



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC  
October 18, 10 a.m.

## **God the Artist Sunday Part V**

### **Prelude**

*Aria* by G.B. Viotti

### **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:** All heaven and earth proclaim God's wondrous creative power.

**Two:** **Praise God for the creative spirit that has been given to each of us.**

**One:** May we give sacrifices to you each day, through our lives and our actions.

**Two:** **The altar of life is open, and all who wish to give to God can come forth.**

**One:** Write the words of the law on our hearts, Lord.

**Two:** **May we learn to discern your Word in this world today.**

**One:** Let us worship together this morning as we continue our journey towards the promised land. Amen.

### **Hymn**

*Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand*

Traditional Kenyan

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**Chorus: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand,  
He's the solid rock of my life.  
He's the solid rock of my life,  
He's the solid rock of my life.**

**There's no other place I can hide  
'til the storm that rages subsides.  
My voice cries to God from the flood,  
and I'm saved because of his love.**

**Chorus**

**It is not the work of my hands  
that can wash away all my fear.  
I'm redeemed, and all of my days,  
Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise.**

**Chorus**

**When my days on this earth are done,  
and I stand at God's holy throne,  
my heart will not have any fear  
in Christ's righteousness I am here.**

**Chorus**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Creator God, we come to you this morning as rough as unhewn stones. And we are in need of shaping, God. We are in need of your hand on our lives – forming us, working us into what we are meant to be. We are surely rough around the edges - yet despite where we might be at the moment, we know that you see something beautiful in us, something valuable and worthy. May we be humble vessels of your love, willing to be worked on and chiseled away, letting go of that which needs to be let go of, and embracing our truest selves known by you. 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**

**Exodus 20: 22-25**

**You need make for me only an altar of earth and sacrifice on it your burnt-offerings and your offerings of well-being, your sheep and your oxen; in every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. But if you make for me an altar of stone, do not build it of hewn stones; for if you use a chisel upon it you profane it.**

**Video Meditation**

Laurel Pepin

**Sacred Conversation**

Pastor Peter and Robert Charles Hudson

## Hymn

### *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

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**God, who stretched the spangled heavens  
infinite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burning radiance  
through the silent fields of space;**

**we, your children, in your likeness,  
share inventive powers with you;  
Great Creator, still creating,  
show us what we yet may do.**

**We have ventured worlds undreamed of  
since the childhood of our race;  
known the ecstasy of winging  
through untraveled realms of space;**

**probed the secrets of the atom,  
yielding unimagined power,  
facing us with life's destruction  
or our most triumphant hour.**

**As each far horizon beckons,  
may it challenge us anew;  
children of creative purpose,  
serving others, honoring you.**

**May our dreams prove rich with promise,  
each endeavor, well begun;  
Great Creator, give us guidance  
till our goals and yours are one.**

## Prayers of the People

### Pastoral Prayer

### Response

*Jesus is a Rock*  
African American Spiritual

**Jesus is a rock in a weary land,  
a weary land, a weary land.  
My Jesus is a rock in a weary land,  
a shelter in the time of storm.**

## Announcements

## Generosity Video

## **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**

*Corrente* by G. Frescobaldi  
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