



Salisbury United Church
January 29, 2023
Epiphany 04



Welcome & Announcements

Acknowledgement of Territory

Hymn Medley

What a Friend We Have in Jesus; #664VU, vs. 1 and 2

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Spirit, Open My Heart; #79MV, vs. 1 and 2

*Spirit open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. (R)

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. (R)



Great Is Thy Faithfulness; #288VU verse 1

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!*

Call to Worship

Who belongs in the household of God?

**Blameless people, who do what is right, who tell the truth,
who are loyal to friends and show integrity, these are God's
household.**

Who stands steadfast before God?

**People who treat neighbours with respect and kindness, who
keep their promises, and who refuse to profit by the losses of
others, these are God's household.**

Who reveals God's nature?

**We endeavour to represent God's way by the way we live our
lives, do our work and make our decisions. Let us worship God.**

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:

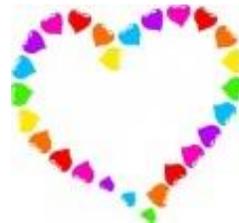
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

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

Hymn: I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me; #575VU

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord anytime!



I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Opening Prayer

God of galaxies and atoms, we bring our lives to you.
We are guilty of wasting life, misusing time,
being blind to the woes of the world,
ignoring the needs of our companions and friends,
but we carry a deep longing to belong to your household,
to serve you and to live with love.
Forgive, we pray, our failures;
fill us with your wisdom and your Spirit,
so that we may redirect our choices and actions to
follow the path set before us in Jesus, your own beloved child.
Empower us to become more like you,
attuned to you and ready to move to your will for justice,
kindness and humility, in the name of Jesus. Amen.



Hymn: I am the light of the world; #87VU verses 1, 2 and 3

*'I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.*

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun: (R)

To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above! (R)

To free the prisoner from all chains,
to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
to see God's children everywhere! (R)

Focus Scriptures: Jonah 1, 3:1-5 & 10

Sermon: Rev. Shannon Mang

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision; #642VU verses 1, 2 and 5

Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Great God of heaven, after victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Recognition of the Offering

One way in which we can share Wisdom in God's world is through sharing our resources. There is an enormous treasure in our hands, not because we are rich, but because we have enough to share with each other. Let us worship God with our offerings.

We Praise You, O God; #218VU, verses 1 and 3

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.

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!



Gracious God, bless these gifts, those given through PAR, and those we give at other times. Use them as you will, for your work. 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

We thank you, God, for all the blessings you pour out upon us. We admit that we do not always recognize your blessings, for some are accompanied by pain or sadness or a sense of loss. Some of your blessings are seen by us as challenges or suffering especially when we forget that you are the greatest blessing of all.

We thank you for victory and for defeat, for both remind us that we are yours. We thank you for sorrow as well as joy, for you walk with us in every step we take. We thank you for the darkness that washes over us in grief and in stillness for you call to us in such times with the yearning for justice, with the capacity for kindness and steadfast compassion, and with the humility to remember that we are the substance of earth, and even supremely funny, since we are made of grit and ground.

We thank you that there are countless blessings wrapped in every circumstance that we might see as tragic, or frightening, or lonely, or damaging, for you never leave us to walk alone or unsupported.

We thank you for the amazing support of others, and the blessing that we can uphold each other in this crazy and awesome experience of living. We are especially grateful for the people we love, and who love us, no matter what events occur, or what paths open before us.

We thank you for the touch of friends, the healing of bodies, the wholeness of spirit and energy, and all that life offers to us. Let your justice bring to all nations the means to survive and to thrive, to bring peace and harmony to your world. Let humility flourish so that, instead of seeking power and authority, we seek laughter and good will, joy and hope, to share in the world. And let us cherish the Spirit of unlimited love that we see in Jesus in ourselves, each other, our communities and our nations, as we pray to you the prayer he still teaches us, 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: Walk With Me; #649VU

*Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.*

When Moses heard the call of God he said, 'Lord, don't send me.'
But God told Moses, 'You're the one to set my people free.' (R)

Now Peter was a most unlikely man to lead the flock;
but Jesus knew his holiness and he became the Rock. (R)

Young Mary Magdalene was sure her life could be much more,
and by her faith she dared to let God's love unlock the door. (R)

And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new,
the witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you. (R)

Blessing & Sending Forth

Go now into God's world, to be blessed and to be blessings, carrying God's Wisdom as food for the minds, hearts and souls of starving nations.

Go in the name and love of God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, who is with us always. 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.*



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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.
Phone: 780-467-7310

