

October 23, 2016
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: O My Soul Rejoice with Gladness S. Karg-Elert
Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *Steal Away*

Call to Worship

One: This is God's house, a holy temple. We are in the midst of God's dwelling place.

All: My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of God. My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

One: Happy are those whom God has chosen to be here. Blessed are all whom God has forgiven and named.

All: Our voices rise in praise of God's awesome deeds. Mountains and seas bow down before the Creator.

One: God crowns the year with a bountiful harvest. Flocks and grain fill the meadows.

All: God's presence is felt to the ends of the earth. All creation is God's dwelling place, God's home.

One: Come let us worship together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

To you, O God, shall our vows be performed. To you we sing our praises and utter our prayers. Come among us to renew your covenant and offer your signs. Pour out your Spirit on your people gathered here, that we may dream and prophesy and follow the vision you set before us. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

How easily we have forgotten you, O God of our salvation. We imagine that our prosperity is of our own design. We wander into paths of self-righteousness and self-congratulation. We compare ourselves with those whose sins are public knowledge and consider ourselves better than they. O God, rescue us from the evil inside us that alienates us from others and from you. We humble ourselves before you, seeking forgiveness. 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 to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 65

(Page 649 HS in the pew bible)

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture –

Joel 2:23-32

(Page 1038 HS in the pew bible)

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

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

***Hymn:** #730 *I Sing A Song of the Saints of God*

Offering of Gifts

Anthem: *O Savior In This Quiet Place* Fred Pratt Green

***Doxology:** *Praise God from 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 18:9-14

(Page 99 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "Saints and Sinners"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Response: *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*

***Hymn:** #32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Benediction

Response: *Amen*

Postlude: *March from Scipio* G.F. Handel

(*Please stand if able)

If you are visiting us today, Welcome! Please sign the guestbook at the front door and introduce yourself to Pastor Diane 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 Kevin, Lia & Ellie Wolgemuth.

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 Chico Aller.
The ushers for today are Ellie Owens & Pat Palmer.

Prayer List

Chris Capecelatro, Trish Johnson, 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 Jacqueline, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Betty Scribner

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
 Wednesday 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
 Thursday 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
 7 pm HousaTonics
 Friday 7:30 am Men's Bible Study
 Sunday 11:15 am 272nd Annual Meeting, Part I

OPPORTUNITIES

272nd ANNUAL MEETING PART I

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

PHOTOS AFTER WORSHIP

Kristine Jennings has been taking photos for our new directory after worship. Kristine will be outside by the Parish Hall (garden side) in nice weather, or on the stage in case of inclement weather. We will continue to take photos over the next few months as Kristine's schedule allows. If you have not already done so, please make the time to see her, so you can be included in the new directory!

MEN'S 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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The Reverend Diane Monti-Catania, *Pastor*