# October 16, 2016 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude:** Prelude in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

**Chiming of the Hour** 

\*Hymn: #465 What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Welcome

**Joys and Concerns** 

Choral Introit: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

## Call to Worship

One: We gather to honor our covenant with God. We gather to worship God who has covenanted

with us.

All: Our help comes from God who made heaven and earth. Our wisdom comes from the one who meets us here.

One: Open your eyes to meet God face to face. Open your ears to hear God's instruction.

All: God takes us by the hand to lead us. The Word of God is written on our hearts.

One: Come to taste God's Word, which is sweeter than honey. Come to touch the reality of God's presence.

All: Surely God will welcome us and protect us. We will walk with new understanding of truth.

One: Come let us worship together!

# **Prayer of Invocation (in unison)**

Sow your seed in our midst, O God, for we are prepared to receive what you offer. We want to know you and to bear fruit for your reign among us. We want to meditate on your law and keep your commandments. Draw us into the new covenant you have fashioned for us in Jesus Christ so that we may fulfill our ministry. Amen.

## **Call to Confession**

# **Prayer of Confession**

We confess, O God, that we are not eager to wrestle with you or to take responsibility for sin in our lives. We see ourselves as basically decent, respectable people. Yet we have bent your commandments to our own conveniences. We listen only to the Word we want to hear. We participate in the greed that is destroying your good earth, and we allow evil to triumph through our neglect. Shake us into awareness that brings change, and support us, we pray, on the difficult path toward greater faithfulness. 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, to the Son and the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

# Responsive Reading - Psalm 119:97-104

(Page 699 HS in the pew bible)

# Reading from the Hebrew Scripture – Jeremiah 31:27-34

(Page 899 HS in the pew bible)

Welcome and Blessing of Lana Arifian Children's Message and Lord's Prayer (Debts) (Children will leave for Sunday School and Youth Discussion Group)

\*Hymn: #435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Offering of Gifts

**Anthem:** Joy In the Morning Natalie Sleeth \*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 - Luke 18:1-8

(Page 99 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "Don't Give Up!"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

# **Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer**

Response: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

\*Hymn: #634 To God Be The Glory

**Benediction** 

**Response:** *Dresden Amen* 

**Postlude:** Fugue in C Major Dietrich Buxtehude

(\*Please stand if able)

If you are visiting us today, Welcome! Please sign the guestbook at the front door and introduce yourself to our

Pastor or to one of our Deacons.

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. All are welcome. Our hosts today are Alice & Peter Kent.

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

Nursery care is available for children ages 0-4. Please ask an usher to direct you to the nursery.

Our Lay Reader today is Larry Blades. The ushers for today are Ellie Owens & Pat Palmer.

## P<u>rayer List</u>

Laura Flores, Evan Rashkoff, Margie Vail, Gordon Weekly, Paul McAbee, Jose Luis Marti, Kay & Stan Norman, Shirley Rogers, Jane Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellogg, Barbara Jacquette, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Betty Scribner, family and friends of: Crosby Wells, Mark Lundeen, Norman Sills, Charles Cook.

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

Monday	7 pm Jazz Rehearsal
Tuesday	5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
Friday	7:30 am Men's Bible Study
Saturday	9-2 pm Mindfulness Retreat at Silver Lake

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK** 

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

## **AUTUMN MINDFULNESS RETREAT**

Kathy Voldstad will be leading the church in a mindfulness retreat at Silver Lake Conference Center Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9-2 pm, \$15 per person; lunch is included. Please register on the sign up sheet in the Parish Hall.

#### 272<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING PART I

The 272<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, Part I, of the Congregational Church of Salisbury will be held following the worship service Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, for the purpose of: Voting on an at-large member of the Nominating Committee; Discussion of the proposed Welcome Statement as presented by the Council; Discussion of the 2017 Budget.

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study meets on Friday mornings in the Parish Hall at 7:30 am. The group is studying the Book of Acts. All men are welcome.

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Women's Bible Study meets on Thursday afternoons in the Parish Hall Library at 4:30 pm. The group is studying the Book of John. All women are welcome to attend.

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