

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PRELUDE

WELCOME

⌘ **HYMN #396** “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

HOLY MANNA

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

Verse 1: **women**

Verse 2: **men**

Verses 3 & 4: **all**

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: This is a holy place: set apart by prayer to bring our fears, our hopes, our doubts, all the questions of our hearts.

ALL: We come to this place to hear the words of peace, of wonder, of grace that God speaks to us.

In this place of discovery, we can come searching.

We come to this place, to find the One who has been looking for us.

In this place of openness, we can come knocking.

We come to this place to be embraced by the One whose heart is never locked.

RESPONSE IN SONG “God, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Ken Medema



God, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. God, send your Spir-it in this place.



God, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

ONE: When we act out of fear: **ALL: O God, have mercy.**

When we act to keep busy: **O God, have mercy.**

When we act alone,
despairing of your help, mistrusting
your gifts in our sisters and brothers: **O God, have mercy.**

When we act without joy: **O God, have mercy.**

For unripe actions,
taken in our time, not yours: **forgive us, God.**

For decisions made in haste
without waiting on your word: **forgive us, God.**

For our conviction
that it all depends on us: **forgive us, God.**

O God, give us your love, **which casts out our fear.**

Give us patience, **to wait upon your time.**

Give us joy, **sign of your life with us.**

Be our light, O God: **you are our salvation.**

(We pray in silence)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God is the love that over and around us lies; the grace that is totally unearned;
and the healing that makes the earth whole.

Give thanks to God; we are forgiven. Alleluia; Amen!

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 85

ONE: You have shown favor to Your people, O Creator;

ALL: You restored the inheritance of our ancestors.

You released Your people from their guilt;

You pardoned all they had done in violation of Your way.

You withdrew all Your wrath;

You turned from Your rage.

Restore us again, O God our Helper,

And put away Your aversion toward us.

Will You be angry with us forever?

Will You extend Your anger through all generations?

Will You not revive us again,

So that Your people may rejoice in You?

Show us Your steadfast love, O Faithful One,

And grant us Your deliverance.

Let me hear what the Most High will speak,

For the Redeemer promises peace and well-being to the people,

To the faithful,

To those whose hearts turn to the Almighty,

And not to foolishness.

Surely God's help is very near

for those who put their trust in the Eternal One,

Then will the glorious presence of the Author of Life dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

Justice and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,

And justice will look down from the sky.

The Merciful One will indeed give what is good,

And our land will yield its harvest.

Justice goes forth before the Holy One,

Making a pathway of hope and compassion.

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

OFFERTORY

THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

Kathy Mera

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 Together Women Rise.

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 “Meditation on Ar Hyd y Nos”

S.L. Kalcheim

✠ **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 you have done with us, may we do for others, holding nothing back,
but offering our treasures and lives that hope may be restored, that
healing might touch the broken, that the suffering might be revived,
and that all might know of your steadfast love in their lives. We ask in
Jesus’ name: Amen.**

MODERN TESTIMONY

On reckless faith

Kaj Munk

ANCIENT TESTIMONY

Luke 11:1-13

New Testament, p.

SERMON

“Shameless Prayer”

Pastor John A. Nelson

PASTORAL PRAYER

✕ **HYMN #547**

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

AR HYD Y NOS

BENEDICTION and **SUNG AMEN**

POSTLUDE

“Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her”

J.S. Bach



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

Guest Organist: Samuel Lord Kalcheim

Ushers: Kathy Mera and Joanne Hayhurst

Reader and 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

Opportunities

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Northwest Connecticut
CROP HUNGER WALK

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

tiny.cc/CROP-nwct

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised is returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts.

This year will be the 39th annual CROP Walk since Pastor Dick and Joanne Taber brought the event to Northwest Connecticut (and neighboring areas of Massachusetts and New York). In our congregation, Pastor John, Pat Palmer, and Joanne Taber are helping to organize the event — and we could use help **Arranging logistics, planning PR, managing social media, recruiting walkers, and making walks yourself: there is something for everyone to do!** Please speak with Pastor John if you can lend a hand (or feet, as the case may be). And register on the Salisbury UCC team at <http://tiny.cc/salisburyucc-crop>.

TODAY'S LIGHT OF SERVICE GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE GOOD WORK OF TOGETHER WOMEN RISE (togetherwomenrise.org): a community of women and allies dedicated to achieving global gender equality. In hundreds of local chapters across the U.S. (including in Salisbury) members learn about and advocate for gender equality issues, give grants to organizations that empower women and girls in low-income countries, and build community to forge meaningful connections that increase our strength and collective impact.

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 Carlos Sediles-Real, Global Ministries Mission Co-worker serving the Theological Community of Mexico.

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 — Frank Swaye, 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 48,970 beloveds who have died due to Covid-19 disease in the last four weeks, including 10,610 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, 24 JULY

10AM Worship
*followed by fellowship & refreshments
in the Parish Hall*

MONDAY, 25 JULY

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

WEDNESDAY, 27 JULY

12:30PM Staff Meeting

THURSDAY, 28 JULY

7:30PM Town Hall Meeting



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