

April 17, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Youth-led Sunday

Prelude: Prelude in D Major J.K.F. Fisher

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #38 Morning Has Broken
Charlotte Clulow, piano

Welcome Caleb May

Passing of the Peace

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *I was glad when they said unto me*

Call to Worship Charlotte Clulow

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: The Lord has prepared a table before us in His house.

All: We are invited to dwell in the house of the Lord our whole life long.

One: Come, let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Joyfully, we come before you, O God; to be in your presence strikes us with awe. We come only in the confidence of the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ inspired by His living and loving Spirit. For their sakes receive us, through the same Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.

Call to Confession Hannah Stewart

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

While the beautiful signs of spring's renewal are revealed by you, O God, we must reveal our failures to

(*Please stand if able)

bring fresh beauty to many parts of our lives. Like farmers who struggle in the lean months of the year, preparing for a new crop, so we in our life of faith often experience leanness, struggle, and emptiness. We fail to grow, because we do not give ourselves over to the acceptance and nurture possible in this community of your children. Help us to accept responsibility of difficulties in our corporate and personal lives. May we take the risks to open ourselves to you and to one another, and so reap a harvest of love and peace. Hear now our silent confessions as we seek your mercy, forgiveness and grace.

Moment of silent prayer

Assurance of God's Love Hannah Stewart

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 23 Cora Rydingsword
(Page 617 HS in the pew bible)

Reading from New Testament – Matthew 5:38-42
(Page 4 NT in the pew bible)

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer (debts)
(Children leave for Sunday School)

Offering of our Gifts Taylor Maxwell
Anthem: Alleluia! Praise with Glad Music J. Martin
***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 Colin Maxwell

Gospel Reading – Mark 4:21-25
(Page 46 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "No Future Without Forgiveness"
International Peacemaking Program Guests:
Phoebe Milliken and Ayanda Nxusani
Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Response: Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer

***Hymn:** #437 My Country 'Tis of Thee

Benediction Maggie Smith

Response: Threefold Amen

Postlude: Processional in G Major John Stanley

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. Our hosts today are Jo Loi and Nancy Kellett.

We welcome and thank Ayanda Nxusani and Phoebe Milliken from Hartford Seminary's International Peacemaking Program. Phoebe Milliken is the coordinator of the program. Ayanda Nxusani was born and raised in the beautiful city of Cape Town in South Africa. She graduated from the University of Cape Town with a Bachelor of Social Science with majors in Politics, International Relations and Economic History. She is particularly interested in Transitional Justice with a special focus on violence prevention, peace, trauma healing and reconciliation for both victim and perpetrators of gross human rights violations. She is a student in the IPP.

We thank our Youth Discussion Group, and leader Michael Clulow, for designing and leading today's service.

Our ushers today are Bob Weber and Kathy Mera.

Prayer List

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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today	3 pm Litchfield North Annual Meeting- Norfolk United Church of Christ
Monday	6 pm Salisbury Band Rehearsal in the Parish House
Tuesday	9 am Music Committee Meeting 5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:30 Deacon's Meeting
Wednesday	10:30 am Scoville Memorial Library's Toddler Story Time in the Parish House 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	8:30 am "Silent" Retreat 1:30 & 4 pm <i>Feel The Warmth Dinner</i> 7 pm HousaTonics Rehearsal
Friday	7 pm Salisbury Band Rehearsal in the Parish Hall
Saturday	9:30 am <i>Peace Through Understanding</i> Committee Meeting

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.

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