

April 10, 2016
Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude: Christ Lag In Todesbanden J.S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #322 *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *Be Still and Know That I Am God*

Call to Worship

One: Brothers and sisters

If you lift your net and it is empty, Come here!

All: We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

One: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, Come here!

All: We'll find the Risen Christ in all Creation.

One: If your life is filled with mourning, Come here!

All: Christ is leading a dance of joy.

One: Come here, sisters and brothers!

All: To give blessing and honor and glory to God!

One: Come, let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Generous God,

Giver of all that is good,

Creator of all that is beautiful,

you have blessed us with abundance,

more than enough for everyone to share.

Out of this abundance you call us to care for each other:

"Feed my lambs." "Tend my sheep." "Feed my sheep."

Awaken us to the beauty and bounty of your Creation.

Encourage us to share generously with all those you love.

love.

In these Great Fifty Days of Eastertide may we protect the beauty of all that is yours and nurture your bounty for our children and our children's children. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God,

Saul did not recognize the presence of the Holy One in the followers of the Risen Christ until your Light struck him sightless, helpless, and at last able to hear your voice!

In our day, too-narrow vision stops us from recognizing your presence in all of Creation.

We fail to see that our lives are bound together with each other and with the earth.

The Disciples could not succeed in fishing until the Risen Christ showed them how to cast their nets into your abundance.

In our day, we too-often treat this world with arrogant self-righteousness, as though it is our exclusive domain. We fail to remember that we are stewards, not owners of your Creation.

Forgive us.

Teach us again that you have placed us in an eco-network of relationships.

Lead us to tend the gift of your Creation that we may feed the whole world community today and our children tomorrow.

Hear now our silent confessions as we seek your mercy, forgiveness and grace.

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 30

(Page 621 HS in the pew bible)

Reading from the Early Church – Acts 9:1-20

(Page 154 NT in the pew bible)

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer (debts)

(Children leave for Sunday School and Youth Discussion Group)

***Hymn:** #327 *Jesus, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

Offering of our Gifts

Anthem: *O Savior Hear Me* Christoph Gluck
Susan Mieras (soprano) & Christine Deng (piano)

***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 – John 21:1-19

(Page 141 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "People Change"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Response: *Be Still and Know That I Am God*

***Hymn:** #547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*
(Used with license from *Glory To God* Hymnal)

Benediction

Response: *Be Still and Know That I Am God*

Postlude: Christ Ist Erstanden J.S. Bach
(*Please stand if able)

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. Our host today is Theresa Carroll.

We welcome and thank Susan Mieras (soprano) of Salisbury and Christine Deng (flute) from the Hotchkiss School for sharing their talents with us this morning.

Our ushers today are Bob Weber & Kevin Wolgemuth. Flowers are donated by Sarah Zarbock & John Hoffman. Our Lay Reader today is Mike Clulow.

Prayer List

Rosie Bell, Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellog, Barbara Jacqueline, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, family and friends of Dick Dwelley.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today	3:00 Spring <i>Oratorio</i> Concert in the Meetinghouse
Monday	3:30 pm SOAR Fencing in the Parish Hall
	6 pm Salisbury Band Rehearsal in the Parish Hall
Tuesday	5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	10:30 am Scoville Memorial Library's Toddler Story Time in the Parish Hall
	7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	8:30 am "Silent" Retreat
	10 am Scoville Memorial Library's Literary Series in the Parish Hall
	4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
	7 pm HousaTonics Rehearsal
Friday	8 am Men's Bible Study
Saturday	10 am Memorial Service for Dick Dwyer

OPPORTUNITIES

CALL TO THE 271ST ANNUAL MEETING

The 271st Annual Meeting of the Salisbury Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, April 24 immediately following worship. All members are encouraged to attend.

SILVER LAKE SUMMER CAMP

Registration for Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon is now open. Take a look at the many great offerings by visiting: www.silverlake.ctucc.org. Brochures can also be found on the Opportunity Table in the Parish Hall. Scholarships are available. Please see Pastor Diane.

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