

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PRELUDE

Prelude in A minor, BWV 564

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

✘ **HYMN #65**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Before we remember You

ALL: You are thinking of us.

Before we talk to You

You are listening.

Before we know we're in trouble

You are saving us.

Before we try to please You

You are loving us.

Before we recognize our sin

You are forgiving us.

Before we see each other

You are gathering us together.

Before we invoke your presence

You are here.

We worship You, who holds us in Your care.

Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“O Sing to Our God”

CANTAI AO SENHOR

O sing to our God, O sing God a new song, O sing to our God,
O sing God a new song, O sing to our God,
O sing God a new song, O sing to our God, O sing to our God!

Text: Brazilian folk song; trans. Spanish, 1982, and English, 1986, Gerhard M. Cartford

Music: Brazilian folk melody; arr. Gerhard M. Cartford, 1982

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

God does not take our sins and add them to a ledger, to mull over and add them up
— God dismisses them! God does not hold our mistakes and misdeeds against us,
but forgives us! Join me as we pray to the One who delights in us, as we say,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that our lives weaken us, Strengthening God.

We do not exercise our faith as we should, and so fatigue easily.

We calculate houses as investment property,

not treasure them as homes built on love, hope, and dreams.

We make petty complaints about those who annoy us,

rather than shouting hosannas to heaven for the gift of their lives.

You are our hope, Tender God: forgive us.

Create in us new hearts, and fill us with new energy to serve our

sisters and brothers, bringing them to the deep wells of salvation,

where they can fill their parched souls, even as we have been led to

them by Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior.

(Silence is observed)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

ONE: Rather than remaining white hot, God's anger melts into streams of living water, washing us clean of our sins and refreshing our spirits with hope and joy.

ALL: This day! This day we give thanks to the God who is our strength and our salvation. Praise God! Amen.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“O Sing to Our God”

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 98

ONE: O sing a new song to God Most High,
Who has done marvelous things.

**MANY: The Holy One's strong hand and saving arm
have delivered us from bondage.**

The Almighty has made our deliverance known,

**And has revealed this concern for the people
in the sight of the nations.**

The Most High has always shown love and faithfulness to the people.

All the ends of the earth have seen the deliverance by our God.

Shout for joy to God Most High, all the earth;

Break forth into joyous song.

Make music to the Holy One with the lyre,

With the lyre and melodious song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the Almighty,

The One who reigns.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

The world and those who live in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands;

Let the hills sing together for joy,

At the presence of the Holy One,

Who is coming to rule the earth.

The Almighty will rule the world with justice,

And the peoples with equity.

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

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

Hymnal, p. 35

⌘ **HYMN #352**

“My Lord, What a Morning”
All attending Church School may leave as we sing the hymn.

BURLEIGH

OFFERTORY

A STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

David Heck

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

He That Shall Endure to the End

Felix Mendelssohn

⌘ **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**

**Remind us, Holy God, that your people draw hope, healing, feeding,
reconciliation from the wells of our generosity. So, encourage us to
draw from the abundance which is ours to bless our neighbors —
friend and stranger alike. We ask it in Jesus' name: Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 65:17-25
Luke 21:5-19

*Old Testament, p. 85 |
New Testament, p. 103*

SERMON

“Signs and Wonders”

Pastor John A. Nelson

PASTORAL PRAYER

⌘ **HYMN #821**

“My Life Flows On”

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN



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: Becky Belcher and Joanne Taber

Reader: Theresa Carroll • Deacon: Barbara Collins

Refreshments: Susan Belcher, Becky Belcher, and Parker Feen

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

Psalm adapted from *The Psalms in Worship*, Mary Susan Gast, © 2002; used by permission.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

352 My Lord! What a Morning

Refrain

My Lord! what a morn-ing; my Lord! what a morn-ing;

O my Lord! what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to

Fine
fall, when the stars be-gin to fall.

- 1 You will hear the trum-pet
- 2 You will hear the sin-ner
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian

sound
cry,
shout, to wake the na-tions un-der ground,

to Refrain
look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

This spiritual reflects on Jesus' saying about the endtimes as recorded in Matthew 24:29-30/Mark 13:24-26. It belongs to the slower, less common style of spirituals with long, sustained phrases and was among those popularized in concerts by the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

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:
Leda Zakarison, Global Ministries Mission Co-worker in Lebanon, who serves with the Forum for Development, Culture, and Dialogue in Beirut.

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 80,842 beloveds who have died due to Covid-19 disease in the last four weeks, including 9,633 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!

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

BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator, Pastor, and elected members:
Theresa Carroll '23 Janet Kaufman '24 Sue Morrill '25
Lorna Edmundson '23, *chair* Patricia Palmer '24 Barbara Collins '25
John Estabrook '23
Kathy Mera '23

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Moderator, RE Coordinator, Pastor, and elected members:
Linda Estabrook '23 Emily Elliot '24 Holly Tierney '25
Jennifer Good '23

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Moderator, Pastor, and elected members:
Peggy Heck '24 Barbara Wiggins '25
Leanne Larson '24
Karin Noyes '24
Jano Fairservis – *Emeritus*

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

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Lee Collins '23 Theresa Carroll '25
Lyndell Giffenig '23 Sara Wardell '25

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Peggy Hayes '23, chair Terre Lefferts '24 George Faison '25
Peg Heck '25

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Moderator, Pastor, and elected members:
Becky Belcher '23 Ken Edholm '24 Sharon Tingley '25
Laura O'Niel '23 Janet Kaufman '24 Deborah Moore '25
Joanne Taber '23, chair Sarah Morrison '24 Kevin Wolgemuth '25

DELEGATE TO UCC CONFERENCE & LITCHFIELD NORTH ASSOCIATION: Charlie Noyes

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (October 2022–April 2023)

Moderator, Pastor, and elected members:
Janet Kaufman; Gordon Johnson; Karin Noyes; Mary Davidson; Holly Tierney

This Week at Salisbury UCC

SUNDAY, 13 NOVEMBER

- 10AM Worship and Sunday School
*followed by fellowship & refreshments
in the Parish Hall*
- 11:30AM Music Committee meeting

MONDAY, 14 NOVEMBER

- 11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER

- 4PM Centering Prayer (via Zoom)
5:15PM Hand Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER

- 12:30PM Staff Meeting
4PM Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER

- 7PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER

- 8:45AM Men's Bible Study



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