

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, August 3
6:30 pm.....Circle 7 | Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 4
6:30 pm.....Circle 6 | Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 9
10:30 am.....Choir Practice
11:00 am.....Worship | Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 11
10:30 am.....Meals on Wheels Deliveries

Thursday, August 13
11:30 am..... Prime Timers | Fellowship Hall
We'll enjoy hamburgers from College Barbecue and homemade ice cream.
The cost for the meal will be \$10 per person.

Sunday, August 16
10:30 am.....Choir Practice
11:00 am.....Worship | Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 18
1:00 pm.....Bless These Stitches

Sunday, August 23
10:30 am.....Choir Practice
11:00 am.....Worship | Sanctuary
Following Worship.....Feasting on the 4th | Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 25
10:30 am.....Meals on Wheels Deliveries

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SALISBURY
10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026 | 11:00 AM



growing in faith, love, and fellowship
as we serve God and all of our community

† *All stand in body or spirit.*

Prelude | *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

arr. Van Denman Thompson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Larry Bolick

† HYMN | *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Blue Hymnal 361

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

A period of silence is observed for reflection and prayer.

Sing Lord, have mercy upon us. **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us. **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Minister God hears the confession of our hearts and lips.
Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins,
and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life.

All **We believe the good news of Jesus Christ.**

† THE PEACE

Minister The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Larry Bolick..... Supply Minister
Susan Trivette.....Organist
Sarah Schiemann.....Reader
Greg Alcorn.....Communion Steward

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Desiree Artz, Tyler Bernhardt, Marsha Beaver (Ann Teague's friend), Sally Cline Blossey, Rev. David Crook, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Maggie Derby (Jim Weaver's great-granddaughter), Emily Faust, Emily Hauze (Linda Hauze's daughter-in-law), Erin Isenberg, John Isenberg, Renee Leonard (John Marion's sister), Sarah Locklear, The Jim Lyerly Family, Ava Mann (Alonzo Surratt's sister), John Marion, Shirley McNeil(Terra Bella), Eddie Meeker, Dan & Winnie Mikkelson, Dan Morgan, Ken Pardue (John Marion's cousin), The John Paxton Family, Paul Paxton, Amber Smith, Diane Reavis Smith, Glenda Shrewsbury, Bruce South, Alonzo Surratt, Joyce Trexler, Tom Troutman, Barbara Waller, Waylon Ward, Frances Wensil, Sandra Wrights, Janette Yost

For prayer concerns, reach out to Rev. Larry Bolick.

To add or remove from the prayer list, please contact Rhonda at office@lstucc.org or 704-633-2723.

All **Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

† HYMN | *God Be with You til We Meet Again* Blue Hymnal 82

† BENEDICTION

Postlude | *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* *arr. J.C. Kuhnau*

Church Council

Class of 2025: Phyllis Little
Class of 2026: Greg Alcorn, Ken Clapp, Carolyn Cline
Class of 2027: Lynn Bernhardt
Class of 2029: Robert Propst, Ann Teague

TO WATCH ONLINE

video available Sunday afternoon at
[youtube.com/@1stuccsalisbury](https://www.youtube.com/@1stuccsalisbury)

TO GIVE ONLINE



Sing **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, Amen.**

Be seated.

THE FIRST READING | Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” ²⁷ So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸ Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.” ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader The word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 17:1-7, 15

Sing

Response

Antiphon: Jane Marshall, 1994

Won - drous - ly show your stead - fast love, O God.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes the following chords: Em, C, Em7/B, Am, Bmsus4, Bm7, and E. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Reader ¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;
 give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
² From you let my vindication come;
 let your eyes see the right.
³ If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
 if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
 my mouth does not transgress.
⁴ As for what others do, by the word of your lips
 I have avoided the ways of the violent.

Sing **Wondrously show your steadfast love, O God.**

Reader ⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths;
 my feet have not slipped.
⁶ I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
 incline your ear to me; hear my words.
⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love,
 O savior of those who seek refuge
 from their adversaries at your right hand. . .
¹⁵ As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
 when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Sing **Wondrously show your steadfast love, O God.**

THE SECOND READING | Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader The word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God!**

Minister We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy. . .
 With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, and all the
 company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion. . .
 Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

Minister Eternal God, we unite in the covenant of faith. . .
 Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

All **Be present with us as we share this meal,
 and throughout all our lives,
 that we may know you as the Holy One,
 who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen.**

Minister The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.
 The cup which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

Minister The gifts of God for the people of God.
 Take them in remembrance that Christ died and was raised for you.

Sing **Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.**

*All are invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup.
Gluten free bread is available for any who requests it.*

PRAYERS & OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

In the silence after each bidding, all may offer their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Minister As our Savior Christ taught us to pray:
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Sing **Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us thy peace. Amen.**

Offertory Interlude | *Be Thou My Vision* *arr. Derek Healey*

In gratitude for God’s abundant grace, we joyfully offer our gifts for the work of Christ in the world. Through our giving, we support the ministries of First United Church of Christ Salisbury as we seek justice, care for our neighbors, and share the good news that God is still speaking. You may place your offering in the plate or give online by scanning the QR code below.

† *Sing* **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† Blessing of the Offerings

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Minister The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Minister Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† HYMN | *Break Thou the Bread of Life* Blue Hymnal 176

Please remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.

† THE GOSPEL | Matthew 14:13-21

Minister The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ!**

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.
¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

SERMON : “Bread of Life” Rev. Larry Bolick

† STATEMENT OF FAITH | *The Apostles' Creed*

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.** *Be seated.*

INSTALLATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Members of the Church Council come forward.

Leader Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with
 responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church,
 whether gathered or scattered.

 Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your
 ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's
 name and for the glory of God?

Individuals I am.

Leader Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully,
 showing forth the love of Christ?

Individuals I do, relying on God's grace.

Leader Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of
 our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to
 service on the Church Council. Let us affirm our intention to live in
 covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness to the
 commitment we now make?

All who are able stand.

† *Congregation* **We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with
 you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor
 your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful
 church of Jesus Christ.**

The congregation may be seated.

Leader Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of
 faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send
 your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and
 faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may
 prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy
 for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of
 your name.

All **Amen.**

Leader In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the people of First United
 Church of Christ, Salisbury, I rejoice to announce you are installed as
 members of the Church Council.

Leader In accordance with the faith and order of this church, I extend to you the hand
 of Christian love.

All **Thanks be to God!**