



Living by Faith, Known by Love, A Voice of Hope



First Church in Windsor, UCC
October 4, 10 a.m.

God the Artist Sunday Part III & World Communion Sunday

Prelude

I Want to Be (Yo Quiero Ser)
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Welcome

Introit

We Are God's Work of Art
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**We are God's work of art, fashioned in Christ,
fashioned to shine with goodness and light.
As it was from the start, formed by this great, great love,
we are God's great, wondrous work of art.**

Call to Worship

One: Like empty jars, we have come to be filled.
Two: **Like ornamental candles, we have come to be set ablaze.**
One: Like aged wine in a cask, we have come to be poured out.
Two: **Like weary travelers, we have come to find rest.**
One: Like friends drifted apart, we have come to be reconciled.
Two: **Like little children, we have come to be surprised!**
One: God says, "Come and talk with me, my people."
Two: **And our hearts respond, "We are coming."**

Hymn

Sing of Colors (De Colores)
Mexican folk song
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**Sing of colors, sing of colors that over the hills
in profusion are springing;
sing of colors, of the birds that fly outside my window
their canticles singing;
sing of colors, in the rainbow's bright colors
God's promise of hope we recall.**

**Sing of colors that make up the earth
and give thanks to the God who created us all.
Sing of colors that make up the earth
and give thanks to the God who created us all.**

**Sing, rejoicing! Every creature that breathes raise a song
to the God of creation.**

**Sing, rejoicing! Sing to God who so earnestly cares,
who has offered salvation.**

**Sing the good news! Sing the love of the Savior
reflecting the colors of all.**

**Many colors that shine from God's face,
many colors that tell us God's love to recall.**

**Many colors that shine from God's face,
many colors that tell us God's love to recall.**

Prayer of Invocation

Loving God, as we worship you today, let not our hearts be as hard as stone, but make us soft and pliable as clay. Let not our minds be armored as a fortress but make us as open as an archway. Let us not cling to preconceived assumptions but relax our hands to let go of all which we grasp too tightly. Set us free to be molded like clay, and to hold what you might send us. May we flow with you Spirit as a fallen leaf floats lightly on the surface of a stream. Amen.

Prayer of Our Savior

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.

Children's Moment

Scripture

2 Corinthians 4: 6-11

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.

Video Meditation

Laurel Pepin

Sermon

Pastor Nicole

"Treasure in Clay Jars"

Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jamaican folk song

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**Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy.
Bread is broken and wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**Chorus: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the word around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he sets the tone.
Teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.**

Chorus

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt.
Gives us love to tell, bread to share,
God (Immanuel) everywhere!**

Chorus

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Response

Change My Heart

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**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.**

**You are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creator God, many ingredients went into the making of this meal and many hands participated in its preparation, and we think of all the sacred tables around the world. We are grateful for all who planted and reaped and prepared so that we might share with all the faithful around the world in witnessing to the power of faith, the grace of redemption, and the beauty of fellowship in your name. Amen.

Response

Halleluya! We Sing Your Praises
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Announcements

Generosity Video
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Benediction

Benediction Response

We Are Called
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**Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love!**

**We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God!**

Postlude

Blessings and Honor (Ire ati Iyin)
Yoruba hymn
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