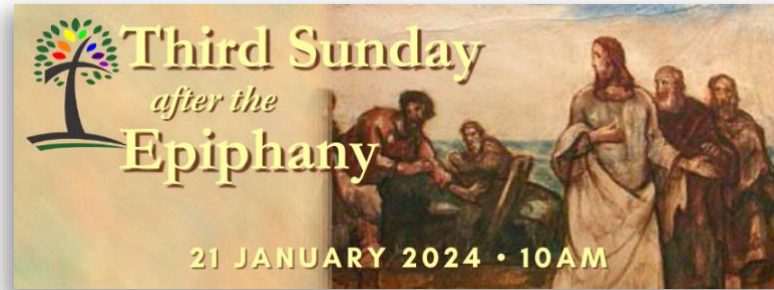


# The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



## PRELUDE

*Impromptu opus 90 no. 2 in G flat*

Franz Schubert

## WELCOME

✘ **HYMN #725**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

NYLAND

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

## CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The Word of God came,

**ALL: offering healing and hope for all people.**

the Word of God comes,

**calling us out of our comfort zones,**

**to go where grace is needed most.**

The Word of God will come,

**gathering all the outsiders and insiders into the community of *shalom*:**

**wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy.**

## RESPONSE IN SONG

“Lead Me, Guide Me”



Lead me, guide me a-long the way; For if You lead me, I can-not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with Thee: lead me, O Lord, lead me.

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Now is the appointed time. Pour out your hearts to God, bringing those harmful words you spoke, the chances to help that you turned away from, and the foolish choices of your lives. Offer them to God who longs to hear us, trusting that the Holy One will forgive us.

## UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

**Our comfortable lives convince us we do not need to follow Jesus, Steadfast God. Our work provides for our wants, so we forget our need for your grace. We love our independence and forget our need for your community. Our wariness of discord and division makes us forget our need to share your grace with others.**

**Forgive us for dragging our feet as Jesus' disciples, Compassionate God. May we get up from our comfort zones and step out in faith. May we go to uncomfortable places to bring hope. May we proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that your kin-dom of love is near, brought by Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior.**

*(We pray in silence)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now, after we confess, we hear the good news proclaimed: God hears our words, God sees our changed hearts, God pours out steadfast, forgiving love upon us!

**We will trust in God, in whom our salvation rests. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

## RESPONSE IN SONG

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

## RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 62:5-12

ONE: Find comfort, O my soul, in God alone,

**ALL: For my hope comes from the Most High.**

God alone is my rock and my deliverance,  
my safe harbor;

**I shall not be distressed.**

My life and my significance depend upon God,

**Who is my mighty rock, my refuge.**

Trust in the Holy One at all times, O people;  
Pour out your hearts to the Most High;

**God is our refuge.**

Humans are but a breath;  
Those of high estate are a delusion;

**Placed on a scale together,  
They are lighter than a breath.**

Do not trust in violence;  
Place no vain hopes in coercion;  
**If force bears fruit, if wealth increases,  
Pay it no mind.**

One thing God has spoken;  
Two things have I heard:  
**You, O God, are Strength,  
And Your love is unshakable, O Holy One.**

You reward with peace,  
**All who have sought peace.**

## **A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS**

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

*Hymnal, p. 35*

✠ **HYMN #170**

**"You Walk Along Our Shoreline"**

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

## **OFFERTORY**

ONE: "Come and follow." Jesus calls us to compassion: freely given to each and all. To hospitality: where Christians keep drawing wider their circles of neighbors and friends. To love: feeding the hungry and housing the homeless and sitting beside those who are hurt or lonely. Let God's generosity inspire your generosity, and let all your giving be filled with praise.

**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**

MLK

Bono

*Sleep  
Sleep tonight  
And may your dreams  
Be realized  
If the thundercloud  
Passes rain  
So let it rain  
Rain down on him  
So let it be*

*Sleep  
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Let it rain  
Rain on him*

✠ **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 these gifts we offer show we recognize your claim upon us, Holy God. Use them so that your grace, your love, and your hope may be shared with anyone who needs them. We ask in Jesus’ name: Amen.**

**MODERN TESTIMONY**

Jackson Burnett

**ANCIENT TESTIMONY**

Mark 1:14-20

*New Testament, p. 42*

**SERMON**

“I Will Make You ...”

Pastor John A. Nelson

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

✠ **HYMN** (*insert*)

“Sign Up, Sign Up for Church Work”

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**BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata in e minor*

Johann Pachelbel

# O Jesus, I Have Promised 725

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (G) (C)  
 E<sup>b</sup> Cm7 A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 O let me feel you near me! The world is ev - er near:  
 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

(C) (Am7) (Dm) (G) (C) (G7) (C)  
 E<sup>b</sup> Cm7 Fm B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>

be now and al - ways near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

(Am) (D) (G) (F) (G)  
 Cm F B<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

(C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)  
 E<sup>b</sup> Cm7 A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> Fm B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, draw still near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, true guard - ian of my soul.  
 now give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This hymn written by an Anglican clergyman for the confirmation of his children in Victorian times appears here in updated language that may help to make its challenging commitments more immediate. The tune is named for the province in Finland from which it comes.

TEXT: John Ernest Bode, 1866, alt.

MUSIC: Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans, 1927  
 Music Adapt. and Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

NYLAND

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(alternate tune: ANGEL'S STORY, 724)

# You Walk along Our Shoreline 170

1 You walk a - long our shore-line where land meets un-known sea.  
2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo-ple of the earth.  
3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;

We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.  
We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.  
we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.

And if you still will fol-low through storm and wave and shoal,  
We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,  
You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh-ters and God's sons,

then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu-man soul."  
our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.  
to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

Based on Jesus' calling of the disciples (Matthew 4:18–22/Mark 1:16–20/Luke 5:4–11), this hymn notes that their mode of fishing involved nets requiring the participation of more than one person. Likewise, in our work of love and justice we are called to bear witness in community.

1. Sign up, sign up for church work: now heed this ho - ly call,  
 2. Sign up, sign up for flo - wers, bring beau - ty to our church,  
 3. Sign up, sign up for cho - ir (es - pe - cially if you sing).  
 4. Sign up, sign up for Je - sus, Who gave his life for you.

to teach the lit - tle chil - dren, and staff Fall Fes - ti - val.  
 or join the Board of Dea - cons to help friends in the lurch.  
 And don't for - get re - fresh - ments, when it's your turn to bring.  
 There's time for con - tem - pla - tion, but now there's work to do.

We wel - come ev - ery sin - ner who in re - pen - tance kneels -  
 Read scrip - ture, serve com - mun - ion, ring bells or tend our land -  
 There's al - so Chris - tian Ac - tion, our neigh - bors for to tend.  
 We tend the sick or trou - bled, we wel - come old and young,

to vi - sit home - bound se - niors and bring them meals on wheels.  
 or if you're good with num - bers, Trus - tees could use a hand.  
 We have some fine church la - dies; we need a few good men.  
 we build be - lov'd co - mu - ni - ty, so that God's will be done!

## 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.

## Today's Worship Leaders

*Ushers: Deborah Moore, Kevin Wolgemuth*

*Reader and Deacon: Sue Morrill • Fellowship time hosts: Karin 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  
**Youth Group Leader:** Sarah Lesch  
**Youth Group Assistant:** Dan Baker

### Holding the Parts Together

**Administrative Assistant:** Loriann Chevremont  
**Sexton:** Richard Tietjen

**Church Officers:**  
Betsy Beck, *moderator*;  
Janet Offensend, *treasurer*; Jennifer Oberto, *clerk*

**Pastor and Teacher:** The Rev. Dr. John A. Nelson



## Occasions for Prayer

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 Thailand and for mission partners: the Church of Christ in Thailand  
• McGilvary College of Divinity.

### Continuing concerns:

Peace in Israel/Palestine, Armenia/Azerbaijan,  
Sudan, Ukraine

Margaret Haubrich, in memory care • Neighbors  
around the world recovering from catastrophic

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wildfires, floods, and hurricanes • all affected by  
gun violence, especially survivors, those tending to  
the traumatized, and those advocating for safety •  
neighbors who serve or live in war or in conflict  
zones around the world • for peacemakers.

For those in treatment for cancer — Peter (and  
Janet) • Deborah Lifton, Peter Kiernan, Jenny,  
David Douyea, Deborah Merwin — 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!

## This Week at Salisbury UCC

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### SUNDAY, 21 JANUARY

10AM Worship  
*followed by fellowship & refreshments  
in the Parish Hall*  
11:30AM Church Council meeting  
2:30PM Youth Group  
5PM Sunday Supper

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### MONDAY, 22 JANUARY

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

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### TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY

5:15PM Handbell Choir rehearsal

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### WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY

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

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### THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY

5:30PM Choir Rehearsal

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### FRIDAY, 26 JANUARY

8:45AM Men's Bible Study

# *Christian Action Winter Food Drive* **for The Corner Food Pantry**

*Let's restock the pantry shelves  
after a busy Christmas season!*

- Pick up a shopping bag at Church;
- Drop off your contributions anytime up to **January 28** (Mon-Fri, 8:30am-1:30pm, or on Sundays).



***Please Recycle this Bulletin!***



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