



Salisbury United Church
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Epiphany 03



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 singing out God's praises and glory,
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Welcome & Announcements

Acknowledgement of Territory

Hymn Medley

Dance With the Spirit; #156MV

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
 walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
 Work and hope for the new life a bornin',
 listen to the Spirit to show you the way.



I, the Lord of Sea and Sky; #509VU, vs. 1 & 3

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
 I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? (R)

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
 I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (R)

Oh a Song Must Rise; #142MV, verse 1

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 singing out God's praises and glory,
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From the mountains to the valleys, from the desert to the sea,
 a song must rise once again.
 From the voices of our leaders, the voice of you and me,
 a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Call to Worship

The invitation is given to every one of us by Jesus Christ:
 "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**We come to this place, to this time,
 at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

In the name of Christ,
we accept the invitation to discipleship.

In the name of Christ,
as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,
we proclaim the God of Compassion.

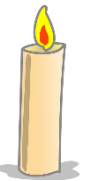
In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up
 whole lives, whole peoples,
we proclaim the God of Hope.

In the midst of indifference and apathy,
we proclaim the God of Love.

Come, let us worship together,
and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Let us proclaim the presence of the light of Christ together:
**The light of Christ is with us, between us and all around us.
 Thanks be to God.**



Passing of the Peace

Let us greet each other with a sign of the conditions
 under which we are here today:

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

As we gather ourselves together once again, let us prepare to
 continue our worship as we join our hearts together and pray.

Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King; #213VU vs 1, 2 & 4

Rejoice the Lord is King!
 Your risen Lord adore!
 Rejoice, give thanks and sing
 and triumph evermore. (R)

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our sins,
he took his seat above. (R)

Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the judge, shall come
to glorify the saints
for their eternal home. (R)



Opening Prayer

God, creator of all,
in your love, you have made each one of us.
In your grace, you gather us together in your image.
In your mercy, you make us restless until we find our rest in you.
Disturb us in our contentment,
distract us from our comforts
deter us from our conflicts
until your kingdom comes and your will is done. Amen

Hymn: Dear God Who Loves All Humankind; #608VU vs 1, 2 & 5

Dear God, who loves all humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up, and follow thee.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire:
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

Focus Scriptures: Matthew 4:12-23 (Common English Bible)

Sermon: Rev. Greg Powell

Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus; #626VU

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

Recognition of the Offering

Like the new song you put on our lips, we share what we can because
you put a new heart in our bodies and new spirit in our minds. Thanks
be to you God!

We Praise You, O God; #218VU

We Praise You, O God,
our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion
our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you;
we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name,
glad praises we sing.



We worship you, God
of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest,
companion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us,
you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise,
you walk by our side.

With voices united
our praises we offer
and gladly our songs
of thanksgiving we raise.

Our sins now confessing,
we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer,
forever be praise!

You have given us so much — and we often fail to remember that you are the source of all we have. Accept these gifts and use them to further your work in the world. We present not only our monetary offerings, O God, but ourselves. When you made us, you bestowed on each of us talents and gifts. With your help, we seek to channel our passions and use those gifts in your service and to your glory. Amen.

When we pray together in community, the concerns of each of us, spoken or unspoken, are shared by all of us. We continue our response to God by joining our hearts together in prayer.

Prayers for the Journey

God of light and love, we come with gratitude to this place of prayer. For family and friends and friends who are family, we offer you our thanks and praise. Especially do we thank you for those who show us your way through the light of their love. We offer our gratitude for our church family, present here for worship. And for those of our church family who worship from home, we ask for the comfort of your presence. In these moments of quietude, grant us the courage to so lose ourselves that we might truly find ourselves. Lead us in the way of truth that we might honestly see the gifts we have and then grant us the strength to share our gifts with others — without delay.

**God of all our moments, of our days and our nights,
you speak and you act in the world around us,
not only to call all people to you,
but also to direct and guide us in the way of
healing and wholeness.
Awaken us Lord, to hear what you would say to us.
Help us to open our ears, our eyes,
and our hearts to your presence.
Help us to know when it is your voice we are hearing
and when it is our prejudices and desires
to which we are paying heed....**

Lord, we pray that your church may rise up with renewed commitment in answer to your call, that your people may be instruments of your grace and love....

**We pray for those who consider themselves inadequate
and dismiss or avoid your calling in their lives.
Give them a new vision, a vision in which you are
their strength and their hope...**

We pray for those who, in answering your call,
must leave the known for the unknown,
the oasis for the desert, the comfortable for the uncertain.
Grant them courage and steadfast faith...

**We pray too, today, O Lord, for those in want and need –
for those of us and of the larger community
who suffer in body or in soul.
We remember them before you in the silence of our hearts...**

Loving God, bless us all with an abundant faith,
a fruitful ministry, a joyful life.

Might the light of your love so shine in our own lives that the dark times in the lives of others might be illuminated. And may this brilliance be a beacon of hope as evidenced by the life of your Son our Lord, Jesus the Christ, who taught us to say when we pray, each in the language of our hearts...

**Our Father
who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**



Saying goodbye to the Light of Christ

Let us go now,
knowing that the light of Christ can never really be put out.
The light goes with us into the world, and as a blessing,
and drifts like smoke toward all four directions.

(The light is extinguished)



The smoke rises like a blessing, until we meet again,
and can put a flame to the candle wick,
declaring that the light of Christ is with us,
between us and all around us.

Hymn: I Have Called You by Your Name; #161MV, VS 1, 2 & 4

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Blessing & Sending Forth

May the light of Christ guide you as you go forth from this place,
strengthened and renewed. May the light of Christ so shine in you and
all that you do that others will be inspired to seek the light of the love
of Christ, that his light might be theirs. Go in peace and serve the
Lord. Amen.

*May the Love of our God, rest upon your soul,
May God's love dwell in you throughout every day.*

*Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.*



Finance Corner

Update for January – November 2022

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income:	\$224,933.18	\$218,775.15
Expense:	<u>\$218,312.87</u>	<u>\$212,874.69</u>
	<u>\$ 6,620.31</u>	<u>\$5,900.46</u>

Salisbury's financial position took a giant step forward in November thanks to the unwavering support of our members. The \$18,500 deficit reported in October improved to a small surplus by the end of November. However, we've collected about \$12,300 Mission & Service funds that have yet to be transferred to the national church, so we're still actually about \$11,600 in the red to the end of November with one month to go in 2022. Thanks for helping to ensure we finish the year in the black. We're on the right track!

Thank you for doing what you can to help!

If you need any help with giving envelopes (new supply, pick-up, etc.) or other giving options (Monthly giving through PAR, E-Transfers or donating online through Canada Helps on the Salisbury Website), please contact Receptionist at the Church Office.
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