

# The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



## 5th Sunday of Easter

7 May 2023, 10am

### PRELUDE

*Prelude, Fugue, and Variation*

Cesar Franck

### WELCOME

✘ **HYMN #393**

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

### CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We are God’s household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

**MANY: our hearts a shelter for the outcast;  
our hands open to the stranger.**

We are God’s people, created in the divine image:

**to tell others of God’s love,  
to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.**

We are God’s children, called to give of ourselves:

**chosen to serve the lost and lonely,  
gifted to minister to a hurting world.**

### RESPONSE IN SONG

“Sanctuary”

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## **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.

**Before God, with the people of God,  
we confess to our brokenness:  
to the ways we wound our lives,  
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.**

## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

With the whole church,

**We remember that we are forgiven by God,  
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

With people everywhere,

**We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,  
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

With all creation,

**We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life: the unfolding  
purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## 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 the **Salisbury Housing Trust** and the **Salisbury Housing Committee**.*

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

*Antiphon*

R. Vaughan Williams

### ✕ DOXOLOGY

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**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

**We offer our gifts so that others may not feel alone, eat alone, live alone, be alone — but that they may be surrounded by your grace and love, through us. Bless the Spirit who gives; bless the Spirit who receives; bless the heavenly place revealed in giving and receiving. In Jesus' name, we pray: Amen.**

### RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

ONE: In You, O Holy One, I take refuge;

**MANY: Let me never know despair;**

You Who are faithfulness,

**Deliver me.**

Turn Your ear to me;

**Come quickly to rescue me;**

Be my rock of refuge,

**A strong fortress to protect me.**

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
You lead me and guide me, O Savior God,

**For You are true to Your name.**

Take me out of the trap that is hidden for me,

**For You are my refuge.**

Into Your hand I entrust my life;

**You redeem me, O Faithful God.**

Into Your hand I entrust my future;

**Deliver me from the power of my enemies,  
And the grasp of my pursuers.**

Let Your face shine upon Your servant;

**You Whose love is unfailing, deliver me.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

I Peter 2:2-10

New Testament, p. 282

### SERMON

“Building Code Revisions”

Pastor John A. Nelson

### RESPONSE IN SONG

“Sanctuary”

J. Thompson & R. Scruggs

Lord, pre- pare me to be a sanc- tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and  
true. With thanks- giv- ing, I'll be a liv- ing san- tu - ar - y for\_ you.

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### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy shaper of this rich reality, we give you thanks  
for the way you form us into vessels of your healing.

**Holy light of new beginnings, we give you thanks for your presence  
among us as Love’s Own Self, leading us into fullness of life.**

Holy comforter of all who are hurting, lost, or cast out — we give you thanks for  
the unfailing power of your Spirit, equipping us to be people of *shalom*.

**We give you thanks for your Church: a community which abides in grace and believes in hope and healing for our fractured world.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER and 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.**

**You who come to me shall never hunger,**

**You who believe in me shall never thirst.**

On the night of his arrest, Jesus took the Passover bread,  
and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said,

**This is my body, broken for the healing of the world.**

**Whenever you eat it, do so remembering me.**

After supper, Jesus took wine of Passover, gave thanks to God, and poured it, saying,

**This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all.**

**Whenever you drink it, do so remembering me.**

O Holy One send now your Spirit, that these gifts of bread and cup  
may be for us the living presence Christ.

**Unite us with Christ forever and bring us**

**with the whole creation to your eternal realm of *shalom*.**

### **SHARING THE MEAL**

*We celebrate an open communion and welcome every person to the table. We share the bread and the cup in Jesus' name as a reenactment of an ancient vision of God's feast for all people. We don't require you to 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 nurture. We serve gluten free bread and grape juice, that all may eat freely.*

### **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 community.**

Though daily we touch our limits,  
**here we have received the fullness of your grace.**  
Embolden us to serve you, O God,  
**in faith, in hope, and in love. Amen.**

✠ **HYMN #536**

“Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen”

SURGE ECCLESIA

**BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

*Sun Dance*

Bob Chilcott



## 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).**

# 393 O Day of Rest and Gladness

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth;  
 3 On you, God's peo - ple, meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip-ture hear,

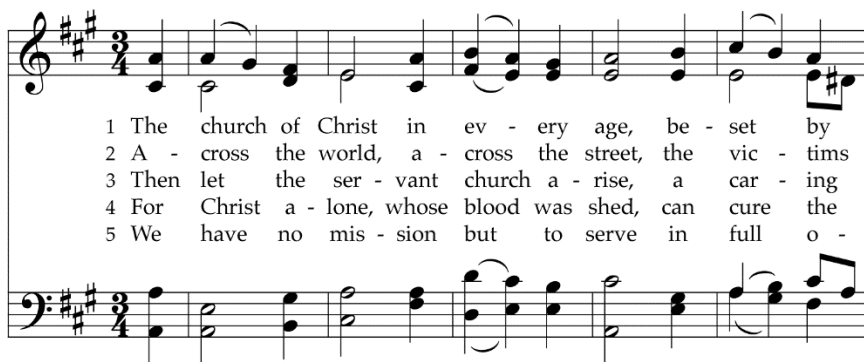
O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;  
 on you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;  
 Christ's liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near.

on you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,  
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious sent Spir - it forth from heaven.  
 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.  
 And thus on you, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was given.  
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

In this text the first day of the week represents a threefold commemoration of Creation, Resurrection, and Pentecost—each an encounter with Trinitarian activity centered on one of the Three Persons. The tune name recalls the secular German song adapted for use with several hymns.

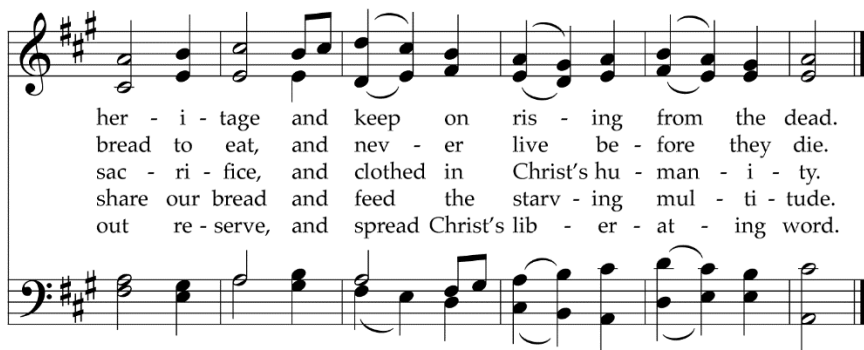
# 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.



# 536 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

D G Bm F#m Em7 A Bm

1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this  
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter  
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has  
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age

A D Em A Bm Gmaj7

meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -  
 Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are  
 called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing  
 be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -

Em7 A D Bm7 E Asus A D

vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -  
 hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -  
 nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -  
 na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -

G Em A A7 Bm Em A7 D

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The second line of the first stanza shows that this hymn is meant for use in the context of the Lord's Supper, but the last stanza further clarifies its special purpose as a sending hymn celebrating the values guiding the work of the church in the world: service, courage, mercy.

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SURGE ECCLESIA

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## Today's Worship Leaders

*Ushers:* Sarah Morrison and Kevin Wolgemuth

*Reader:* Anne Williams • *Deacons:* Kathy Mera and Janet Kaufman

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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*;  
Janet Offensend, *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 concerns:

Weekly prayer from UCC Global Ministries: for the people of Zambia, and for mission partners: the United Church of Zambia; Theological Education by Extension in Zambia; Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation; the Council of Churches in Zambia.

#### Continuing concerns:

Margaret Haubrich, in memory care • all affected by gun violence, especially survivors, those tending to the traumatized, and those advocating for safety • the peoples of Sudan and Ukraine • neighbors who serve or live in war or in conflict zones around the world • for peacemakers.

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

Family & Friends  
who have passed away

Robin Dee • Patricia Habacker

We thank God for the gift of life, and pray for the  
Spirit's strong presence with all 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!

## This Week at Salisbury UCC

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### SUNDAY, 7 MAY

10AM Worship  
11AM Annual Meeting

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### MONDAY, 8 MAY

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club  
4PM Centering Prayer (via Zoom)

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### TUESDAY, 9 MAY

5:15PM Handbell Choir rehearsal

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### WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY

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

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### THURSDAY, 11 MAY

5:30PM Choir Rehearsal

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### FRIDAY, 12 MAY

8:45AM Men's Bible Study



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