

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PRELUDE

“The Swan”

Saint-Saëns

WELCOME

✘ **HYMN #688**

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

MORECAMBE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

**ALL: Blessed is God, who calls us
to stop measuring out our love.**

Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

**Blessed is God, who reveals to us
who we are and who we could be.**

Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every person.

**Blessed is God, who gives us compassion
to share with friend and stranger alike.**

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Love Our Creator God” Sing two times

Jean and Jim Strathdee

Love our Cre-a-tor God with all your heart.

Love our Cre-a-tor God with all your soul.

Love our Cre-a-tor God with all your mind.

Love our Cre-a-tor God with all that you are.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. Each staff is accompanied by a line of lyrics. The lyrics are: 'Love our Cre-a-tor God with all your heart.', 'Love our Cre-a-tor God with all your soul.', 'Love our Cre-a-tor God with all your mind.', and 'Love our Cre-a-tor God with all that you are.' The music consists of a simple melody with a bass line, using quarter and eighth notes.

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We do love God. We often love our neighbors — at least the ones with whom we get along. But we do run out of time, or room, or patience. There are neighbors we would just as soon avoid. Let us confess the limits we place on our love, so we might be filled with God’s limitless mercy.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There are people we pass by, Watching God.

**Some are family and friends we take so much for granted
we cannot see how we have forgotten
to extend our love and compassion.**

Others are neighbors:

**who have been left half-dead by crushing work;
who have fallen into the hands of despair.**

**Many are people we don’t know, but quickly judge:
they are weak, or poor, or the enemy
or they remind us of who we once were,
or could become.**

**Rescue us from the power of our sins, Righteous One.
Pour out your justice on us, as a healing balm,
that we would be moved with concern, and spurred to action;
that we would shower mercy on all we meet,
even as we have received forgiveness for our brokenness
through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior.**

(Silent prayers may be offered.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children of the Most High: you are forgiven and brought into the realm of grace.

**God has rescued us and redeemed us, setting aside judgment to
shower us with mercy. We will go and do likewise. Thanks be to God!
Amen.**

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Love Our Creator God”

p. 2

Sing once

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 82

ONE: God presides in the divine council;
And gives reproach in the midst of the “gods:”

**ALL: “How long will you judge unjustly,
and show partiality to the dominant?”**

“Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
Maintain the lives and secure the futures
of the lowly and the destitute.”

**“Rescue the downtrodden;
Deliver them from the hand of the exploiter.”**

Those who see themselves as gods know nothing;

They understand nothing of life;

They walk around in dense fog;

All the foundations of the earth are shaken,

By their abuse of humanity.

“You take yourselves for gods,

And you are children of the Most High, all of you;

Yet you shall die, as mortals do,
And fall, like every other ruler."
Rise up, O God, bring justice to the earth;
For all the nations belong to You!

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

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

Hymnal, p. 35

✘ **HYMN #762**

"When the Poor Ones"

EL CAMINO

OFFERTORY

THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

Lee Collins

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 Camp Victory, "A Special Camp for Special Kids."

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

"Trio in G Minor"

Josef Rheinberger

✘ **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**

**God, your compassion and generosity exceed every earthly measure.
All that we have is yours, given into our care. Bless these gifts, we
pray, and guide us in the use of all that we bring, that our offering may
contribute to building your realm of mercy and justice. In Jesus' name
we ask it: Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	<i>Old Testament, p. 232</i>
GOSPEL READING	Luke 10:25-37	<i>New Testament, p. 87</i>
SERMON	“Thanks for Asking”	Pastor John A. Nelson
PASTORAL PRAYER		
⌘ HYMN #700	“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”	I’M GONNA LIVE
BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN		
POSTLUDE	Allegro Maestoso from Sonata II	<i>Felix Mendelssohn</i>



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: Kevin Wolgemuth and Joanne Taber
Reader: Eileen Epperson • *Deacon:* Theresa Carroll

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Our Ministry Team

Ministers: All Participants in the Life of the Congregation

Worship & Music

Music Director: David Baranowski
Bell Choir Director: Mary Davidson
Cantor: Jennifer Oberto

Faith Formation

Religious Education 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:
Miriam Chimhungwe, Global Ministries Mission
Co-worker, who serves with the Kgolagano
College of Theological Education in Botswana.

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, recovering from a 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 memory 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 41,547 beloveds who have died due to Covid-19 disease in the last four weeks, including 9,196 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!

Opportunities

Our friends at Christ Trinity Church, Sheffield, warmly invite us to next Saturday’s “Berkstock”:



BERKSTOCK
COME TOGETHER FOOD & MUSIC FEST
July 16 Noon - 4
4 HOURS of PEACE & FOOD & MUSIC

Roberto's Pizza
Big Elm Beer
Padre Pollo BBQ
High Lawn Farm Ice Cream
&
THE LUCKY BUCKET BAND

CHRIST TRINITY CHURCH
180 MAIN ST. SHEFFIELD

Sponsored by  **THE PASS**
RECREATIONAL CANNABIS
BERKSHIRES

This Week at Salisbury UCC

SUNDAY, 10 JULY

- 9AM Zoom Sunday School
- 10AM Worship & Sunday School
- 11AM Coffee Hour
- 11:30AM Music Committee meeting
(Council Room)

MONDAY, 11 JULY

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

WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY

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

SATURDAY, 16 JULY

- 11AM Salisbury Housing Committee Info
Session



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