

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



**PRELUDE**

“Nun Bitten Wir den Heil'gn Geist”

*D. Buxtehude*

**WELCOME**

✘ **HYMN #289**

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

MUNICH

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

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Acts 2:1-4; 16-18

**OPENING RESPONSES**

The Day of Pentecost is here:

**the day when the flames of faith dance in our hearts.**

The Day of Pentecost is here:

**the day when our babbling speech  
becomes the Good News for the world.**

The Day of Pentecost is here:

**the day when compassion  
is seared into our souls.**

The Day of Pentecost is here:

**let the people of God rejoice. Alleluia!**

**RESPONSE IN SONG #288**

“Spirit of the Living God”

LIVING GOD

# The Sacrament of Communion

## INVITATION

### APPROACH

ONE: In the beginning, the Spirit brooded time into being,

**ALL: So that God could give form to the world.**

At the Incarnation, the Spirit breathed God's time into being,

**So that the world could receive the Living Word.**

Through Pentecost, the Spirit brought transformed time into being,

**So that the Word of Life could be everywhere encountered.**

Entering these gifts of bread and wine the Spirit blesses this time being,

**So this encounter with the Spirit can comfort, challenge,  
and transform us.**

### CONFESSION

Creator God, your Spirit brings us many different gifts:

**forgive us when we have coveted only the spectacular ones ...**

*(We unburden ourselves in silence)*

Your Spirit speaks to us through many different voices:

**forgive us when we have cut off the disconcerting ones ...**

*silence*

Your Spirit offers us many different insights:

**forgive us when we have welcomed only the comfortable ones ...**

*silence*

Your Spirit invites us into many different moments of possibility:

**forgive us when we have closed down the costly ones ...**

*silence*

Spirit of the living God, beyond time, and yet here with us now –

give us the wisdom to receive and treasure all your gifts,

the discernment to hear and respond to your voice,

the understanding to see and follow your patterns,

and the courage to recognize and seize your moments.

**So may we grow in knowledge of Christ's realm,**

**deepen in dependence on its grace,**

**and love in accordance with its measures. Amen.**

## COMMUNION NARRATIVE

### SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

### CONSECRATION

And as we share these gifts of grace: come, Holy Spirit! Take and transform them:  
**that we may know their comfort and their challenge,  
and find ourselves, and our time ,transformed by heaven itself.**

### SHARING THE MEAL

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the Spirit who birthed creation and enabled Incarnation  
**Continue to form and nurture us as we stumble towards maturity;**  
May the Spirit who led Jesus into the wilderness  
**Stir us out of ease and safety as we follow the way of Christ;**  
May the Spirit who transformed the disciples  
**Grace and gift us for the task of building God's Kingdom;**  
May the Spirit whom Jesus bequeathed  
**Continue to comfort and discomfort us  
until justice prevails, peace reigns, and love directs all.**

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

*Hymnal, p. 35*

✠ **HYMN #286**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

TRENTHAM

### 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 Snehalayam Orphanage and with Ashabhavan, two group homes in Annamanada, India.

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** "Come, Holy Ghost" *T. Attwood*

✘ **DOXOLOGY** *OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>*

**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**

**Spirited, in-spiring God: these gifts are but the bare bones of who we are, and what we could offer. Move over them, we pray, filling them with the breath of our lives, that they will become living gifts of hope and grace to others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**MODERN TESTIMONY:** "When We Breathe Together" *Jan Richardson*

**ANCIENT TESTIMONY:** Acts 2:1-21 *New Testament, p. 144*

**SERMON** "Spiritability" *Pastor John A. Nelson*

### PASTORAL PRAYER

✘ **HYMN #295** "Go to the World!" *SINE NOMINE*

### BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

**POSTLUDE** "Komm Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott" *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 Light of Service

Snehalayam Orphanage, in Annamanada, India, is a group home meeting the needs of 22 boys. The non-profit strives to provide a homely environment, a basic education, and lots of love. Ashabhavan, also in Annamanada, India, is a group home and occupational school for 30 girls and young women. Roughly half of them are hearing impaired and participate in free vocational training including embroidery, jewelry making, and computer training. The other half have more severe cognitive and physical disabilities and require more complex individualized care.

## Officers, Boards, & Committees of the Church, June 2022 – May 2023

Underline indicates first term of service.

**Moderator:** Betsy Beck '24      **Treasurer:** Jennifer Weigel '23      **Clerk:** Jennifer Oberto '24  
**Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. John A. Nelson

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

Janet Kaufman '23      Mary Davidson '24      Kathy Mera '25

### BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator, Pastor, and elected members:  
Theresa Carroll '23      Janet Kaufman '24      Sue Morrill '25  
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Kathy Mera '23      Patricia Palmer '24

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Moderator, Treasurer, Pastor, and elected members:  
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Moderator, RE Coordinator, Pastor, and elected members:  
Linda Estabrook '23      Emily Elliot '24      Holly Tierney '25  
Jennifer Good '23

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN ACTION

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Peg Heck '25

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Moderator, Pastor, and elected members:  
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Laura O'Niel '23      Janet Kaufman '24      Kevin Wolgemuth '25  
Joanne Taber '23, chair      Sarah Morrison '24

**DELEGATE TO UCC CONFERENCE & LITCHFIELD NORTH ASSOCIATION:** Charlie Noyes

## Today's Worship Leaders

*Ushers:* Joanne Taber, Kathy Mera, Joanne Hayhurst  
*Reader:* Janet Accardo • *Deacon:* Janet Kaufman

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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

**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.)

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#### New additions:

For the 20 mass shootings in the US — resulting in 18 deaths and 88 injuries — since the murders in Uvalde, TX on May 23<sup>rd</sup>: for each one grieving the deaths of beloveds, for survivors recovering from physical and spiritual trauma, for first responders, those tending to the traumatized, those whose own trauma has again disrupted life, those who are laboring to stop the easy access to guns.

*Weekly prayer from UCC Global Ministries:* for the All Africa Conference of Churches, the National Council of Churches of Kenya, the Presbyterian

Church of East Africa, the Programme for Christian Muslim Relations in Africa, St Paul's United Theological College, and for Phyllis Bird, Global Ministries Mission Co-worker in Kenya, who serves with the Organization of Africa Instituted Churches.

#### Continuing concerns:

Linda Estabrook, in recovery from a second hip fracture • 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 • 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 • friends and family now serving our country in the armed forces • All those serving or living in war or conflict zones around the world.

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 48,196 beloveds who have died due to Covid-19 disease in the last four weeks, including 10,044 in the US.

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

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**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

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### SUNDAY, 5 JUNE

10AM Worship & Sunday School  
12NOON Luncheon Celebration of  
Barbara Collins's Ministry

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### WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE

12:30PM Staff Meeting  
6PM Board of Deacons meeting

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### MONDAY, 6 JUNE

8AM Corner Food Pantry Board meeting  
11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club



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