—Welcome—

Whether you are new to Salisbury or new to our church, we are so grateful that God has brought you to us this morning. We would love to connect with you more personally and invite you to sign our guest registry in the Narthex and introduce yourself to our ushers and pastors. If you would like more information about our church and opportunities to be more connected with our church family, please visit our website at fumcsalisbury.org.

—Parish Notes—

Help beautify the Sanctuary for worship by sponsoring flowers! After the service, the flowers can be delivered to shut-in members, along with an uplifting note of encouragement. If you're interested in sponsoring flowers for Sunday, please call the Church Office.

Join us for a **Virtual School Year's Eve Prayer Service THIS Tuesday, 10 August at 7:00 p.m. via YouTube!**

Rally Day is **NEXT Sunday, 15 August!** Mark your calendars for the return of the 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship service, Children's and Youth's Sunday School, and kick-off our fall ministries! Lunch to follow the 11:00 a.m. worship service on the front lawn.

Club 45 & Salisbury Youth will gather for the **Back-2-School Bash** on **Sunday, 22 August from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on the Church Lawn!**

Join us for **Fifth Sunday Seminary** on **Sunday, 29 August at 09:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. Dr. Scott Bullard, President of Pfeiffer University, will be offering a presentation on Theodicy.

—Prayer & Care—

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request, please share that need through our website at: fumcsalisbury.org/prayer, or contact Pastor Mark. All requests are confidential.

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Our Mission

To make and nurture Christian disciples through the presence and power of God.

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The Giving *of* God's Tithes *and* Our Offerings

Ways to give to support the ministries and mission of FUMC:

1. Place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed during the service.
2. Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to be redirected to our secure Online Giving Portal at fumcsalisbury.org/online-giving.
3. Mail or drop-off your gift at the Church Office:
   217 South Church Street, Salisbury, North Carolina 28144-4927.

—Coming Up This Week—

For more information about upcoming events, please visit fumcsalisbury.org/calendar.

Sunday, 08 August (Pentecost XI)
Isenberg Back-2-School Supply Drive
10:00 a.m. – Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Summer Choir (Music Suite)
11:00 a.m. – Service of Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
3:00 p.m. – Back-2-School Kids Connection Sunday Sundae Bar (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, 09 August
9:30 a.m. – Youth Bible Study (Chick-Fil-A)

Tuesday, 10 August
10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting (Office Suite)
7:00 p.m. – School Year's Eve Virtual Prayer Service (YouTube)

Wednesday, 11 August
6:00 p.m. – The Story "Drop-In" (Online via Zoom)

Thursday, 12 August
6:30 p.m. – Serving Supper (Rowan Helping Ministries)

Friday, 13 August
6:00 a.m. – Serving Breakfast (Rowan Helping Ministries)

Saturday, 14 August

Sunday, 15 August (Pentecost XII)
Rally Day & Blessing of the Backpacks
08:00 a.m. – Summer Choir (Music Suite)
08:30 a.m. – Service of Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
09:30 a.m. – Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
09:45 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Summer Choir (Music Suite)
11:00 a.m. – Service of Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
12:15 p.m. – Rally Day Lunch (Front Lawn)

THE STORY 2021

Week of August 8-14

32	II Chronicles 7–9	II Chronicles 10–12	II Chronicles 13–15	II Chronicles 16–18	II Chronicles 19–21
	Psalm 97	Psalm 93	Psalm 108	Psalm 72	Psalm 150
	John 19	John 20	John 21	I Peter 1	I Peter 2

Our Cross and Crown banner depicts the cross and crown of Christ, patterened after our stained-glass window. The cross represents Christ's sacrifice for us, righting our relationship with God. This unfailing and unconditional love of God, willing to go to any length for us, crowns Jesus as Lord of all. The dominant color of Ordinary Time is green, inviting us to always grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ *(cf. II Peter 3.18)*.

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The Lord's Day Service *of* Worship

—The Eleventh Sunday *after* Pentecost—

Sunday, 08 August, *Anno Domini* 2021 | *Eleven o'clock* in the morning | The Sanctuary

✠ *denotes the People stand, in body or in spirit, as able.* *The People's responses are printed in* **bold.**

Please silence all devices.

—Entrance *and* Gathering—

Silent Prayer *of* Preparation *for* Worship

Almighty God, give us the increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Welcome *and* Announcements — Pastor Mark Conforti

Introit — Summer Choir

With Grateful Heart — arr. Mark Schweizer (1956–2019)

With grateful heart my thanks I bring, before the throne Thy praise I sing;
I worship in Thy holy place, and praise Thee for Thy truth and grace.

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright, Thou reignest in the heavenly height;
Thy truth and grace together shine in Thy most Holy Word divine.

The work Thou hast for me begun, shall by Thy grace be fully done;
Forever mercy dwells with Thee; O Lord, my God, abide with me.

—Words: Psalm 138 (Psalter Hymnal, 1912, alt.); Music: O Waly Waly, Traditional melody;
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✠ Call *to* Worship *(responsively)* — *Psalm 108.1-3*

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and make melody.
Awake, my soul!
Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn.
I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples,
and I will sing praises to You among the nations.

✠ GATHERING HYMN *(sung by all)* — CORONATION

The Head That Once Was Crowned

All: 1. The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns the mighty Victor's brow:
A royal diadem adorns the mighty Victor's brow!

All: 2. The highest place that heaven affords belongs to Christ by right;
the King of kings and Lord of lords, and heaven's eternal Light:
the King of kings and Lord of lords, and heaven's eternal Light.

Women: 3. The joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below,
to whom He manifests His love, and grants His Name to know:
to whom He manifests His love, and grants His Name to know.

All: 4. To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace, is given;
their name an everlasting Name, their joy the Joy of heaven:
their name an everlasting Name, their joy the Joy of heaven.

Men: 5. They suffer with their Lord below; they reign with Him above;
their profit and their joy to know the mystery of His love:
their profit and their joy to know the mystery of His love:

All: 6. The cross Christ bore is life and health,
though shame and death to Him,
His people's hope, His people's wealth, their everlasting theme:
His people's hope, His people's wealth, their everlasting theme!

—Words: Thomas Kelly, 1820 (from Hebrews 2.9-10); Music: Oliver Holden, 1792.

CALL *to* CONFESSION — Phillip Conrad, *liturgist*

We turn to God in praise and prayer not from a position of power and strength, but from the broken edges of our lives, from the broken edges of the world and the Church. Let us offer our prayers of confession, trusting in the One who is reconciling all things.

[silence follows for personal reflection and private confession]

Together, let us pray:

CORPORATE PRAYER *of* LAMENT *and* REPENTANCE *(in unison)*

LORD, all that we have is a gift from You,
Yet we do not live lives of gratitude.
We ignore strangers and turn away from those in need.
We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us.
Forgive our foolish ways, O God,
and restore us to You,
that we may walk in the way of love. *Amen.*

ASSURANCE *of* GOD'S PARDON

By God's grace we have been saved! Our guilty hearts washed clean. Refreshed, revived, and renewed – empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us live as those who are forgiven and free.

Thanks be to God! *Amen.*

ACCLAMATION *of* PRAISE: NO. 177 *(sung by all)* — HE IS LORD

He Is Lord

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

—Words: from Philippians 2.9-11; Music: arr. Tom Fettke; © 1986 Word Music, Inc.

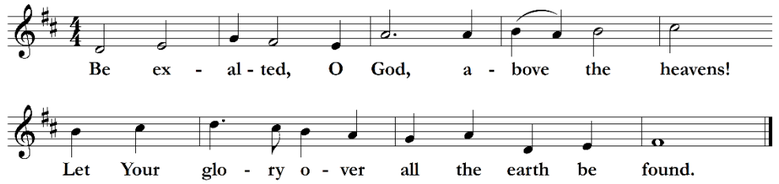
—PROCLAMATION *of* GOD'S WORD—

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

PREPARE our hearts, O God,
to hear and receive Your Word.
Silence in us any voices but Your own,
so that we may hear Truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON *(responsively)* — Psalm 93 (Hymnal, *p. 813*)

[The choir introduces the refrain, then ALL repeat:]



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GRADUAL ANTHEM — Summer Choir

Simple Gifts — arr. Mark Schweizer (after Johann Pachelbel's *Canon in D)*

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free,
'tis a gift to come down where we ought to be;
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

'Tis a gift to be loving, 'tis a gift to be kind,
'tis a gift to leave our bitterness behind;
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend, we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn, will be our delight,
till by turning, turning, we come round right.

'Tis a gift to be thankful, 'tis a gift to forgive,
'tis a gift to find out how we ought to live;
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

—Words: Traditional, Additional Stanzas: Alice Carpenter; Music: Traditional XIX Century Shaker Tune; © 2010 St. James Music Press.

✠ SECOND LESSON — John 21.4-14 (Pew Bible, NT: *pp. 115-16)*

...This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

—RESPONSE *to* GOD'S WORD—

✠ SONG *of* RESPONSE: NO. 189 *(sung by all)* — ST. ELIZABETH

Fairest Lord Jesus

✠ AFFIRMATION *of* OUR FAITH *(in unison)* — (Hymnal, *p. 881)*

The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version

PRAYERS *of* PETITION *and* INTERCESSION *(responsively)*

...LORD, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer...

concluding with THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)* — (Hymnal, *p. 895)*
from Matthew 6.9b-13

OFFERTORY ANTHEM — Joshua Starnes

Crown Him (Majesty) — arr. Chris Tomlin (b. 1972)

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul and sing of Him who died for me,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Majesty, Lord of all; let every throne before Him fall.
The King of kings, O come, adore; our God who reigns forevermore!

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die!

All hail Redeemer, hail! For He has died for me.
His praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity!

—Original Words: Matthew Bridges, 1851; Godfrey Thring, 1874; (from Revelation 19.12); Original Music: George J. Elvey, 1868; New Chorus and Music: Ed Cash, Matt Maher, and Chris Tomlin; © 2012 sixsteps Songs | Worship Together Music | A Thousand Generations Publishing | Valley of Songs Music | Alletrop Music | Thankyou Music

✠ DOXOLOGY *at* THE PRESENTATION *of* GIFTS: NO. 95 *(sung by all)* — OLD 100TH

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!*

—Words: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt.; Music: attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

✠ PRAYER *of* THANKSGIVING

—SENDING FORTH—

✠ SENDING HYMN NO. 514 *(sung by all)* — WEBB

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus — *[with congregational "A-MEN" after final stanza]*

✠ BENEDICTION *and* DEPARTURE *into* THE MISSION FIELD

You may bow your head and extend your arms to receive the blessing.