



The Congregational Church of Salisbury
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Eleventh Sunday
after Pentecost*
21 August 2022 • 10AM

HYMN SING

WELCOME

✘ **HYMN #403** “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”
(✘ *The congregation may rise, in body or in spirit.*)

UNSER HERRSCHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Before we got up this morning and decided to come to church,

ALL: **God was waiting for us, to welcome us with grace.**

When we are unsure of what to do, when we falter before the next step,

we come to listen to God’s voice,

to learn from the One who teaches us all we ever need to know.

When we are surrounded by cruelty and injustice, when our fears cripple our souls,

we are set free to be God’s sons and daughters,

to receive once again the renewing, liberating, healing love of God.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Nothing Can Trouble”

Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who
seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

ONE: Before our God, before one another,

MANY: We pause to remember the ways in which we have not lived, not acted, not been in right relationship with ourselves, with each other, and with our God.

We pause to remember the self-deception and the deceiving of others, intentional and unintentional.

We pause to remember the ways we live, act, or think that have turned us away from God's dream of *shalom* in our world.

Hear us, our God, as we remember.

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: And so it is. Again we are confessed, again we are unburdened, again we are blessed, again we turn from the ways behind us and embrace the journey before us. We know that in our naming there is transforming power. When we trust ourselves to your loving care, we know forgivingness again — and again we are yours.

All: Oh God, hear our naming, and empower our faithfulness for this day, and all of our days. Amen!

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Nothing Can Trouble”

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 103:1-8

ONE: Honor the Holy One, O my soul,

ALL: All that is within me,

Honor the goodness of the Most High.

Honor the Blessed One, O my soul,

And do not forget how God makes repayment,

Forgiving all your shortcomings,

Healing all your afflictions,

Redeeming your life from the pit,

Surrounding you with steadfast love and compassion,

Satisfying you with good things as long as you live,

So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Saving One works liberation and justice for all who are oppressed.

**The Most High revealed the way of Life to our ancestor Moses,
who led us out of bondage,**

And the deeds of deliverance to our people.

The Holy One is compassionate and gracious,

Slow to be angry,

And abounding in steadfast love.

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

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

Hymnal, p. 35

✘ **HYMN #793**

“O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come”

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OFFERTORY

THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

Gordon Johnson

*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 **Jane Lloyd Fund**.*

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

Ave Verum Corpus

W.A. Mozart

✘ **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**

**May we welcome your gifts with thanksgiving, Loving God. May we
share your gifts with grace, so others might be touched by your love,**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 403

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be

en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,

waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

793

O Christ, the Healer



1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for
 2 From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies
 3 How strong, O Lord, are our de - sires, how weak our
 4 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og -
 5 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com -



health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to
 clam - or to be freed; yet in our hearts we
 knowl - edge of our - selves! Re - lease in us those
 nize the world's dis - ease; our com - mon life de -
 mu - ni - ty may find the whole - ness that, en -



be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
 would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
 heal - ing truths un - con - scious pride re - sists or shelves.
 clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This prayer for wholeness of body, mind, and spirit considers not only the infirmities of individuals but also those of localities, societies, and nations. In the midst of such widespread need, worshiping communities are called to continue Christ's healing work in the world.

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

Kindly set phones to silent (unless you're expecting a call from Jesus).

Today's Worship Leaders

Usher: Sarah Morrison

Reader: Kathy Mera • *Deacon:* John Estabrook

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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

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Administrative Assistant: Loriann Chevremont
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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 people of Lebanon, in dire circumstances as the country nears economic, social, and political collapse; for people of faith who in desperate times seek to serve, including Global Ministries Mission Co-workers Nishan and Maria Bakalian, working with the Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches.

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, 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

Bertha “Betty” Scribner

Families and friends of more than 68,456 beloveds who have died due to Covid-19 disease in the last four weeks, including 12,944 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, 21 AUGUST

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

11:30AM Board of Trustees meeting

MONDAY, 22 AUGUST

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST

12:30PM Staff Meeting



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