



**Salisbury United Church**  
**November 20, 2022**  
**A Season of Remembrance**  
**Part 3 of 3**



**Welcome & Announcements**

**Acknowledgement of Territory**

**Hymn Medley:**

Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love; #574VU, vs. 1&4

Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,  
tender and true, tender and true,  
out of the heart of the Father above,  
streaming to me and to you:  
wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!  
Come and abide, come and abide,  
lifting my life till it rises above  
envy and falsehood and pride:  
seeking to be, seeking to be  
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

Rise Up, Rise Up; #130MV

Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.  
Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.  
Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.  
Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.

Come Let Us Sing; #222VU

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,  
we have stood silently too long;  
surely the Lord deserves our praise,  
so joyfully thank God for our days.

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;  
God's living waters will never fail.  
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,  
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

You dwell among us and cause us to pray,  
and walk with each other following your way;  
our precious brothers and sisters will grow  
in the fulfilling love they know.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains  
shall sing to the desire of all living things.  
Come, all you creatures, high and low;  
let your praises endlessly flow.

**Call To Prayer:**

God reigns.

**Let hearts be glad.**

God's love outlasts all human regimes of power.

**Let souls rejoice.**

God's Way endures when empires fail and fall.

**Let voices sing in praise and whisper in prayer.**

Let us gather in worship, heart, soul and voice, this day.

**Lighting Of the Christ Candle:** *(everyone lights their at-home candles)*

Let us proclaim the presence of the Light of Christ together:

*(Christ Candle is lit.)*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Passing the Peace:** *(said with hands over our hearts)*

May the peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**



**Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer:**

O God of Wisdom, whose way guides the earth  
and oversees the affairs of people, how foolish we have been.  
There have been times we thought we knew it all -- but did not.  
There have been times when we have been so assured  
that we knew best but did not ...  
when we charged ahead, only to find we could not even govern  
ourselves, let alone tell others what to do.

And so we come, seeking a truth greater than our own sense of human genius, praying together saying...

### **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.**



**Hymn:** Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New; #115MV

Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
beginning with you and starting from today.  
Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

### **Discovery Time**

**Hymn:** The Kingdom of God is Justice & Peace; #146MV

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 137, NRSV



**Salisbury Singers:** By the Rivers of Babylon

By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down  
Yeah, we wept, when we remembered Zion  
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Yeah, we wept, when we remembered Zion

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 137, Psalms for Today, James Taylor



**Sermon:** "I Cannot Pretend to Belong to This Place."

**Hymn:** My Soul Cries Out; #120MV, vs 1,3,4

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,

and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn? (R)  
*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near  
and the world is about to turn.*

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. (R)

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. (R)

### **Recognition of Offering:**

Here is the work of our hands.  
Here is the love of our hearts.  
Here is our desire to make a better world.  
Bless our offering and send your spirit upon it  
so that our gifts may join the gifts of all your church  
to help your kingdom come. Amen.



### **Prayers for the Journey**

Jesus, Christ of God,  
**reign in our hearts alone.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you who shunned the heights of power  
and demanded neither a throne nor the bended knee  
from those around you,  
we give you thanks that you reign through love  
as the power that embraces the world with mercy and hope.

Thank you for revealing that to trust is wisdom,  
to forgive is the best way to deal with enemies,  
and to serve is the best way to heal and lead.  
We pray that, through the grace of your kingdom come,  
each beloved creature and citizen will know  
safety and satisfaction in their homes.  
Let the vision of your peaceable kingdom take root in our hearts,  
bringing healing to families and communities,  
and in every place wounded by violence or destruction.

Jesus, Christ of God,  
**reign in our hearts alone.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
We give you thanks for reaching out to those on the margins  
and those others shunned,  
so that each one knew they belonged in your kingdom.  
We pray for those who face discrimination or insecurity in our  
communities,  
longing for respect and a change to thrive.  
Teach us how to live differently as neighbours,  
to acknowledge and work with others we've never worked with  
before.  
Lead us by your Spirit  
to share in your work of mending the world.

Jesus, Christ of God,  
**reign in our hearts alone.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Thank you for enduring the pain and suffering, the violence of the  
cross, and the emptiness of the tomb,  
to show us there is life beyond death through your resurrecting love.  
We pray for those who are grieving a loss this day,  
the loss of someone beloved,  
the loss of love or hope or trust,  
the loss of opportunity or security or future plans.

*(Keep silence for 15-20 seconds.)*

Be present with all who the sadness and disruption of a loss,  
and bring each one comfort and courage.

Jesus, Christ of God,

**reign in our hearts alone.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
This day we pray for all people of faith at work in the world,  
confronting the challenges and changes of these times.  
Unite us in this community of faith in witness and service,  
and encourage us when difficulties arise,  
for we are your people, committed to the unfolding of your reign  
among us,  
as we pray this prayer in the name of Jesus the Christ,  
and as all God's people say together:  
Amen

**Saying Goodbye to the Light of Christ:**

Let us go now,  
knowing that the light of Christ can never re  
The light goes with us into the world, and a  
and drifts like smoke toward all four directio  
*(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:** Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah; #651VU (Salisbury Singers  
come forward, congregation moves into a circle.)

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more,

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;

death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

**Blessing:** *(Salisbury Singers come forward to say the blessing with the Minister.)*

Christ's love in our souls,  
**Our love shared like his.**  
Christ's life in our hearts,  
**Our hearts shaped by his.**



Christ's spirit in our lives,  
**Our lives warmed by his spirit.**  
Christ's peace on our path.  
**Our path following his.**  
**Amen.**

**Closing:** May The Love Of The Lord; #218MV *(First 2 phrases only, Amen added at the end.)*

*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



## Finance Corner

Update for January – September 2022

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
Income:	\$162,039.34	\$177,966.53
Expense:	<u>\$183,973.17</u>	<u>\$177,586.22</u>
	<u>\$ 21,933.83</u>	<u>\$398.31</u>

As of the end of September, we've posted a year-to-date operating loss of \$22,000. We're counting on a significant upsurge in giving leading up to Christmas in order to break even by the end of 2022. 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

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