

July 24, 2016
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: Allemande from *Suite #1* J.S. Bach
Mary Costanza, cello

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** *Seek Ye First* (insert)
(Sopranos are invited to sing descant on third verse.)

Welcome

Congregational Introit: *God is So Good* (insert)
(First verse sung twice by all)

Call to Worship

One: God is eager to restore us to right relationships.
The Creator is waiting to claim us now as God's own.

All: We have come to meet the God who welcomes us. We have gathered to experience God's steadfast love.

One: Listen, for God will speak to those who want to hear. Turn your hearts toward the one who saves.

All: We bow down to receive God's mercy. We open ourselves to the source of peace.

One: God will answer us and will give what is good.
God restores us to faithfulness and righteousness.

All: We come asking, searching, and knocking. We seek the good gifts only God can provide.

One: Come let us worship together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Living God, we come as your children to be reclaimed and blessed. We need the inner strength that comes to us through worship. All week long we have wrestled with emptiness and deceit on every hand. Take away the noisy clamor that would make us captives of human traditions. Turn us toward the source of our salvation, toward your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O God, bring your evil to awareness so we can address it and be rid of its burden. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sin. Turn us away from false pride and violence, from lies and harness of heart. Erase the record that stands against us. Restore us to a right relationship with you and with those from whom we are alienated. Grant us also the capacity to extend forgiveness to all who have wronged us. Have pity on us now, O, God.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Love

***Gloria Patri:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 138

(Page 709 HS in the pew bible)

New Testament Reading – Colossians 2:6-15

(Page 245 HS in the pew bible)

***Hymn:** *God Is So Good* (insert) (as written, all verses)

Offering of Gifts

Musical Offering: *Arioso* J.S. Bach
Mary Costanza, cello

***Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

New Testament Reading – Luke 11:1-13

(Page 88 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "You! Can Do It"

Jack Bowman, DMA

**Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer and,
Lord's Prayer Response: Our Father** (insert)

***Hymn: #290** *Jesus Thou Joy Of Loving Hearts*

Benediction

Response: *God is so Good* (insert)

(First Verse sung twice by all)

Postlude: *Après un Rêve* Gabriel Fauré
Mary Costanza, cello

(This postlude has been selected to enhance our service about prayer. You are invited to remain seated in an attitude of prayer and to refrain from applause at the end.)

(* Please stand if able)

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. Our host today is Jennifer Weigel.

This morning we welcome cellist Mary Costanza who is well known in the area as a premiere soloist, teacher, and principal cellist in the Salisbury Sinfonietta.

Our ushers today are Stephanie Tierney & Kathy Mera.
Our Lay Reader today is Sarah Zarbock.

Hearing Assist Devices are available in the narthex.

Prayer List

Lynne Kronholm, Paul McAbee, Arden Godshall, Rosanne Lamson, John Merwin, Jack Ritchie, Mark Lundeen, Dan Rashkoff, Jose Luis Marti, Kay & Stan Norman, Shirley Rogers, Jane Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellogg, Barbara Jacqueline, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Rosie Bell, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Ben & the Godfrey Family, Brenda, Joe and the family & friends of Rosie Bell.

Pastor Diane will be on sabbatical leave from June 13th through August 13th. For pastoral emergencies please contact Sarah Zarbock (860) 435-8139 or call the church office (860) 435-2442. Thank you.

Jack Bowman is our Minister of Music/Organist at Salisbury Congregational Church. In addition to his career in higher education administration, he has served protestant churches for over forty years. He is the founder of the Salisbury Sinfonietta, now incorporated and beginning a second season with exciting new programs and board of directors.

The front cover is the Lord's Prayer in Arabic lettering on a wall hanging in Amistad Chapel at the United Church of Christ National Offices in Cleveland, Ohio.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday 7 pm Jazz Group Rehearsal
 Thursday Office Closed
 7 pm Faith Discussions in the Parish Hall

OPPORTUNITIES

TIME FOR MINDFULNESS BEFORE WORSHIP

A group gathers on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 am in the Parish Hall for meditation prior to the worship service. Open to all!

FAITH TALK

Kevin Wolgemuth leads an informal discussion about faith on Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:00 pm. No previous experience necessary! Childcare/ babysitting will be made available if you contact Kevin two days in advance. k.wolgemuth@yahoo.com

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR AND FLOWERS.

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