



Salisbury United Church
May 3, 2026
Welcome to Worship!



Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Hymn Medley:

Open Our Hearts; #21MV

Open our hearts, open our minds.
 Open our lives to you O loving God. (2X)

Open our hearts.

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face; #459VU, vv. 1-3

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
 here would I touch and handle things unseen;
 here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
 and all my weariness upon you lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God;
 here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
 here would I lay aside each earthly load;
 here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
 this is the heavenly table for me spread;
 here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
 the fellowship of living wine and bread.

Dance With the Spirit; #156MV (walk, pray, serve)

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.

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
 pray 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.

(continued...)



Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
 serve 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.

Call to Prayer: *(all remain standing)*

In the Easter newness and resurrection of this season,
there is hope.

In the Easter freedom and joy of this season,
there is liberation.

In the Easter alleluias and amens of this season,
there is grace.

Christ is risen.

Alleluia.

Christ is risen indeed.

Alleluia and Amen.

(Source: Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services, pg. 192)

We Welcome Each Other In:

(We greet each other with open hands of hospitality before sitting down)

Welcoming the Light of Christ:

Let us proclaim the welcoming presence
 of the light of Christ together:

**The light of Christ is with us,
 between us and all around us.**

Thanks be to God.



(The Christ candle is lit)

We Pause for Peace: *(a time of silence)*

Take a moment to take a breath.
 Hold peace in your mind and heart,
 peace for yourself and peace for the world.
 Take another breath and keep the word "peace" before you now.

(a time of silence)

May the peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you!



Opening Prayer:

O God, you are the source of all our hope.

**In the times when we confront despair that deadens,
you come alive!**

In the times we refuse to bend to injustice,
you come alive!

**In the times we choose to bear pain
to keep our conscience clear,
you come alive!**

In the times we glimpse the willingness of a faithful community
to break bread joyfully in your name, you come alive!

**Living God, through prayer and the practice of the open table of
communion, we come in readiness to receive you once again in
our midst.**

Come and be among us now and fill us with your abundant grace, we
pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

(Source: Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services, pg. 198)

Nursery Rhyme Time: Jesus Is Our Shepherd

Jesus loves us, every one, every one, every one,
Jesus loves us, every one, He calls us each by name.

Every one is welcome here, welcome here, welcome here,
Every one is welcome here, Beneath his caring wings.

Hymn: I Know Your Word; #108MV

I know your Word, your Word is a lamp to my feet, O God. (2x)
I know your word is a lamp, O God, to light my path forever. (2x)

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-14 (The Message)

Jesus said, "Don't let this rattle you. You trust God, don't you? Trust me. There is plenty of room for you in my Father's home. If that weren't so, would I have told you that I'm on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I'm on my way to get your room ready, I'll come back and get you so you can live where I live. And by-the-way, you already know the road I'm taking."

Thomas said, "Master, we have no idea where you're going. How do you expect us to know the road?"

Jesus said, "I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him. You've even seen him!"

Philip said, "Master, show us the Father; then we'll be content."



"You've been with me all this time, Philip, and you still don't understand? To see me is to see the Father. So how can you ask, 'Where is the Father?' Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you aren't mere words. I don't just make them up on my own. The Father who resides in me crafts each word into a divine act.

Jesus continued:

"Believe me: I am in my Father and my Father is in me. If you can't believe that, believe what you see—these works. The person who trusts me will not only do what I'm doing but even greater things. ... I am giving you the same work to do that I've been doing.

All: Acclamation

This is the Word of God.

Herein lies wisdom. Thanks be to God!

Salisbury Singers: A Place at the Table; #23TLUS (chorus)

*Who has a place at the table?
Who has the right to be free?*

*Who has a place at the table?
Who has the right to be free?*

Meditation: Rev. Britt Aerhart

Hymn: We Will Take What You Offer; #196MV (*fed, led, sent*)

We will take what you offer, we will live by your word;
we will love one another and be *fed* by you, Lord.
We will take what you offer, we will live by your word;
we will love one another and be *fed* by you, Lord.

We will take what you offer, we will live by your word;
we will love one another and be *led* by you, Lord.
We will take what you offer, we will live by your word;
we will love one another and be *led* by you, Lord.

We will take what you offer, we will live by your word;
we will love one another and be *sent* by you, Lord.
We will take what you offer, we will live by your word;
we will love one another and be *sent* by you, Lord.

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We will love one another and be **fed** by you, Lord.
We will love one another and be **led** by you, Lord.
We will love one another and be **sent** by you, Lord.

Recognition of Offering:

O God, this is our offering of time, talent and treasure.
May these gifts be used with wisdom and justice
in the church and throughout the world.



Sacrament of Communion

Invitation:

The sacrament of communion reminds us of
our longing for a day when all humanity will be
healed and made whole within creation.

**We join with all those who came before us
who were sustained by this longing.**

We invite all those with us today who share in
that longing to participate in the sacrament of
communion.

**We will continue to long for the well-being
and wholeness of the earth until the day comes when time
runs out and all of creation is healed and made new.**



Hymn: There Is Room for All; #62MV

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing,
There is room for all sheltered in God's love,
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and
my rock in whom I trust,"
There is room for all, there is room for all!

(repeat several times)

Prayer Before Sharing:

Let us open our hearts.
Let us lift them up in thanksgiving.
Let us turn to God in prayer.
God's Spirit is here among us.
Let the heavens be joyful!
Let the earth be glad!

Holy God, gathered around your table of grace, you remind us to
give thanks for all creation's glories: earth and grain,
summer and snow, seedtime and harvest,
and for the labour of many hands

and the science of many skills
applied to these sacred simplicities
laid out on your table in this sacred place.

**Bread and wine remind us to give thanks for your
epiphany in Jesus Christ, your self-revelation offered up
in flesh and blood, in life and death.**

For Creation's glories and Christ's surrender of himself to love,
receive our gladness and gratitude.

**Bread and wine remind us of a body given,
a life sacrificed, of evil briefly triumphant and goodness
eternally prevailing.**

The sacrament of communion points us to enduring words
chiselled across time and in our hearts:

"This is my body."

"This is my blood."

"Whenever you come together, do this in memory of me."

**Bread and wine remind us of our cry for your indwelling Spirit
to visit us and pervade our lives and world.**

We pray that these earthly things might become for us the
sustenance of heaven, and that this community of faith might be
renewed as the body of Christ.

**Bread and wine also remind us of the whole earth
bent and aching in toil or slavery, pain or grief,
hunger not satisfied, thirst not considered,
life not fulfilled.**

O God of supper and satisfaction
equip us in this meal for the waiting, wanting world.
Bend our compassion to your peoples' needs.

Open our hearts to share our bread with broken lives.

Turn the pallid face of earth to burgundy with the outpouring of the
cup of grace over all.

**Now here we are, ready to become
tomorrow's bread and wine, broken and spilled out in
this moment at Your table.**

May we ourselves through this sacred meal become a sacrament
and a sacrifice, given and shared and lifted up,
our lives broken open and reshaped in communion with You and
all the earth.

And so we pray together, ...

**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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen**



Remembrance:

We remember that on a night when he gathered for his last meal with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it, and shared it with those he loved, saying:

“This is the bread of life, broken for you.”

(The bread is broken)

Jesus also took wine, poured it into a cup, and shared the cup with his friends, saying:

“This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many.”

(The cup is filled)

The bread which we break is our sharing in the body of Christ.
The cup which we bless is our sharing in the life of Christ.
**May these gifts of creation bless our lives and become
peace and joy for our souls.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup:

“The gifts of God for the people of God.”

Prayer After Sharing:

**For the bread we have broken,
For the cup we have shared,
For the life we have received,
we give thanks O God.**



**Grant that what we have done
may so settle into the shape of our lives,
that it remains always in our hearts.**

May we who, taken together, become Christ's body,
live his risen life.

**May we who are enlivened by this sacrament,
bring life to others.**

May we who the Spirit enlightens, illuminate God's grace in the world.

Amen.

Saying Goodbye to the Light of Christ:

May the light of Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

May the light of Christ be with those we love.

May it be so!

May the light of Christ be with those we do not know well.

May it be so!

May the light of Christ be with those we do not get along with.

May it be so!

May the light of Christ be with the earth and all creatures in creation.

May it be so!

(the light is extinguished)

The light moves now as sacred smoke
toward all four directions of the world.

**May all people dwell in the light of
God's kindness and love. Amen!**



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!

Blessing:

Let the last word you take with you today be a word of blessing. May the goodness of God dwell in you and among you, showing you how to live together with respect and generosity as we grow in the strength of God's spirit within you. Amen.



Sung Blessing: May the Love of the Lord; #218MV

*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, Amen, Amen.*

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MEDITATION CIRCLE - EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 10AM



Meditation Circle, held Wednesdays at 10am, continues in-person in the church meditation room and **online!** Find details on our website (salisburyunited.ca) under the "Weekly Meditation Circle" section on the main page. **Please note that Meditation Circle will not be meeting on May 6th or 13th while Rev. Britt is away.**

INTERFAITH FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE OF STRATHCONA COUNTY MOVIE SCREENING

May 6th @ 7pm in the Sanctuary

The Interfaith Friendship Circle of Strathcona County invites you to a FREE showing of "Mission: Joy,

Finding Happiness in Troubled Times" on Wednesday, May 6th at 7pm in the sanctuary. The film shares the humor and wisdom of two of the world's most beloved icons, His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu who show the world how to live with JOY, even in troubled times.



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RECOGNIZING RED DRESS DAY & MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN DAY - Sunday, May 10th

Red Dress Day is May 5th in Canada, so we will be recognizing that day during our service on **Sunday, May 10th**. We invite you to wear something red to church that day.

Those who have Moose Hide pins are also invited to wear them on the 10th in recognition of the annual Moose Hide Campaign Day, which is May 14th this year.

INVITATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

Spring is a great time to consider arranging for a transfer of your community of faith membership to Salisbury United Church if you are moving from another United Church or if you were part of a community of faith in another denomination. Speak to Rev. Britt about what might be needed to receive you into the membership registry of this congregation. **We welcome you with open arms!**



Finance Corner

As of the end of March, 2026, our offering status for 2026 is:

| Offerings for | Actual | Budget | Difference |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Church Operations: | \$24,072.90 | \$21,924.00 | \$2,148.90 |
| M&S Offerings: | \$3,595.00 | \$3,987.01 | (\$392.01) |

To the end of March, Offerings for day-to-day operation of the church are above budget at 25% of our goal for 2026, while M&S Fund donations are lagging a little, having reached 21% of our goal for 2026. Other inflows like rent are proceeding normally with no large unbudgeted expenses on the horizon.

Remember, if you donate through PAR (pre-authorized remittance), please review your monthly contributions for the new year to ensure we keep ahead of inflation and increased Property expenses. Contact the church office with any revisions.

As we look forward to our annual Spring Renewal Congregational Meeting in May, we thank you for your continued financial support.

If you need any help with giving envelopes – new supply, pick-up, etc. – or other giving options (monthly giving through PAR, e-transfer or donating online through Canada Helps on the Salisbury Website), please contact: Brittany at the Church Office.

Phone: 780-467-7310

