

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



HYMN SING

WELCOME

⊗ **HYMN #** "Morning Has Broken" BUNNESSAN
(⊗ *The congregation may rise, in body or in spirit.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: This is the day the Lord has made:

ALL: a day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity.

This is the time God has given us:

a time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening.

This is the life to which God calls us:

a life of service and *shalom*; a life of faith and trust. Alleluia!

RESPONSE IN SONG

"Gathered Here"

Elaine Kirkland and Phil Porter

Gathered here in the mys-tery of the hour; gath-ered here in one strong bod - y;
gath - ered here in the strug-ple and the power: Spir - it, draw near.

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

When we pray to God, do we do so with pride in what wonderful people we are, or with that humble hope which acknowledges how we have not lived as God's children, and how we need God's forgiveness and grace in our lives? Join me as we unburden ourselves, praying:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Glorious God of power and majesty,
you bow down to hear our every sigh;
deliver us from arrogance and empty vanities.**

**When we would lift ourselves by lowering the position of others,
dissuade and redirect us.**

**When our pride grows strong and bold,
lead us to the humility that allows us to know you and neighbor.**

**When we raise barriers for self-defense,
invite us again to the vulnerability of Christ
and the security that comes from trust in you and you alone.**

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Forgiven and healed, we open ourselves again to the grace, the peace, the hope offered to us through our loving God. This is good news!

**Graced and blessed, we are able to pour out our lives for others,
taking them by the hand to reach that finish line called the the realm
of heaven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Gathered Here”

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 84: 1-7

ONE: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O God Almighty!

ALL: My soul yearns,
Indeed it faints with longing,

For the flourishing gardens of the Holy One;
My heart and my body sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow has a home,

And the swallow finds a nest,

Where it may lay its young at Your altar,

O God Almighty,

Ruler of creation and center of my soul.

Happy are those who live in Your presence,

Ever singing with joy.

Happy are those whose strength is in You,

In whose hearts are the highways to You.

As they pass through the parched valley,

They make it a place of springs;

The early rain covers it with blessing.

They go from strength to strength;

Coming at last before the Almighty, in the city of Your blessedness.

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

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

Hymnal, p. 35

✕ **HYMN #**

“O Savior, in This Quiet Place”

ST. STEPHEN

Verses 1, 2, 5, 6

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

OFFERTORY

A STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

Janet Offensend

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 Pharisee and the Publican

Heinrich Schütz

Charlie Noyes & Pastor John, soloists

Jesus said unto them: Two men went to the temple to pray: the one was a Pharisee, the other a Publican. The Pharisee stood there and prayed within himself, and the Publican stood afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, But smote upon his breast and they said:

Pharisee:

*I thank Thee, Lord God, that I
am not as other men are:
unjust, extortioners, nor even as
this Publican. I fast always twice
in the week, and give the tenth
of all that I possess.*

Publican:

God, be merciful to me!

I say to you, this man went from thence justified, rather than the other. He that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

✘ **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**

All things belong to you, bountiful God: we are your stewards, blessed with the resources you have placed into our care. We return here a portion of those, with our thanksgiving. Dear God, bless the gifts! With your blessing added, may they do more good than we can imagine, bringing food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, comfort to the bereft, and a glimpse of your realm of love to all our world. We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.

MODERN TESTIMONY

Madeleine L'Engel

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:9-14

New Testament, p. 99

SERMON

“Alongside”

Pastor John A. Nelson

PASTORAL PRAYER

✘ **HYMN #741**

“Guide My Feet”

SPIRITUAL

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

La Mourisque

Tylman Susato



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: Deborah Moore

Reader: Barbara Collins • Deacon: Patricia Palmer

Flowers have been placed in the Meeting House by Betty Dobrwado,
to the glory of God.

Today's liturgy is adapted and reprinted from *Lectionary Liturgies* by the Rev. Thom Shuman © 2022 (lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com); used by permission.

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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: for Global Ministries Mission Co-worker Bryan Parrish, who serves with the Church of Christ in Congo.

Lee Collins, recovering from foot surgery • the community of Bristol, CT, grieving the deaths of Sgt. Dustin DeMonte and Officer Alex Hamzy.

Continuing concerns:

Margaret Haubrich, in memory care • 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 • 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 healing and strength.

Family & Friends who have passed away

Families and friends of more than 40,493 beloveds who have died due to Covid-19 disease in the last four weeks, including 10,962 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.

Thanksgivings

Asa Duncan Offensend, grandson of Janet and David, born October 12th

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!

Officers, Boards, & Committees of the Church, June 2022 – May 2023

Underline indicates first term of service.

Moderator: Betsy Beck '24 **Treasurer:** Jennifer Weigel '23 **Clerk:** Jennifer Oberto '24
Pastor: The Rev. Dr. John A. Nelson

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

Janet Kaufman '23 Mary Davidson '24 Kathy Mera '25

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Moderator, Pastor, and elected members:

Theresa Carroll '23 Janet Kaufman '24 Sue Morrill '25
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Kathy Mera '23

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Peg Heck '25

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Joanne Taber '23, chair Sarah Morrison '24 Kevin Wolgemuth '25

DELEGATE TO UCC CONFERENCE & LITCHFIELD NORTH ASSOCIATION: Charlie Noyes

This Week at Salisbury UCC

SUNDAY, 23 OCTOBER

9:45AM Online fellowship
10AM Worship
*followed by fellowship & refreshments
in the Parish Hall*
11:30AM Board of Religious Education

MONDAY, 24 OCTOBER

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER

5:15PM Hand Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER

11AM Chapel worship, Noble Horizons
12:30PM Staff Meeting
4PM Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER

7PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER

8:45AM Men's Bible Study

Call to Meeting

The 278th Annual Meeting, Part I, of the Congregational Church of Salisbury, United Church of Christ, will be held following the 10am worship service on Sunday, 30 October 2022, for the purpose of:

1. Discussion and vote on the 2023 budget;
2. Discussion and vote on the Nominating Committee;
3. Any other business that needs to come before the congregation.

All Covenant Partners of the Church are requested to attend and vote. All friends of the church are encouraged to attend.



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