY, 16 MAY

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY

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

THURSDAY, 19 MAY

7PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, 20 MAY

8:45AM Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY, 21 MAY

3PM Rehearsal for concert



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