

May 17, 2020

First Church in Windsor, UCC - Live Stream

10:00am

Prelude

“Be Unto Your Name”

Lynn DeShazo, Gary Sadler

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Welcome

Introit

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah x3
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

trad. Carribean

Call to Worship

One: The God of heaven and earth calls us together. We come to explore and to seek.

Two: **There is so much we do not understand. So much of God is unknown to us.**

One: We reach for the Holy, beyond our knowing.

Two: **In God we live and move and have our being.**

One: God is not limited to churches and shrines made by us.

Two: **God is everywhere, truly present in the whole universe.**

Hymn

“God of Wonders”

Mark Byrd, Steve Hindalong

Lord of all creation

Of water earth and sky.

The heavens are your tabernacle

Glory to the Lord on high.

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy

You are holy holy

The universe declares your majesty

You are holy holy

Lord of heaven and earth

Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning

I will celebrate the light.

When I stumble in the darkness

I will call your name by night.

Chorus

Bridge

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)

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Chorus

Prayer of Invocation

O God, let the sound of praising be heard among us today, and in all the places we worship. We believe you are present with us even when we cannot feel or see or hear you as we would like. We thank you for the times when you have caught our attention. We ask for one of those times today. Hold us in your steadfast love and call forth within us an awareness of all your blessings. Together we will seek to know you more fully. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Morning Prayer

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now am found. Was blind but now I see.

Scripture

Acts 17: 22-28

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

John 14: 15-18

Jesus said, ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.”

Sermon

“To a God Unknown”

Pastor Nicole

Response Song

“He Will Hold Me Fast” *Ada R. Habershon, Matthew Merker*
Pastor Adrienne, Jane Frogley

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Announcements

Hymn

“Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise”

John Roberts

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**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might;
Your justice like mountains, high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**Your life is lifegiving—to both great and small;
in all life you're living, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flow'rs,
then wither and perish—but naught dims your pow'rs.**

**So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
All praise we now render as your angels do.**

Benediction

Postlude

“Impromptu #3”

Franz Schubert

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