

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PRELUDE

“The Poet Speaks”

Schumann

WELCOME

✘ **HYMN** (p. 5)

“God Beyond, Within, Among”

DIX

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Creator God, who spun the world into being, takes delight in all things, including us!

ALL: God of glory, God of grace, your name is exalted in all the earth!

Christ, who walked the streets of our world, gives hope to all people, including us!

God of glory, God of grace, you draw your welcome ever wider!

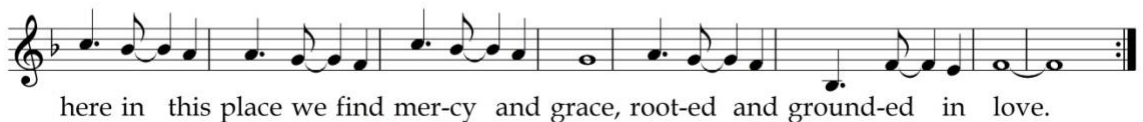
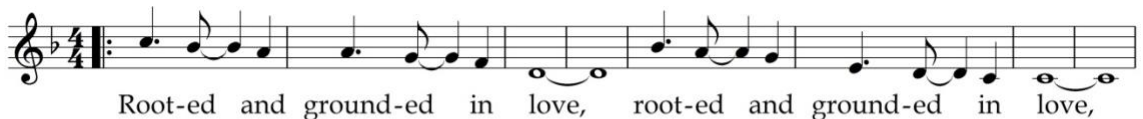
God’s Spirit, who stays in our hearts, witnesses to truth and peace through us!

God of glory, God of grace, your presence fills our every moment.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Rooted and Grounded in Love”

Barbara Hamm



CALL TO RECONCILIATION

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

One: Lord, our hearts are heavy with the sufferings of the ages,
from the crusades and traumas of the past
to the agonies of the people in our towns and cities.

**All: The graves of the victims are not yet settled;
cries of anguish still fill the night.**

To you we lift our outspread hearts.

We thirst for you in a thirsty land.

In your presence:

we mourn our divisions;

we acknowledge our fearfulness;

we admit our arrogance;

we repent our pursuit of self-interest.

We long for hope in the midst of despair.

God, break us where we are proud;

Abide with us where we are weak;

Chasten us wherein we exalt ourselves;

**Affirm us when we need confidence and trust —
that we may be humble, yet bold
in proclaiming the Gospel of Truth.**

(We unburden ourselves in silence)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's forgiveness is yours, even now. God's hope is yours, even now.

Touched by the heart of God, we are restored to new life.

**This is good news! God loves us, God forgives us, God calls us to
service! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Rooted and Grounded in Love”

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 8

ONE: You reign in glory over the heavens.

ALL: So that even out of the mouths of babes and infants,

Words flow, to silence the forces of turmoil and terror.

When I look at Your heavens,

The work of Your fingers,

The moon and the stars that You have crafted,

I wonder,

What are human beings that You are mindful of them?

mortals that You care for them?

You have made them but a little less than Divine,

And crowned them with glory and honor;

You have entrusted them with the works of Your hands;

You have put all things into their care,

all the sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

○ God, our Sovereign,

How majestic is Your stature in all the earth!

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

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

Hymnal, p. 35

✕ **HYMN #11**

“Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud”

ABERYSTWYTH

OFFERTORY

THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

Ken Edholm

Each week, offerings not specifically designated for the Church (including any checks with “Light of Service” or “LOS” in the memo line) 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 the United Nations World Food Programme, especially their relief efforts in Madagascar.

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

“To a Wild Rose”

MacDowell

✘ 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 to you, Gracious God, remind us that we are called to serve in all the places where we will find you – at the entrances to broken neighborhoods, on the heights of despair, in the valleys of injustice, at the crossroads of poverty and hunger. In all those places, may we offer not only our treasures, but our lives as well. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

MODERN TESTIMONY

Richard Rohr, OSF

ANCIENT TESTIMONY

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Old Testament, p. 725

SERMON

“God’s Dance”

Pastor John A. Nelson

PASTORAL PRAYER

✘ HYMN #644

“Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

“Komm Gott Schopfer, heiliger Geist”

Pachelbel

God Beyond, Within, Among

A Hymn for Trinity Sunday

1. God, Cre - a - tor, Womb of Life, whose e - ter - nal love and power
2. Christ, our bro - ther, meet us here; touch our wound-ed hearts and heal.
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, Breath with - in, Wind of Hea - ven, gen - tle Dove,
4. Bles - sed, Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty, in your im - age and your power

ga - ther Earth and bring forth light, re - cre - ate us in this hour.
Word of God, made close and clear, in your grace your truth re - veal.
make us ho - ly, safe from sin, fill our hearts with per - fect love.
we are your com - mu - ni - ty; dance our hopes and dreams this hour.

God be - yond, with - in, a - mong: hear us sing our thank-ful song.
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Ho - ly God, we wor - ship you! Take our lives and make them new.

Words: Steve Garnaas-Holmes, adapt. (unfoldinglight.net).
Music: Conrad Kocher (1838)

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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: Sharon Tingley, Joanne Taber
Reader: Kathy Mera • **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 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:

Weekly prayer from UCC Global Ministries: for the Evangelical Church in Honduras and for Bruce and Linda Hanson, Mission Co-workers.

Continuing concerns:

For the ongoing plague of gun violence: 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 trauma has again disrupted life, those who are laboring to stop the easy access to guns.

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 43,200 beloveds who have died due to Covid-19 disease in the last four weeks, including 8,764 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.

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, 12 JUNE

10AM Worship
11:30AM Music Committee meeting
2:30PM Student recital (Athena Halkiotis)

WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE

12:30PM Staff Meeting

MONDAY, 13 JUNE

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club



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