

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PRELUDE

Trio sonata in D minor, Andante

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

✠ HYMN #664

“Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We lift our voices in praise with the voice of light:
shimmering in star skies and moonrise, flooding bright with sun.

ALL: We give thanks to God:

Mystery, Teacher, and Revealer.

We lift our voices in praise with the voice of waters:
tumbling free, running deep, bringing life, moving on.

We give thanks to God:

Source, Life, and Power.

We lift our voices in praise with the voice of living things:
bird and whale song, plants stretching, microbes churning the earth,
creatures of day and of night, humanity in manifold tongue and hue:

All: We give thanks to God:

Creator, Love, and Breath.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Gathered Here”

Elaine Kirkland and Phil Porter



Gath-ered here in the mys-tery of this hour, gath-ered here in one strong



bod-y, gath-ered here in the strug-gle and the power, Spi-rit draw near.

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

One: Loving God, Gracious Christ, Empowering Spirit,
You give us the gift of life in relationship.

We live in relationship with You:

**All: knowing ourselves accepted,
finding ourselves graced,
hearing ourselves called.**

We live in relationship within this good creation:

**blessed together in original goodness,
held together in mutual care,
joined together in common life.**

We live in relationship with one another:

**grounded in life-giving community,
formed by truth-telling stories,
made whole with spirit-renewing fellowship.**

In silence, let us also remember the strains and separations in our relationships with you, creation, and one another, trusting in your power to make all things new.

(We unburden ourselves in silence)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Remember this Word of God: if we say we have no strains or separations, the truth is not in us. But even as we confess those broken places, God rushes in with holy power, leading us to wholeness. Brothers and sisters, in Jesus' name we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Gathered Here”

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 8

ONE: O God, our Sovereign,
You reign in glory over the heavens.

**ALL: So that even out of the mouths of babes and infants,
Words flow, to silence the forces of turmoil and terror.**

When I look at Your heavens,
The work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars that You have crafted,
I wonder,

**What are human beings that You are mindful of them?
mortals that You care for them?**

You have made them but a little less than Divine,
And crowned them with glory and honor;

**You have entrusted them with the works of Your hands;
You have put all things into their care,
all the sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O God, our Sovereign,
How majestic is Your stature in all the earth!

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

Hymnal, p. 35

✠ **HYMN #297**

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

ST. DENIO

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

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.
Today we keep our monthly commitment to support of 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.

ANTHEM

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

R. Farrant

✠ 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

God, we make offerings in your name that they may be a part of your creative, liberating rule in our world. With them we offer our intentions and actions, that by your grace we may be part of your answer to the hopes and needs of your creatures that dwell in sea, sky, and earth. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

New Testament, p. 227

Matthew 28:16-20

New Testament, p. 41

SERMON

"The Great ~~Suggestion~~ Commission"

Pastor John A. Nelson

PASTORAL PRAYER

✠ HYMN #298

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

March of the Priests

Felix Mendelssohn



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: Sarah Morrison, Sharon Tingley

Reader: Stephanie Tierney • Deacon: Barbara Collins

**Flowers have been placed in the Meeting House
by Anne Williams, in honor of Lila Shedd.**

*Today's liturgy is adapted and reprinted from Lectionary Liturgies by the Rev. Thom Shuman © 2022
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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.)

New concerns:

Weekly prayer from UCC Global Ministries: for mission partner the Rev. A. Elga Joan Sarapung, Executive Director of the Institute for Inter-Faith Dialogue in Indonesia; for the efforts to address human trafficking, climate degradation, inadequate education, poverty, and the weakness of law enforcement; and for the success of interfaith dialogue.

Continuing concerns:

Ellen Groves, sister of Peggy Hayes, recovering from a broken neck.

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.

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 2023 – May 2024

Underline indicates first term of service.

Moderator: Betsy Beck '24 **Treasurer:** Janet Offensend '25 **Clerk:** Jennifer Oberto '25
Pastor: The Rev. Dr. John A. Nelson

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

Mary Davidson '24 Kathy Mera '25 Charlie Noyes '26

BOARD OF DEACONS: Moderator, Pastor, and elected members:

Janet Kaufman '24	Barbara Collins '25	Theresa Carroll '26
Patricia Palmer '24		John Estabrook '26
Sue Morrill '25		Tony Good '26
		Don Mayland '26

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Moderator, Treasurer, Pastor, and elected members:

Louise Brown '24	Janet Accardo '25	Roger Crain '26
Dan Edmundson '24	Gordon Johnson '25	Carr Ferguson '26
Kerry Noble '24	Lee Collins '26	

BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Moderator, Sun. School Coord., Pastor, and elected members:

Emily Elliot '24	Julia Barbato '26
	Jano Fairservis '26

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN ACTION: Moderator, Pastor, and elected members:

Peggy Heck '24	Barbara Wiggins '25	Kathy Mera '26
Leanne Larson '24		
Karin Noyes '24		

Jano Fairservis – *Emeritus*

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

Currently inactive

MUSIC COMMITTEE: Moderator, Music Minister, Pastor, and elected members:

Mary Davison '24	Louise Brown '25	Peggy Hayes '26
Terre Lefferts '24	George Faison '25	Emily Elliot '26
	<u>Peg Heck '25</u>	

USHERS COMMITTEE: Moderator, Pastor, and elected members:

Janet Kaufman '24	Deborah Moore '25	Becky Belcher '26
Sarah Morrison '24	Sharon Tingley '25	Gordon Johnson '26
	Kevin Wolgemuth '25	Allison Gray '26
		Joanne Taber '26

DELEGATE TO UCC CONFERENCE & LITCHFIELD NORTH ASSOCIATION: Charlie Noyes

This Week at Salisbury UCC

SUNDAY, 4 JUNE

10AM Worship

MONDAY, 5 JUNE

8AM Food Pantry Board meeting

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

4PM Centering Prayer (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE

12:30PM Staff Meeting

6PM Deacons

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE

4pm Strategic Visioning

5:30pm Choir party

FRIDAY, 9 JUNE

8:45AM Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY, 10 JUNE

11AM-1PM *Transforming Guns into Garden Tools*,
Hewat Community Garden
(30 Salmon Kill Rd)



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