

# The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



**PRELUDE**

*The Call*

Ralph Vaughn Williams

**WELCOME**

✘ **HYMN #720**

“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

GALILEE

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

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come out of the shadows and into God's light!

**We will not play hide and seek,  
but will make a pilgrimage to God's heart.**

Lay down all which is a burden to you!

**We will give our fears to God,  
who is our help in every moment.**

Follow the One who will lead you to new life!

**We long to live in God's presence every day of our lives.**

**RESPONSE IN SONG**

“Lead Me, Guide Me”



Lead me, guide me a-long the way; For if You lead me, I can-not stray;



Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

## **CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

If we come to God with open hearts and honest words, we will not be pushed away, but wrapped in God's loving and forgiving embrace. Please join me as we confess our lives to God, praying,

## **UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**We admit, God our Light, that by action and inaction we do indeed try to tear Christ apart — a piece of him to support our politics, a part of him to undergird our economic views, a portion to rationalize our fears. We could leave immediately to follow him, but mostly we wait until we know what faith will demand of us, as we weigh our options.**

**Sometimes we stray from your way of grace.  
Sometimes we dare not begin the journey.**

**Hear us, God our Deliverer, as we recall!  
May your love become the core of our hearts,  
    may your compassion become the words we speak,  
    may your hope illuminate the ways in which we serve others,  
even as we risk following the One who leads us to new life,  
Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior.**

*(Silence is kept)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God is our help, so why should we be afraid?  
God keeps us safe, there is nothing to dread!  
Sisters and brothers, know that God forgives us utterly and renews us wholly.  
**Sheltered in God's gracious heart of mercy and love,  
we raise shouts of joy: thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

## **RESPONSE IN SONG**

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

## **RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 27:1, 4-9**

**ONE:** God Most High is my light and my salvation.

**ALL: Whom shall I fear?**

The Almighty is the stronghold of my life.

**Of whom shall I be afraid?**

Only one thing have I asked of The Holy One, only one thing I will seek:  
**to live in the presence of God all the days of my life,  
and there behold the beauty of eternity and promise.**

For the Creator will shelter me in the day of trouble,  
**will take me in and conceal me under the folds of the tent,  
will set me high on a rock out of harm's way.**

Now the Almighty has lifted my head up above the swirling flood,  
**And I respond with deep devotion and shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to my Savior.**

Hear, Most High, when I cry aloud,  
**Be gracious to me and answer me!**

“Come,” says my heart, “seek God’s presence!”

**I come seeking You, God Most High. Do not hide from me.**

Do not become irritated and turn me away, You who have been my help.

**Do not shrug me off, do not abandon me, O God of my salvation!**

## **A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER** (*debts/debtors*)

*Hymnal, p. 35*

✕ **HYMN #721**

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

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

## **OFFERTORY**

ONE: Jesus called the apostles away from their boats and their nets, and they followed him. When we risk letting go of what is familiar, and following the promise of God’s abundance, walking in Jesus’ path of self-giving and generosity — we are in the footsteps of disciples in every age. This moment of giving to mission is our next opportunity to joyfully join the Way of Christ.

**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.*

**ANTHEM**

*Hide Not Thy Face From Us, O Lord  
and Call to Remembrance*

Richard Farrant

✘ **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**

**Use our gifts, Loving God, so others might not be overwhelmed by  
life; so they may be sheltered in the embrace of your grace; so they  
might find healing, hope, and holy companionship on the journey of  
faith. We ask in Jesus' name: Amen.**

**MODERN TESTIMONY**

On Fearlessness and Joy

Vandana Shiva

**ANCIENT TESTIMONY**

Matthew 4:12-23

*New Testament, p.*

**SERMON**

“Dare You to Do It”

Pastor John A. Nelson

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

✘ **HYMN #751**

“From the Nets of Our Labor”

HAMILTON

**BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

*Prelude in D Major*

Dietrich Buxtehude



**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 and Joanne Taber

*Reader:* Janet Kaufman • *Deacon:* Patricia Palmer

*Fellowship time hosts:* The Kronholm-Clark Family

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  
**Sexton:** Richard Tietjen  
**Stewardship & Database Mgr:** Kelly Rybczyk

**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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#### New additions:

Weekly prayer from UCC Global Ministries: for the Church of Scotland, the United Reformed Church (United Kingdom), Fiona Kendall in the Mediterranean Hope ministry, and Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees.

#### Continuing prayers:

Toby Reifsnyder, recovering from heart attack and surgery • Art Eddy

Margaret Haubrich, in memory care • all affected by gun violence, especially survivors, those tending to the traumatized, and those advocating for safety  
• The people of Ukraine and all striving to end war  
• All who serve or live in war or in conflict zones around the world.

For those in treatment for cancer — Jenny, Frank Swaye, David Douyea, MingMing, Deborah Merwin, Keith Blanton and others — prayers for healing and strength.

#### Family & Friends who have passed away

Ruth Tyrol • Tom Draper • Noble Richards

Families and friends of more than 58,344 beloveds who have died due to Covid-19 disease in the last four weeks, including 13,423 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.

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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!



*"Fishers of Men"*  
by Rex DeLoney

# 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

Theresa Carroll '23      Moderator, Pastor, and elected members:  
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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:  
Becky Belcher, Mary Davidson, Gordon Johnson, Janet Kaufman, Karin Noyes, Holly Tierney

# Jesus Calls Us

720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.



# 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

## *Tú has venido a la orilla*



1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing  
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat  
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my  
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly  
 car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; you will  
 la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant  
 longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.  
 find there my nets and la - bor.  
 love that keeps on lov - ing.  
 friend, as thus you call me:

### *Refrain / Estribillo*



O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while  
*Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos, son - ri -*



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my  
*en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la g -*

This is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. It asks singers to become like the fishermen who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others.

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

boat's left on the shore-line be - hind me. By your  
 re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to g

side I will seek oth - er seas.  
 ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

SPANISH

- 1 *Tú has venido a la orilla,  
 no has buscado ni a sabios, ni a ricos,  
 tan sólo quieres que yo te siga. Estribillo*
- 2 *Tú sabes bien lo que tengo:  
 en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas,  
 tan solo redes y mi trabajo. Estribillo*
- 3 *Tú necesitas mis manos,  
 mi cansancio que a otros descanse,  
 amor que quiera seguir amando. Estribillo*
- 4 *Tú, pescador de otros lagos,  
 ansia eterna de almas que esperan,  
 amigo bueno, que así me llamas. Estribillo*

# 751 From the Nets of Our Labor

## We Will Rise Up and Follow



1 From the nets of our la - bors, through the noise and con -  
 2 When we faint and grow wea - ry from the bear - ing of  
 3 In the eyes of the strang - er— tear - ful, joy - ous, or  
 4 When we hear words of ha - tred spread - ing fear or false  
 5 In each mo - ment of cour - age, stead - fast e - ven through  
 6 Like dis - ci - ples be - fore us, from the cit - y or



fu - sion, from the cit - y or sea - shore,  
 bur - dens, with a mes - sage of com - fort,  
 fright - ened— in the face of each neigh - bor,  
 wit - ness, words that cry to be chal - lenged,  
 trem - bling; in the yearn - ing for jus - tice,  
 sea - shore, risk - ing self - less com - pas - sion:



Je - sus sum - mons us all. We will rise up and fol - low,



Christ be - fore and be - side us, lov - ing pat - tern to



guide us, as we an - swer the call.

This text effectively evokes the call of the disciples who were fishermen (Matthew 4:18–22/Mark 1:16–20/  
 Luke 5:1–11), while also describing the circumstances of our daily lives through which Jesus continues to  
 summon us to be responsive to the needs and challenges of our own day.

## This Week at Salisbury UCC

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### SUNDAY, 22 JANUARY

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

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### MONDAY, 23 JANUARY

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

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### TUESDAY, 24 JANUARY

10AM Tai Chi class  
4PM Centering Prayer (via Zoom)

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### WEDNESDAY, 25 JANUARY

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

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### THURSDAY, 26 JANUARY

5:30PM Choir Rehearsal

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### FRIDAY, 27 JANUARY

8:45AM Men's Bible Study



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