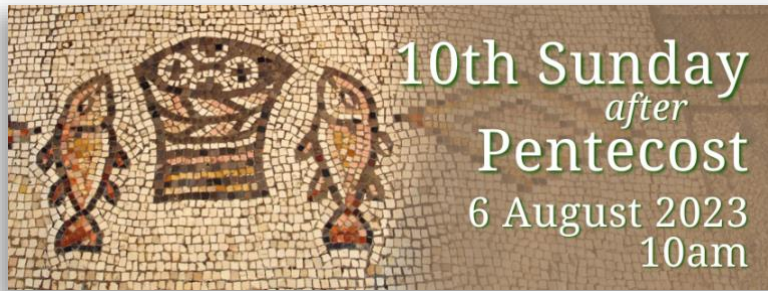


# The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



## PRELUDE

*Fugue in G Minor "Little"*

J.S. Bach

## WELCOME

✘ **HYMN #366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

## CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: All who are thirsty, come!

**ALL: God is the fountain for all our lives.**

All who are hungry, come!

**Jesus feeds us with goodness and grace.**

Rich and poor, young and old, neighbor and guest, come!

**The Holy Spirit gathers everyone around the Table,**

**with a feast of plenty and with songs of praise: Alleluia!**

## 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.

## **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.**

## **RESPONSE IN SONG**

“Gathered Here”

**OFFERTORY**

ONE: Our God promises an abundance of sustenance for body and soul. While the world around us seems to say there's not enough to go around, Jesus gives thanks, holds out his hand, and says: "take all you need!" We bow our heads and hearts in gratitude for the endless giving, and we respond with our own generosity.

**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**

*Ave Verum*

W.A. Mozart

✠ **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 our gifts quench the thirst of those who desire hope;  
may our lives be spent in feeding those Whose hunger is all too real;  
may we always give away freely the blessings you have freely given,  
God of The Compassionate Heart. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 55:1-5

*Old Testament, p. 838*

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 14:13-21

*New Testament, p. 19*

**SERMON**

"More than Enough"

Pastor John A. Nelson

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

✠ **HYMN #498**

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BEACH SPRING

# We Feast at God's Table

## INVITATION

### RESPONSIVE THANKSGIVING

One: God be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is good and right to give God our thanks and praise.**

O God, we thank you for the rich blessing of your Creation, and come to offer our whole selves as you call us to live for your realm of *shalom*.

**Our hearts fill with joy and wonder as we answer your call to be your people. Thanks be to you, O Holy One, for the goodness of your creation.**

### 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.**

**She who comes to me shall never hunger;**

**he who believes in me shall never thirst.**

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and after giving 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.**

And so we breathe out hope as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**Come, Holy Spirit. Continue to pour out your life-giving, healing power on us, and on this meal that nourishes us. As we share this food and drink, may we become, for each other, the hope that Jesus has**

**awakened in us. In this meal we celebrate the promised banquet when all shall be fed abundantly, and all shall drink from the river of the water of life. Amen.**

### **SHARING THE MEAL**

*We celebrate an open communion and welcome every person to the table. We understand the sharing of the bread and the cup in Jesus' name to be 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 use gluten-free bread and unfermented grape juice in an effort to remove barriers to anyone's participation in the sacrament.)*

### **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 hope-filled community.**

Though daily we touch our limits,

**here we have received the abundance of your grace.**

You have filled us, O God:

**inspire us to live in love and to share your *shalom!* Amen.**

⌘ **HYMN #546**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

SICILIAN MARINERS

### **BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

*Carillon de Westminster*

Louis Vierne

# 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

# Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

498

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.



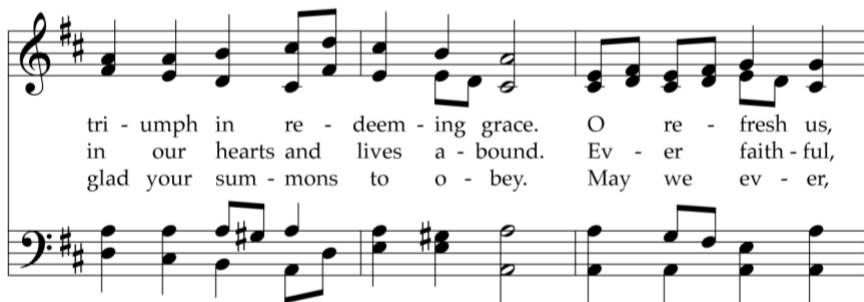
# 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.



## 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 and Kathy Mera*

*Reader: Pat Palmer • Deacon: Theresa Carroll*

*Fellowship time hosts: Mary Davidson and Peggy Heck*

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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

### 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 mission partners in Bangladesh: the Church of Bangladesh; the Christian Commission for Development.

#### 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.

Friends and family now serving our country in the armed forces • All those serving or living in war or conflict zones around the world.

#### Family & Friends who have passed away

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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!

## This Week at Salisbury UCC

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### SUNDAY, 6 AUGUST

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

11:30AM Church Council meeting

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### TUESDAY, 8 AUGUST

6:30PM Tai Chi class

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### WEDNESDAY, 9 AUGUST

12:30PM Staff Meeting

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### MONDAY, 7 AUGUST

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

4PM Centering Prayer (via Zoom)



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