



PRELUDE

Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

✠ **HYMN #408**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 133

ONE: הִנֵּה מָה טוֹב וְיָמָה נְעִימִים שְׂבֻת אֲחִים גַּם יחד

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

ALL: It is like precious oil joyfully poured on the head in greeting,

Running down upon the chin,

Running down over the collar of the anointed one’s robes.

It is like the rich dew of the northern realm,

Which falls in the south on the mountains of the holy city.

For there the Most High poured out blessing,

Life forevermore.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Hineh Ma Tov”

HEBREW FOLK SONG

Em Am Em B7 Em G C D7 Em

Hi-nei ma tov u-ma - na - im She-vet a-chim gam ya - chad Hi - nei ma_ tov

7 Am B7 Em G C D7 Em Am B7 Em

She-vet a-chim gam ya - chad Hi - nei ma_ tov She-vet a-chim gam ya - chad

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Sometimes we are so busy talking that we forget to listen, so busy worrying that we forget to trust, so busy fearing that we forget to risk. In silence, let us offer God a patient reflection on our waywardness.

(Silence is kept)

By what we have done and by what we have not done, we have strayed from the deep union with God, the deep reverence for life and peace, which is the true calling of our lives. Despite our best intentions, we grieve the heart of our Creator.

(Silence is kept)

Receive us as we are, God,
and grant us humility and courage for the journey ahead. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Wherever we are, however we are doing, God's love and forgiveness find us. Nothing can separate us from the renewing love of God.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Hineh Ma Tov”

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 67

ONE: May God be gracious to us and bless us,

ALL: And may God's face shine upon us,

That Your ways may be known upon earth, O Holy One,

Your restoration of life among all nations.

Let the peoples honor You, O Author of Life;

Let all the peoples give You thanks.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

For You rule the peoples with justice,

And offer guidance to the nations of earth.

Let the peoples honor You, O Author of Life;

Let all the peoples give You thanks.

The earth yields its harvest;

God, our God, has blessed us.

May the Holy One continue to bless us,

And be revered to the ends of the earth.

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

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

Hymnal, p. 35

✕ HYMN (insert)

“Come, Ye Disconsolate”

CONSOLATOR

OFFERTORY

THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

*Offerings not specifically designated for the Church (including any checks with “Light of Service” or “LOS” in the memo line) are 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 **Jane Lloyd Fund**.*

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

God Be in My Head

Henry Walford Davies

✕ 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 of extravagant mercy, with hands outstretched
you have poured out
wonder and pleasure and delight,
goodness and beauty and bounty.**

**So take these offerings, we pray, as our witness against all
that is evil and ugly and impoverished,
trivial and wretched and tyrannical,
in our world and in ourselves —
that we, too, may be poured out for the world. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	<i>Old Testament, p. 839</i>
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 15:21-28	<i>New Testament, p. 20</i>
SERMON	“Persistence”	Pastor John A. Nelson
PASTORAL PRAYER		
⌘ HYMN #619	“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”	LAUDA ANIMA
BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN		
POSTLUDE	<i>Interlude from Water Music</i>	G.F. Handel



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.

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass line consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The lyrics are positioned below the treble staff.

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The treble staff features a series of chords and a melodic line that includes a half note G4. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

The third system shows the continuation of the musical piece. The treble staff has a melodic line with a half note G4. The bass line remains consistent. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

The fourth and final system of music concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a half note G4. The bass line ends with a half note G2. The lyrics are positioned below the treble staff.

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Come, Ye Disconsolate

WORDS: (st. 1-2): Thomas Moore (1816, rev. 1824); (st. 3): Thomas Hastings (1832)

TUNE: CONSOLATOR (Webbe)

1. Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,
2. Joy of the de - so - late, light of the stray - ing,
3. Here see the Bread of Life, see wa - ters flow - ing

Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - boye.

Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
Here speaks the Com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing,
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
"Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
Earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ushers: Allison Grey and Deborah Moore

Reader: Emily Elliot • *Deacon:* Theresa Carroll

Fellowship time hosts: Dean Haubrich and Theresa Carroll

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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

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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 the people of Syria — living with immense suffering due to the long-lasting war, catastrophic economic downturn, and political turmoil — and for mission partners, Forum for Development, Culture, and Dialogue, the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon, and the Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East.

Ellen Groves, further surgery and recovery for a broken neck, and her family • Carl Morner, hospitalized with atrial fibrillation while recovering from lung surgery, and his family.

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 — Peter Kiernan, 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, 20 AUGUST

10AM Worship
*followed by fellowship & refreshments
in the Parish Hall*
11:30AM Board of Trustees

MONDAY, 21 AUGUST

9:15AM Centering Prayer (via Zoom)
11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

TUESDAY, 22 AUGUST

6:30PM Tai Chi class

WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST

11AM Chapel service at Noble Horizons
12:30PM Staff Meeting

... and mark your calendars:

Friday, 2 September

12noon: *First Friday Music in the Meeting House*

Sunday, 17 September

morning: *Welcome Back & Sunday School kick-off*

afternoon: *auditions for Butterfingers Angel*



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