

# The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

6 November 2022 • 10:00AM

All Saints' Sunday



**PRELUDE**

*Les Barricades Mystérieuses*

François Couperin

**WELCOME**

✕ **HYMN #331**

“God of the Ages”

NATIONAL HYMN

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Come into holy presence, O People of God: come from your busy-ness, your anticipation of the rest of the day, your concerns for the week ahead.

Know that you are gathered here with the saints:

those who followed Christ in the past; those who seek God’s path today.

**MANY: We come from many places to one place;**

**we come as a family in Christ, led by the Spirit of God.**

Come to an hour for prayer and praise. Rest in Mystery’s hands.

Listen for God’s voice, in song and silence.

**We will seek the Holy One first,**

**and trust that all we need will be given unto us. Praise God!**

**RESPONSE IN SONG**

“Weave”



Weave, weave, weave us to-geth-er. Weave us to-geth-er in u-ni-ty and love.



Weave, weave, weave us to-geth-er. Weave us to-geth-er, to-geth-er in love.

## **A PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

ONE: Holy God, Maker of all

**ALL: Have mercy on us.**

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, Breath of life

**Have mercy on us.**

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

**(Prayer in silence)**

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:  
to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,  
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

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we confess to our brokenness:  
to the ways we wound our lives,  
the lives of others, and the life of the world.**

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**Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

### **RESPONSE IN SONG**

“Weave”

## **We Feast at God’s Table**

### **PREPARATION**

ONE: We gather now as one body, joined around the table.

**ALL: Here we celebrate God's presence among us  
united in Christ's spirit, broken and whole all at once;**

Nourished and hungry, loving and lonely,  
sinner and forgiven; we make one circle of knowing,

**believing, rejoicing, being,  
as God lights and rests among us.**

## INVITATION

This is the table of the Heavenly Feast,  
the joyful celebration of the saints of God.

**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."

**In the beginning, God provided every plant yielding seed  
and every tree with seed in its fruit for food.**

When the Israelites were in the wilderness, God fed them with miraculous food.

**When the crowds were hungry, Jesus fed over five thousand  
with two fish and five loaves of bread.**

## THE MEAL

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, gave 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."**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(depts)*

*Hymnal, p. 35*

### ✕ ACT OF PRAISE *(sung)*

GREATOREX

**Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ,  
And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen; Amen.**

### ✕ UNISON PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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

**HYMN #498**

**“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”**  
Verses 1, 2, 3

BEACH SPRING

### **SHARING THE MEAL**

*We celebrate an open communion, and invite everyone to this holy meal. We share the bread and the cup in Jesus’ name as a reenactment of an ancient vision of God’s feast for all people. You need not be a member of our church, or any church, to participate with us in this feast of grace: all that is needed is that you desire God’s sustenance.*

*We serve gluten-free bread and grape juice, as we seek to welcome all to the table.*

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**Thank you, God, for the gift of yourself — in the earthiness of bread and cup, and in the mystery of your hidden depths of grace, still being revealed. We rejoice as we remember those uncounted thousands of saints, past and present, who share this meal with us. Having been forgiven and fed, may we find common purpose in sharing your dream of a world of everlasting *shalom*. In Jesus’ name; Amen.**

**HYMN #498**

**“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”**  
Verse 4

BEACH SPRING

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

### **OFFERTORY**

#### **A STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY**

Becky Belcher

One: As God’s saints in this time and place, we may feed others from the abundance of all God has placed in our charge, we may be present with the suffering of others, we may wipe away the tears of the lonely, and offer a heart of care to all.

**ALL: Let us gather our gifts with grateful praise,  
and offer them to God’s purposes.**

#### **RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS**

#### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Happy and Blest Are They*

Felix Mendelssohn

#### **✠ DOXOLOGY**

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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 the gifts we offer, and the lives we lead, reveal the One for whom we have waited and who invites us to spread grace over all the world. This we pray in Jesus' name: Amen.**

**We Proclaim the Gospel in Word**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 25:6-9  
Ephesians 1:15-23

*Old Testament, p. 798*  
*New Testament, p. 234*

**SERMON**

“Rejoice, Saints!”

Pastor John A. Nelson

**We Respond in Prayer and Faith**

✠ **HYMN #326**

“For All the Saints”  
verses 1, 2, 3

SINE NOMINE

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS**

**ONE:** Almighty God, your people of all the ages live and praise you without ceasing. In our communion with you, we have communion with generations past and generations yet unknown. Before your throne we are one with a great multitude, beyond counting, and in praising you we join with those from every nation.

**ALL: O God, the generations rise and pass away before you.**

**You are the strength of those who labor;  
you are the rest of the blessed dead.**

**We thank you for all the saints:**

**all those who have been baptized in the spirit  
and whom you have justified by grace and faith.**

**We rejoice that their faithfulness  
has paved the way for our lives to follow.**

**Thank you for the saints known to many,  
and those known to few;**

**we rejoice in their witness of joy and challenge, love and care:**

Audrey Eriksson ✠ Frances Zlata ✠ Larry Blades ✠ Robin Dee  
Suzi McIntosh ✠ Jamie Vernon ✠ Gwen Sears  
*and others whom we name now.*

**Grant to your church on earth  
that as we celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory  
we may profit by their example  
and enter with them into the inexpressible joys  
you have prepared for those who love you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✘ **HYMN #326**

“For All the Saints”  
verses 4 & 5

SINE NOMINE

**BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

*Basse Danes Bergeret sans Roch & Reprise*

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).**

# 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y  
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:  
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.  
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

# Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

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Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et  
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their  
 room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you  
 gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am  
 name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) B $\flat$  (D) F (A) C

food for - ev - er - more.  
 came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken  
 with you; do not fear!"  
 tell your love and care.

(Bm) Dm (F $\sharp$ m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (A) C (D) F

for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (D) F

gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.



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## For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
 thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
 We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet  
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and  
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host,



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 hearts are brave again, and arms are strong,  
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

## Today's Worship Leaders

*Ushers:* Sarah Morrison, Kevin Wolgemuth  
*Reader:* Janet Kaufman • *Deacon:* Barbara Collins

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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:** Rich 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.)

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#### Continuing concerns:

John Lomanto, recovering from surgery • Lee Collins, recovering from foot surgery • Margaret Haubrich, in memory care • 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 — John Lomanto, Jenny, 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 41,279 beloveds who have died due to Covid-19 disease in the last four weeks, including 9,900 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

Mariella Stuto, grand-niece of Loriann Chevremont, born October 24<sup>th</sup> • Asa Duncan Offensend, grandson of Janet and David, born October 12<sup>th</sup>

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**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

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### SUNDAY, 6 NOVEMBER

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

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### MONDAY, 7 NOVEMBER

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

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### TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER

4PM Centering Prayer (via Zoom)  
5:15pm Handbell Choir rehearsal

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### WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER

12:30PM Staff Meeting  
4PM Women's Bible Study  
6PM Board of Deacons

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### THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER

5:30PM Choir Rehearsal

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### FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER

*Church offices closed for Veterans' Day*  
8:45AM Men's Bible Study



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