

# The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



## PRELUDE

*Nimrod from Enigma Variations*

E. Elgar

## WELCOME

✕ **HYMN #720**

“Jesus Calls Us”

GAILILEE

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship our God,

**who speaks the words of peace we need in chaotic times.**

We gather to follow Jesus,

**who encourages to never fear, for he is near.**

We gather to be filled with the Spirit,

**who anoints us so we can go to serve our world.**

## RESPONSE IN SONG

“Calm to the Waves”

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, “Peace, be  
still.” Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

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## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The deepest longing of our hearts is to be forgiven and embraced by our God. As we confess our sins, God speaks peace to us and makes us whole. Join me, as we pray together, saying,

## UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

**In truth, God of silence and seas, we are more adept at making waves than calming storms. We find it easier to push people out of the boat, rather than make room for those who are different from us. And our lives are such a whirlwind of activity, that we do not notice your presence or hear your sheer silence singing your *shalom* to us.**

**Have mercy on us, God of patience. Grab hold of us to keep us from drowning in our oceans of temptations. Give us the words to speak of your hope to others. Fill our hearts with the love of Jesus Christ, which is nearer to us than we dare to imagine.**

(Silence is kept)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Immediately, immediately! your sins are forgiven, your life is restored, and grace becomes your guide through this life.

**Thanks be to God! We are not left alone, but take heart in the forgiving love of our God. Amen.**

## RESPONSE IN SONG

“Calm to the Waves”

## RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 85:8-13

ONE: Let me hear what God Most High will speak,

**ALL: For the Redeemer promises peace and well-being to the people,  
To the faithful,**

To those whose hearts turn to the Almighty,

**And not to foolishness.**

Surely God's help is very near

for those who put their trust in the Eternal One,

**Then will the glorious presence of the Author of Life dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
**Justice and peace will kiss each other.**  
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
**And justice will look down from the sky.**  
The Merciful One will indeed give what is good,  
**And our land will yield its harvest.**  
Justice goes forth before the Holy One,  
**Making a pathway of hope and compassion.**

## **A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS**

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

*Hymnal, p. 35*

✘ **HYMN** (insert)

“Stand By Me”

## **OFFERTORY**

ONE: You ask a lot of us, God. You call us to leave everything behind and follow you. You discover the things we hold onto for security and assurance and you tell us to let them go. You come close and encourage us to risk trusting in you. And then you give yourself to us completely. Our offerings today are one way we express our wonder and appreciation for all you are doing in our lives.

**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**

*Andante from Sonata VI*

F. Mendelssohn

✘ **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**

**Not only with our lips, but with our lives and with our treasure we will  
proclaim that you are in our midst, Loving God. Take these gifts, and**

use them so all might know that your love, your life, your hope, your healing is near to them. Amen.

**MODERN TESTIMONY**                      “The Invitation”                      Oriah Mountain Dreamer

**GOSPEL READING**                      Matthew 14:22-33                      *New Testament, p. 19*

**SERMON**                                      “Fail Better”                                      Pastor John A. Nelson

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

✕ **HYMN #548**                      “May God Support You All Your Days”                      DICKINSON COLLEGE

**BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**                                      *La Rejoissance*                                      H. Purcell



## 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!*

# 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,

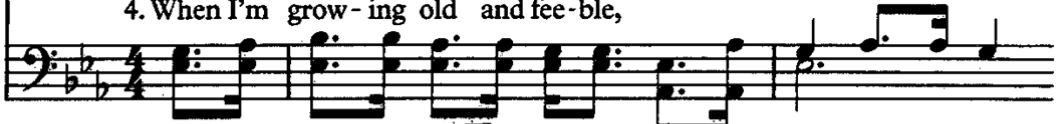
life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

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.

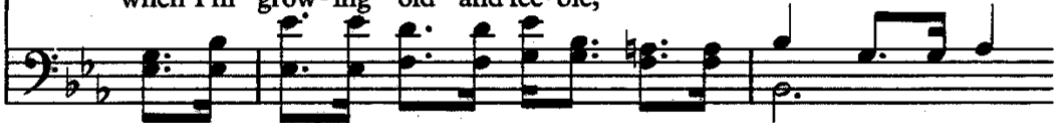
Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.



1. When the storms of life are rag-ing,  
 2. In the midst of trib - u - la-tion,  
 3. In the midst of faults and fail-ures, stand by me; (stand by me)  
 4. When I'm grow-ing old and fee-ble,



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When the world is toss - ing me, like a ship up-on the sea,  
 When the host of hell as - sail, and my strength be-gins to fail,  
 When I've done the best I can, and my friends mis-un-der-stand,  
 When my life be-comes a bur-den, and I'm near-ing chil - ly Jor-dan,



thou who rul - est wind and wa-ter,  
 thou who nev - er lost a bat-tle, stand by me. (stand by me)  
 thou who know-est all a-bout me,  
 O thou Lil - y of the Val-ley,



# 548 May God Support You All Your Days

(Psalm 20)

1 May God sup - port you all your days, in times of  
 2 May God con - firm your heart's de - sire and bring to  
 3 May God be near you when you pray, to help you  
 4 Our hope is in the Ho - ly One. The swift and

glad - ness and in need. May God re - mem - ber you with  
 full - ness all your plans. May God's sus - tain - ing love in -  
 with a gen - tle hand. May God for - ev - er guide your  
 strong will sure - ly fall, but you will stand with God a -

grace and bless your ev - ery word and deed.  
 spire your shouts of praise and joy - ful dance.  
 way and lead you to the prom - ised land.  
 lone, who hears and an - swers when you call.

This text is loosely based on Psalm 20, the first of the psalms for the welfare of the king in battle. This royal psalm is here adapted as a sung blessing and prayer for those setting out on any new venture, making it appropriate for ordinations, weddings, or other such services.

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.

## Today's Worship Leaders

*Ushers:* Kevin Wolgemuth and Joanne Taber

*Reader & Deacon:* Theresa Carroll

*Fellowship time host:* Charlie Noyes

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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 Zimbabwe:

United Theological College – Harare  
Zimbabwe Synod-UCCSA  
Zimbabwe Council of Churches

United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe  
Christian Care

#### Continued 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

Bill Jones • Ben Doing

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.

## This Week at Salisbury UCC

### SUNDAY, 13 AUGUST

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

11:30AM Music Committee

### MONDAY, 14 AUGUST

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

### TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST

5:30PM CROP Walk meeting  
6:30PM Tai Chi class

### THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST

5:30PM Board of Religious Education  
(at Holly's house)

The Lakedville Journal

# JAM ON ACADEMY

Live Music • Food • Fun

Sun. Aug. 13 • 12-6

Academy Street, Salisbury



**CROP Walk organizing meeting,  
Tuesday 15 August, 5:30pm  
in the Meeting House. All are welcome!**



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