



PRELUDE

“Adagio” from *Italian Concerto*

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

⊗ **HYMN #346**

“For the Healing of the Nations”
Verses 1, 2, & 4

ST. THOMAS

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

The first line of this text quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2). The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in this healing work.

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MUSIC: John Francis Wade, c. 1750; harm. *Hymns Ancient & Modern*, 1861
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ST. THOMAS (Wade)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Like empty jars, we have come to be filled.

ALL: Like unlit candles, we have come to have our spirits rekindled.

Like weary travelers, we have come to find rest.

Like friends drifted apart, we have come to be reconciled.

Like water into wine, we have come to be changed.

Let us claim who we are and whose we are ...

transformed by the presence of Jesus in our lives. Amen.

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.

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COMMUNITY PRAYER

O God, we thank you that Jesus has come among us — to show us a better way to live for You and to live with others. As we recall Jesus’ turning the water into wine at the wedding at Cana, we pray that we will let Jesus transform us. May we face our attitudes and behaviors that make us less than what you call us to be. May our hearts be changed. May we grow with Jesus during this Epiphany season of light. May we live with mercy and compassion toward all people. And may everything we do glorify you, for it is in Christ’s name and for Christ’s sake, we pray, Amen.

RESPONSE IN SONG**“Lead Me, Guide Me”****RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 36:5-10**

ONE: Your steadfast love, O Holy One, reaches to the heavens,

ALL: Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your graciousness is like the mighty mountains,

Your justice like the great deep;

You save humans and animals alike, O Holy One.

How cherished is Your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

They feast on the abundant fare of Your house,

And You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

From You springs forth the fountain of life;

By Your light we see light.

Maintain Your faithful care for those devoted to You,
And lavish Your blessings upon those who trust in You.

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

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

Hymnal, p. 35

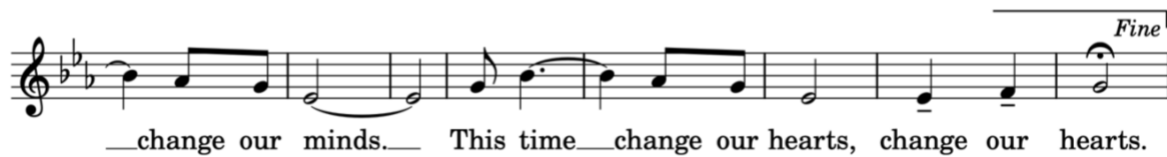
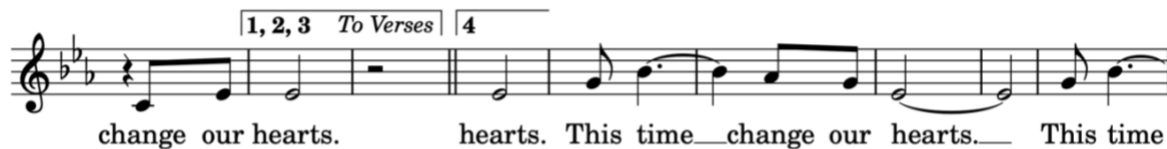
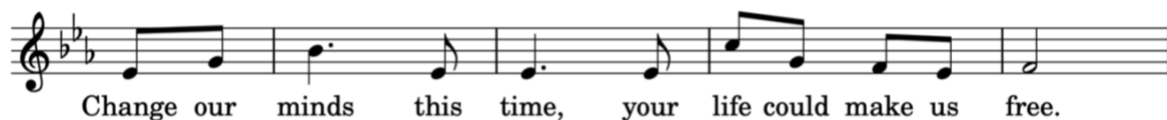
✕ **HYMN** (*insert*)

“Change Our Hearts”

Rory Cooney

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

Refrain — Sung by Congregation



Verses — *Sung by Choir*



1. Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams, one foot in par - a - dise,
2. Now as we watch you stretch out your hands, off-'ring a - bun - dan - ces,
3. Show us the way that leads to your side, o - ver the moun - tains and



one in the waste;— drawn by your prom - is - es,— still we are
full - ness of joy.—— Your milk and hon - ey— seem dis - tant, un -
sands of the soul.—— Be for us man - na,—— wa - ter from



lured by the shad - ows and the chains we leave be - hind. But
-real, when— we have bread and wa - ter in our hands. But
stone,—— light which says we nev - er walk a - lone. And

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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 **Feel the Warmth Community Supper**, a ministry of nOURish BRIDGEPORT, Inc.*

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.

ANTHEM*Ubi Caritas*

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
 Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
 Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
 Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
 Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
 Amen.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
 Christ's love has gathered us into one.
 Let us rejoice and be pleased in Christ.
 Let us fear, and let us revere the living God.
 And love each other with a sincere heart.
 Amen.*

✠ **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 offer these gifts, Gracious God, and pray: let them reach
 neighbors in need; neighbors who hurt; neighbors who want hope.
 Bless us, that our intentions to do your work and your will may grow,
 carrying your extravagant healing, hope, and joy to your world. In the
 name of Jesus, who poured himself out for us and for all people, we
 pray: Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 62:2-4a
 John 2:1-11

*Old Testament, p. 847
 New Testament, p. 113*

SERMON

“What Kind of Wine
 Do You Want to Be?”

The Rev. Sara D. Smith

PASTORAL PRAYER

✕ **HYMN:** “You Are Salt for the Earth, O People”

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM



1. You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the reign of God!
2. You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the Cit-y of God!
3. You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the reign of God!



Share the fla-vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the reign of mer - cy, bring forth the reign of peace;



Bring forth the reign of ju - tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

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BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten

J.S. Bach



Welcome to Church!

Gathered in 1744, the Congregational Church of Salisbury is an Open and Affirming member of the United Church of Christ, in a “net zero” building powered by clean energy. Our church 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: Deborah Moore & Kevin Wolgemuth
Reader: Lorna Edmundson • Deacon: Pat Palmer
Fellowship time hosts: Bev Kimmel*

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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
Sunday School Assistant: Stephanie 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 Japan and for our mission partners: J.F. Oberlin University • Emmaus Center • Asian Rural Institute • United Church of Christ in Japan • Tohoku Gakuin University • National Christian Council in Japan • Miyagi Gakuin Women's University • Korean Christian Church in Japan • Kobe College • Doshisha University.

Continuing concerns:

David Stoneman (uncle of Jenn Oberto), in hospice care • Jenn Kronholm-Clark's father, now in hospice care.

Alice Kent, now out of intensive care • Sharon Tingley

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

Thanksgiving for church leaders:

Board of Deacons: Sue Morrill, Barbara Collins, Theresa Carroll, Tony Good, Don Mayland, David Heck, Patricia Palmer

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, 16 MARCH

- 10AM Worship and Sunday School
*followed by fellowship & refreshments
in the Parish Hall*
- 11:30AM Board of Trustees meeting
Parish Hall Library

MONDAY, 17 MARCH

- 11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH

- 9:15AM Centering Prayer (via Zoom)
12:15PM Staff Meeting
4PM Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY, 20 MARCH

- 11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club
5:30PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, 21 MARCH

- 8:45AM Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY, 23 MARCH

- 10AM Worship and Sunday School



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