

**February 28, 2016  
Third Sunday in Lent**

**Prelude:** Prelude in E Minor J.S. Bach

**Chiming of the Hour**

**\*Hymn:** #15 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**Welcome**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Choral Introit:** *Jesus, thy boundless love to me*

**Call to Worship**

One: Ho, Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

You who have no money, come, buy, and eat!

**All: Our souls thirst for God in a dry and weary land. We seek God's power and glory in this sacred place.**

One: Listen carefully to God and eat what is good; delight yourselves in the rich food God provides.

**All: Here our souls are satisfied as with a rich feast. Together our mouths praise God with joyful lips.**

One: God offers us steadfast love and a covenant relationship. We are called to be faithful witnesses and leaders.

**All: We have come to meditate on the living God. We seek inspiration and empowerment to do what God asks.**

One: Come, let us worship God together!

**Prayer of Invocation**

We come before you, gracious God, seeking what money cannot buy. Only you can provide nourishment for our souls. There is no other source of meaning in our mixed-up world. We can find no fountain of strength or sustenance apart from you. Surely you can be found where two or three are

gathered together. As a community of faith, we call on you, believing that you are nearer than our next breath, more available to us than we can think, more caring than we ever dare to imagine. Uphold us now that we may worship on wings of joy. Amen.

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

We have been tempted, loving God, to go our own way without reference to eternal truths. We seek our own gratification rather than the well-being of all your children. We compare ourselves to others and find their failures but seldom discover our own shortcomings. We seek to build our lives by our own limited design rather than by your larger purposes. The ground on which we stand is crumbling beneath our feet. O God, forgive us and grant us a firmer foundation. Hear now our silent confessions as we turn to you seeking your mercy, forgiveness and grace.

***Moment of Silence***

**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 63:1-8**

(Page 648 HS in the pew bible)

**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures:**

**Isaiah 55:1-9**

(Page 839 HS in the pew bible)

**Children's Message and Lord's Prayer**

*(Children will leave for Sunday School and Youth Discussion Group)*

**\*Hymn:** #470 *God of the Prophets*

**Offering of our Gifts**

**Anthem:** *Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs* A.Lotti

**\*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**

**Gospel Reading – Luke 13:1-9**

(Page 92 NT in the pew bible)

**Sermon:** *"Prophets and Patience"*

Reverend Diane Monti Catania

**Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer**

**Choral Response:** *O rest in the Lord*

**\*Hymn:** #365 *Faith Of Our Fathers*

**Benediction**

**Response:** *O Love, how gracious is thy way!*

**Postlude:** Fugue in E Minor J.S. Bach

(\*Please stand if able.)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. Our hosts today are our Sunday School Children.*

Our Lay Reader today is Theresa Carroll.

Our ushers today are Sharon Tingley & Jim LaPier.

*Prayer List*

*Rosie Bell, Nancy Tuckerman, Barbara Jacqueline, Mary Wadsworth, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Sue Bucceri, Jim Aitchison, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Dick Dwelley, Louise "Weezie" Hannegan, family and friends of Barbara Hassler-Steig on the first anniversary of her death.*

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## Calendar For the Week

Today: 11:30 am New Member Gathering ~ Meetinghouse  
3 pm Annual Student Recital~Parish Hall

Monday: 3:30 pm SOAR Fencing~Parish Hall

Tuesday: 5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday: 10:30 am Scoville Memorial Library  
Toddler Story Hour~Parish Hall  
6:00 pm Lenten Dinner  
7:15 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday: 8:30 am "Silent" Retreat~Parish Hall Library  
10 am Scoville Memorial Library  
Literary Seminar~Parish Hall  
4:30 pm Women's Spirituality  
5:30 pm Deacon's Meeting  
7 pm HousaTonics

Friday: 8 am Men's Bible Study

Saturday: 4:30 pm Cub Scout's Blue & Gold Dinner~Parish House

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

You are invited to **become a Covenant Partner (member) of the Salisbury Congregational Church**. If you are interested in formalizing your commitment to this faith community, please contact Pastor Diane or attend an information session today at 11:30 am in the Meetinghouse.

**Only Two Dinners Left!** You are invited to join the congregation for **dinner on any Wednesday evening in Lent**. The Deacon's host a simple meal of soup and salad from 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm. All are welcome! To sign up, access the *Doodle Poll* in the Weekly eblast or visit the website.

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