

**August 28, 2016**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude:** (two verses today of each hymn)

#1 *Our God Our Help In Ages Past*

#6 *O Worship the King*

**Chiming of the Hour**

**\*Hymn:** # 8 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

#12 *From All That Dwell Below the Sky*

**Joys & Concerns**

**Introit:** #15 *Praise to the Lord*

**Call to Worship**

One: Sing to God, our strength; cry out to God, our helper. Rejoice, and do not fear to appear before God.

**All: It is God who led our ancestors through hard times. It is God who leads us through difficult days.**

One: God will not leave us or forsake us. God welcomes us to the banquet of life.

**All: God fills our mouths with good things. God offers us fountains of living water.**

One: Listen now to the voice of God and submit to God's will. Hear the Word of God and turn away from worthless things.

**All: We will delight in the commandments of our God. We will share eagerly in the work God gives us to do.**

One: Come let us worship together!

**Prayer of Invocation (in unison)**

Gracious God, our helper, we seek the assurance of your presence in this time of worship. We have come to listen and to receive your counsel. Melt our stubborn hearts to remove the barriers that keep us from seeing your glory and doing your will. Challenge all that is worthless and unprofitable in our lives, that we may become worthy

imitators of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

O God, we are desolate and frightened, for there are evil tidings all around us and we do not know you well enough to count on your help. We cannot hear your voice or sense your presence. There is a void within us that things cannot satisfy. We have reached for honors and recognition, but they provide no lasting fulfillment. Forgive our mistaken priorities and draw us near to you, the source of living. Hear now our silent confessions as we turn to you seeking mercy, forgiveness and grace. Amen.

**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 81:8-16**

(Page 666 HS in the pew bible)

**Reading from the Hebrew Scripture –  
Jeremiah 2:4-13**

(Page 855 HS in the pew bible)

**\*Hymn:** #56 *All Praise to Thee*

#66 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

**Offering of God's Gifts**

**Anthem:** #116 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

#130 *Joy To The World*

**\*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 14:1, 7-14**

(Page 94 NT in the pew bible)

**Sermon:** “Musical Chairs”

#272 *Blest Be The Tie That Binds*

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

**Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Response:** #251 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Hymn:** #306 *For All The Saints*

#358 *Rock of Ages*

**Benediction**

**Response:** #366 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

**Postlude:** #433 *God of our Fathers* (one verse)

(\* Please stand if able)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. Our hosts today are Peggy & Dave Heck.*

*Hearing assist devices are available; please see an usher if you would like to use one.*

Our Lay Reader today is Chico Aller.

Our ushers today are Stephanie Tierney & Kathy Mera.

Prayer List

*Lynne Kronholm, Paul McAbee, Jack Ritchie, Mark Lundeen, Jose Luis Marti, Kay & Stan Norman, Shirley Rogers, Jane Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellogg, Barbara Jacqueline, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Betty Scribner*

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

Today 1 pm Church Picnic  
 Thursday 8:30 am "Silent" Retreat  
 Sunday 9 am Mindful Meditation

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**CHURCH PICNIC**

You are invited to the annual summer picnic this afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Pastor Diane and Joe Catania's home, 5 Bunker Hill Road, Salisbury, CT. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share. They will have hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks. Please bring lawn chairs if you have them; bring your bathing suit ~ Lifeguard provided.

**TIME FOR MINDFULNESS BEFORE WORSHIP**

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

**FAITH DISCUSSIONS**

Kevin Wolgemuth will continue leading a discussion group with people interested in exploring questions of faith, reconvening in September. The group will meet once a month on a day and time to be determined. Childcare/babysitting will be available if you contact Kevin two days in advance:  
[k.wolgemuth@yahoo.com](mailto:k.wolgemuth@yahoo.com). All are welcome!

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Will start on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall Library. The group will be exploring the Book of Acts. All are welcome ~ no bible experience necessary.

**OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE CHURCH  
 2016 - 2017**

<b>Moderator:</b> Sara Wardell	<b>Treasurer:</b> Jennifer Weigel	<b>Clerk:</b> Louise Brown
<b>Board of Deacons</b>		
Larry Blades '17	Chico Aller '18	Linda Estabrook '19
Mike Clulow '17	Theresa Carroll '18	Sheryl Kennedy '19
Carol Magowan '17	Bob Maxwell '18	Cynthia LaPier '19
Sarah Zarbock '17	Karin Noyes '18	Mary O'Neill '19
<b>Board of Trustees</b>		
Lee Collins '17	Scott Frost '18	Susan Hassler '19
Tony Good '17	David Heck '18	Jim LaPier '19
Sue Morrill '17	Tom Key '18	John Merwin '19
<b>Church Council Members-at-Large</b>		
Judith Frost '17	David Rich '18	Betsy Beck '19
<b>Board of Religious Education</b>		
Jennifer Kronholm Clark '17	Judith Frost '18	Debby Mark '19
	Jenn Good '18	Carrie Smith '19
		Stephanie Tierney '19
<b>Board of Christian Action</b>		
Anne Hughes '17	Jano Fairservis '18	Susie Belcher '19
Peggy Sands '17	Jeanette Weber '18	Rich Reifsnnyder '19
Margie Vail '17		Kevin Wolgemuth '19
<b>Music Committee</b>		
Jo Loi '17	Tim Hughes '18	Martin Baltus '19
	Ward Belcher '18	Malcolm Brown '19
	Nancy Kellett '18	Lynn Reifsnnyder '19
<b>Ushers Committee</b>		
Sal Accardo '17	Kathy Mera '18	John Arnold '19
Vincent Hanlon '17	Ellie Owens '18	Joe Catania '19
Erik Rydingsword '17	Orrin Rydingsword '18	Pat Palmer '19
Bob Weber '17	Sharon Tingley '18	Stephanie Tierney '19
<b>Hospitality Committee</b>		
Janet Kaufman '17	Sheryl Knapp '18	Sue Bucceri '19
Rosanne Lamson '17	Cynthia LaPier '18	Linda Estabrook '19
Sarah Rydingsword '17	Debby Mark '18	Clare Rashkoff '19
	Christie Olson '18	Nancy Rossi '19
<b>Delegates to State Conference and Litchfield North</b>		
To Be Filled		
<b>Nominating Committee 2016</b>		
Judith Frost	Tony Good	Peggy Heck
Carol Magowan	David Rich	Jeanette Weber

**THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
 OF SALISBURY**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 SALISBURY, CONNECTICUT

GATHERED IN 1744  
 INCORPORATED IN 1949



CREATED BY GOD  
 CALLED BY JESUS CHRIST  
 GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT  
 DEDICATED TO LOVING AND SERVING GOD AND NEIGHBOR

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SALISBURY**

30 Main St., Salisbury, CT 06068  
 860.435.2442 (office) 860.435.2056 (fax)  
 Rev. Diane Monti-Catania, Minister  
 Dr. Jack Bowman, Minister of Music  
 Barbara Collins, Religious Education; Mary Davidson, Bell and Children's Choirs;  
 Melissa Adam, Financial & Communications Assistant;  
 Kathy Wiggins Administrative Assistant; Cory Wiggins, Sexton  
 Church website: [www.salisburycongregational.org](http://www.salisburycongregational.org)  
 Church email: [salisburyucc@gmail.com](mailto:salisburyucc@gmail.com)  
 Pastor's email: [pastor.diane@salisburycongregational.org](mailto:pastor.diane@salisburycongregational.org)  
 Pastor's office hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9-5 or by appointment

The Reverend Diane Monti-Catania, *Pastor*