

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PRELUDE

Menuet Gothique

Boëllmann

WELCOME

⌘ **HYMN #13** “The Mighty God with Power Speaks”

KINGSFOLD

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We invite the elements of the storm to worship with us:

**ALL: the wild winds and the dark clouds,
the lightning flash and the thunder roll.**

We invite the hurricane to join us in wonder:

**the fierce gales and blinding rains,
the crashing waves and swaying trees.**

Where is God in all this? Where is God in the storm?

**Storms can renew life with wind and water;
Storms can destroy life with gale and water.**

Where is our God in the tornado?

**As the crucified Christ, in solidarity with victims;
As the risen Christ, bringing life out of death.**

Where is our God in the hurricane?

**As the crucified Christ, suffering with those battered by torments;
As the risen Christ, offering new life amidst loss.**

Yes, where is our God in all of this?

Our God is working for good in all things. All praise to God!

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Creation Introit”

NICÆA



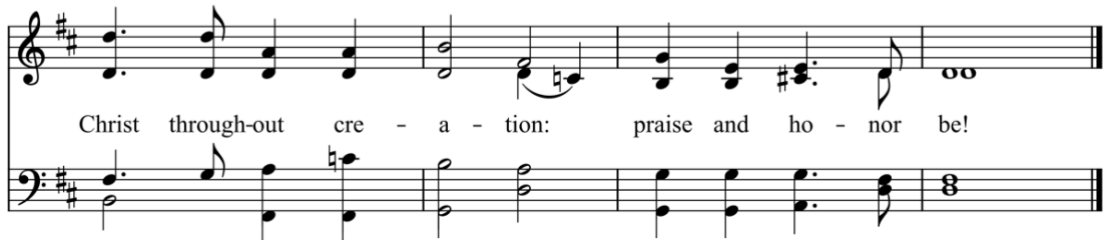
Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Cre - a - tor God Al - migh - ty!



O - cean, storm, and reach of stars are full of life from Thee.



Earth and air and all that breathes: each re-veals Thy glo - ry.



Christ through-out cre - a - tion: praise and ho - nor be!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

RESPONSIVE THANKSGIVING

One: God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is good and right to give God our thanks and praise.

O God, we thank you for the rich blessing of your Creation,
and come to offer our whole selves as you call us to live for your realm of *shalom*.

Our hearts fill with joy and wonder as we answer your call to be your people. Thanks be to you, O Holy One, for the goodness of your creation.

CONFESSION

ONE: Creator God, your Spirit brings us many different gifts:

ALL: 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 considered 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:

grant us the wisdom to receive and treasure your gifts,

the discernment to hear and respond to your voice,

and the courage to recognize and heed your call.

**So may we grow in knowledge of Christ's realm,
deepen in dependence on its grace,
and love in accordance with its measures. Amen.**

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

Hymnal, p. 35

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

Christ invites everyone to eat the bread of life, to drink the cup of the new covenant.

Jesus said, I am the bread of life. She who comes to me shall never hunger; he who believes in me shall never thirst.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said, This is my body which is for you; do this remembering me.

After supper Jesus took the cup and said, This is the cup of the new covenant. Whenever you drink it, do so remembering me.

And so we breathe out hope as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Come, Holy Spirit. Continue to pour out your life-giving, healing power on us, and on this meal that nourishes us. As we share this food and drink, may we become, for each other, the hope that Jesus has awakened in us. In this meal we celebrate the promised banquet when all shall be fed abundantly, and all shall drink from the river of the water of life. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

COMMUNION HYMN #527 “Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

J. Berthier

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ONE: Eternal and gracious One, though we live in a world of need,

**ALL: here we have tasted your goodness
and hungered for a world more just.**

Though afflicted by brokenness and division,

here we have heard your call to be a people of healing community.

Though daily we touch our limits,

here we have received the fullness of your grace.

You have filled us, O God:

inspire us to live in love and to share your *shalom*! Amen.

✠ **HYMN #463**

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

All attending Church School may leave as we sing the hymn.

OFFERTORY

THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

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 **Souper Suppers**.

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 “The Heavens are Telling” Franz Josef Haydn
 from *Creation*

⌘ **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, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to
share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our thanks and our
concern for those in need, especially those suffering the effects of
natural disasters. Bless these gifts, that they may become part of a
mighty wave of compassion and care. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

MODERN TESTIMONY

Bill McKibben

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:22-25

New Testament, p. 82

SERMON

“Weather Report”

Pastor John A. Nelson

PASTORAL PRAYER

⌘ **HYMN #11**

“Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud”

ABERYSTWYTH

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

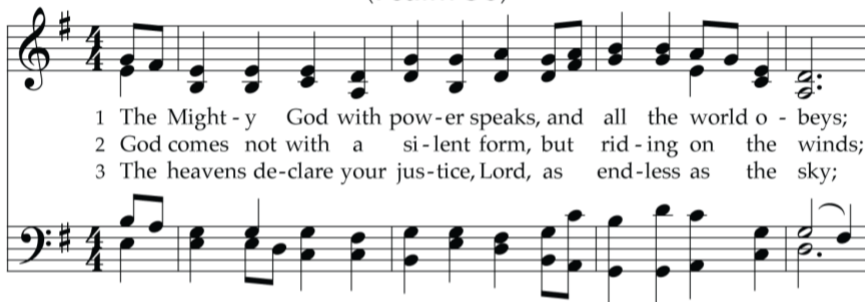
POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcello

13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

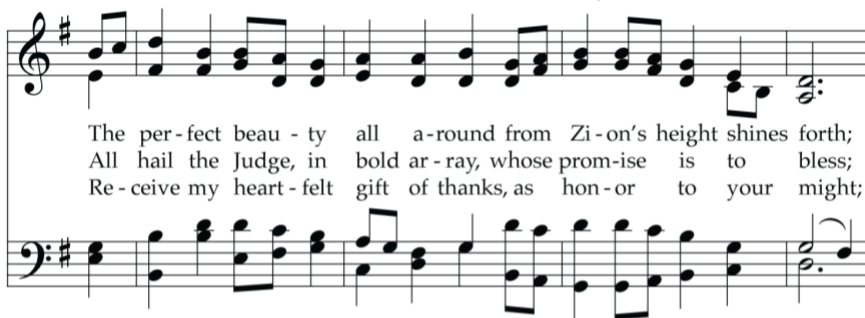
(Psalm 50)



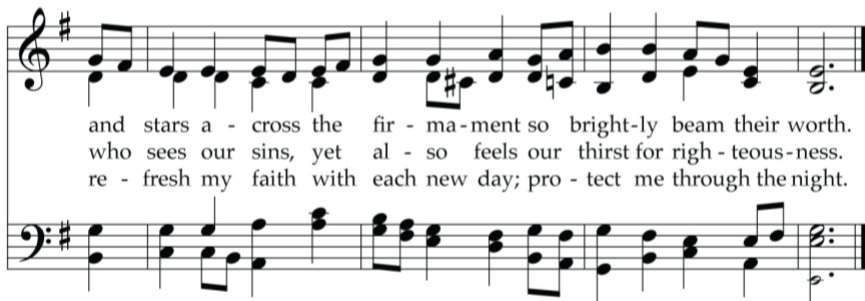
1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;



from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.



The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;



and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

This paraphrase, set to a familiar English folk melody, focuses on the opening narrative section of Psalm 50 without attempting to summarize God's speeches in the latter portion of the psalm. Both parts bear witness to God's sovereignty, God's justice, and God's providence.

463 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,
 is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;
 What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

11 Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud



- 1 Source and Sov-ereign, Rock and Cloud, For-tress, Foun-tain, Shel - ter, Light,
- 2 Word and Wis - dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav-ior, Ser - vant, Lamb,
- 3 Storm and Still - ness, Breath and Dove, Thun-der, Tem-pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,



Judge, De - fend - er, Mer - cy, Might, Life whose life all life en - dowed:
Well and Wa - ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:
Com - fort, Coun-selor, Pres-ence, Love, En - er - gies that nev - er tire:



May the church at prayer re - call that no sin - gle ho - ly name



but the truth be - hind them all is the God whom we pro - claim.



These scriptural names and images of the Triune God express a theological view reinforced by the structure: the stanzas deal, in turn, with each Person of the Trinity and the refrain affirms their unity. The swirling patterns of the Welsh tune add much energy to the text.



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: Janet Kaufman & Kevin Wolgemuth
Reader: Kathy Mera • Deacon: Patricia Palmer*

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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

Sunday School Coordinator:
Holly Tierney
Sunday School Assistant:
Jennifer Kronholm-Clark

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: the Rev. Anne E. Gregory, serving with the Church of Christ in Thailand, and McGilvary College of Divinity.

Continuing concerns:

John Lomanto, health concerns • Linda Estabrook, recovering from a hip fracture • Baby Sid, grandson of Susie Belcher, born with esophageal atresia, 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 • for an end to gun violence • 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 — Larry Baranowski, 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 45,895 beloveds who have died due to Covid-19 disease in the last four weeks, including 11,927 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, 2 OCTOBER

10AM Worship
*followed by fellowship & refreshments
in the Parish Hall*
11:30AM Church Council meeting

MONDAY, 3 OCTOBER

10A-3P Treasure Trove drop-off

TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER

10A-3P Treasure Trove drop-off
4PM Centering Prayer via Zoom —
*contact Eileen Epperson
(eppervesce@aol.com) for link*
4PM Board of Christian Action
5:15PM Hand Bell Choir rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER

10A-3P Treasure Trove drop-off
12:30PM Staff Meeting
4PM Women's Bible Study (via Zoom)

THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER

10A-3P Treasure Trove drop-off
7PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER

8:45AM Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
12NOON Music & Meditation

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY, 7-8-9 OCT

2022 FALL FESTIVAL

See salisburyfallfestival.org for schedule



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