

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PRELUDE

Kleine Prelude and Fugue in F Major

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

HYMN

“Oh, the Sun’s Coming Up”

**Chorus: Cuz the Lord took my life
and filled it with their ever-loving light, ever-loving light.
Oh, the Lord took my life
and filled it with their ever-loving light.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God declares to each person:

I will change your name. You shall no longer be called:

MANY: Wounded. Outcast. Lonely. Afraid.

I will change your name. Your new name shall be:

Confidence, Joyfulness, Overcoming one.

I will change your name. Your new name shall be:

Faithfulness. Friend of God.

I will change your name. Your new name shall be:

One-who-seeks-my-face.

I will change your name. Your new name shall be:

Baptized, blessed, beloved!

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Weave”



Weave, weave, weave us to-gether. Weave us to-gether in u-ni-ty and love.



Weave, weave, weave us to-gether. Weave us to-gether, to-gether in love.

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

ONE: When we act out of fear:	ALL: O God, have mercy.
When we act to keep busy:	O God, have mercy.
When we act alone, despairing of your help mistrusting your gifts in our sisters and brothers:	O God, have mercy.
When we act without joy:	O God, have mercy.
For unripe actions, taken in our time, not yours:	forgive us, God.
For decisions made in haste without waiting on your word:	forgive us, God.
For our conviction that it all depends on us:	forgive us, God.
O God, give us your love,	which casts out our fear.
Give us patience,	to wait upon your time.
Give us joy,	the sign of your life with us.
Be our light, O God:	you are our salvation.

(We pray in silence)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God is the love that over and around us lies;
the grace that is totally unearned;
and the healing that makes the earth whole.

Thanks be to God! We are forgiven and made new: alleluia; amen!

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Weave”

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 8

ONE: My God, my God,
how wonderful you are!

ALL: There is nothing like you in the whole earth.

I look up to the skies, and I see you there;

Babies and infants open their mouths, and I hear them cry your name.

You have an aura that silences your enemies,

it keeps your opponents disarmed.

I look out into the universe, the infinite distances of creation,
sparkling with scattered diamonds,
and I feel so insignificant.

Why should you even notice me?

Why should you care about a mere mortal?

Yet you chose me to be your partner;

you have shared the secrets of the universe with me.

You have made me responsible for everything I see;

the whole world is mine to care for and praise –

the rocks and trees,

the birds and bees,

everything that exists in this wonderful world.

My God, my God, how wonderful you are!

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

Hymnal, p. 35

HYMN

“Pretty Jesus Loves Me / Amazing Grace”

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

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) will be given to an organization doing compassionate work that complements our church’s mission. This week, we share our gifts with the **Silver Lake Scholarship 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

Trio in g minor

Josef Rheinberger

✠ 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

**We bring our gifts to you, God. Here also is the work of our hands,
and here is the hope of our hearts. Accept them and use them, that
your realm of grace may increase. We ask in the name of Christ Jesus,
Love’s Own Self: Amen.**

COMMISSIONING OF SILVER LAKE SUMMER STAFF

ONE: Our friends gathered today have agreed to serve as Silver Lake Conference Summer Staff, taking the love of God to the hundreds of children and youth who come to this beautiful region seeking adventure, fellowship, and God’s presence. Each of these persons has been called by God, has accepted that call, and stands before us today to witness to their willingness to serve.

(To the Silver Lake Staff)

Beloved Children of God, you have answered God’s call to provide leadership and care to the children and youth who will come to Silver Lake this summer. Having

prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to give yourself to this task?

SILVER LAKE STAFF: I am, relying on God's grace and help.

Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, embodying the love of Christ?

SILVER LAKE STAFF: I do, relying on God's grace and help.

Members of the congregation, you have heard the promises of the Silver Lake Summer Staff who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.

CONGREGATION: We celebrate the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to keep you in our prayers, honor your leadership, and support your ministry.

Let us pray. Eternal God, you have called these persons to serve you in a ministry to generate wonder, transform lives, and send healing into the world. Send your Holy Spirit on these beloveds, each one stretching their own capacities to serve you with joy and faithfulness,. May their example prove worthy for us to follow, as we bind ourselves together in the ministry of Christ, Love's Own Self, to the glory of your name. Amen!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:26-34

New Testament, p. 47

REFLECTIONS FROM THE LAKE

Sara Capalbo
Emery Lewis

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

"If I Had a Hammer"

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Gigue Fuge

Dietrich Buxtehude



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: Janet Kaufman, Anne Williams
Reader: Anne Williams • Deacon: Theresa Carroll
Fellowship time host: Emily Elliot*

Psalm quoted from *Everyday Psalms* (Wood Lake Books); used by permission.

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

Church Administrator: Jennifer Oberto
Sexton: Richard Tietjen

Church Officers: Charlie Noyes, *moderator*;
Janet Offensend, *treasurer*; Liz Wing, *clerk*

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

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 the Philippines and for mission
partners: United Church of Christ in the
Philippines • Union Theological Seminary •
Southern Christian College • Silliman University •
Dansalan College Foundation.

Prayers for the Youth Workcamp, leaving today
for a week of service in Camden, NY.

Continuing concerns:

Stephanie, with liver cancer, and her husband
Brent, her caregiver, recovering from knee
surgery • David Chamberlain, recovering from

bypass surgery • Margaret Haubrich • Fr. Danny
Lennox, family health crisis

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

In treatment for cancer — Deborah Moore • Peter
(and Janet) • Deborah Lifton, Peter Kiernan, Jenny,
David Douyea, Deborah Merwin — prayers for
healing and strength.

Family & Friends who have passed away

Ed Giles

We thank God for the gift of life, and pray for the
Spirit's strong presence with those 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, 23 JUNE

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

MONDAY, 24 JUNE

11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

TUESDAY, 25 JUNE

7pm Board of Religious Education
meeting (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE

9:15AM Centering Prayer (via Zoom)
12:30PM Staff Meeting
4PM Board of Deacons meeting

FRIDAY, 28 JUNE

8:45AM Men's Bible Study



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