



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC
November 8, 10 a.m.

God the Artist Sunday Part VII, Veterans Day Sunday

Prelude

Introduction for Voluntary #3 by John Stanley

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.**

Litany in Honor of Veterans Day

One: Jesus called us to be people of peace saying, "Blessed are the peacemakers" reminding us that we are to love our neighbor and our enemy as we love ourselves. But we also acknowledge that there are times when we as a global community fail to live out those words, and young men and women hear the call of their country to serve under their flag. Today we give thanks for all who have chosen to serve; we give thanks for their bravery, their commitment, and their love. We remember all the men and women who serve, or have served, in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard,

Two: We ask your blessing.

One: For the family members who have made great sacrifices in order to make it possible for their service members to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm's way,

Two: We ask your blessing.

One: For the families who grieve the death of a member who went in harm's way, never to return,

Two: We ask your blessing.

One: Jesus tells us that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. For all those veterans who have been willing to lay down their lives for us,

Two: We ask your blessing.

One: For the veterans of past wars who bear scars in their bodies and spirits,

Two: We ask your blessing.

One: For veterans who came home but couldn't "fit in" with their families or communities anymore,

Two: We ask your blessing.

One: Keep all our veterans in your care today. Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others. As we honor our veterans, we also pray for peace. Teach all your people the ways of peace that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom will not have done so in vain. We pray all these things in the name of your son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

Two: Amen.

Hymn

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Words by Julia Ward Howe,
Music traditional American
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**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
his truth is marching on.**

**Chorus: Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

**I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps;
they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps,
his day is marching on.**

Chorus

**He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgement seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him, be jubilant my feet!
Our God is marching on.**

Chorus

Prayer of Invocation

God of peace, just as the guns fell silent on Armistice Day so many years ago, allowing people to hear the sounds of hope and promise again, may our hearts be quieted this hour. God of life, in this time of prayer and song and remembering may we feel your presence among us. May our worship here re-awaken in our hearts and souls a new hope for the possibility of peace. May you fill our very beings with a vision of your justice that brings true peace to the world. Move among us here in this time together and then send us back out into the world committed to be active in the cause of peace. This we pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus of Nazareth, the one we call Christ. 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

Judges 16 The Story of Samson and Delilah

⁴After this Samson fell in love with a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. ⁵The lords of the Philistines came to her and said to her, “Coax him, and find out what makes his strength so great, and how we may overpower him, so that we may bind him in order to subdue him; and we will each give you eleven hundred pieces of silver.” ⁶So Delilah said to Samson, “Please tell me what makes your strength so great, and how you could be bound, so that one could subdue you.” ⁷Samson said to her, “If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings that are not dried out, then I shall become weak, and be like anyone else.” ⁸Then the lords of the Philistines brought her seven fresh bowstrings that had not dried out, and she bound him with them. ⁹While men were lying in wait in an inner chamber, she said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” But he snapped the bowstrings, as a strand of fiber snaps when it touches the fire. So the secret of his strength was not known. ¹⁰Then Delilah said to Samson, “You have mocked me and told me lies; please tell me how you could be bound.” ¹¹He said to her, “If they bind me with new ropes that have not been used, then I shall become weak, and be like anyone else.” ¹²So Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them, and said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” (The men lying in wait were in an inner chamber.) But he snapped the ropes off his arms like a thread. ¹³Then Delilah said to Samson, “Until now you have mocked me and told me lies; tell me how you could be bound.” He said to her, “If you weave the seven locks of my head with the web and make it tight with the pin, then I shall become weak, and be like anyone else.” ¹⁴So while he slept, Delilah took the seven locks of his head and wove them into the web, and made them tight with the pin. Then she said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” But he awoke from his sleep, and pulled away the pin, the loom, and the web.

Video Meditation

Laurel Pepin

Sermon

Pastor Nicole

“Samson the Warrior”

Hymn

What the Lord Has Done in Me
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**Let the weak say, “I am strong.” Let the poor say, “I am rich.”
Let the blind say, “I can see. It's what the Lord has done in me.”**

**Chorus: Hosanna, hosanna to the lamb that was slain.
Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.**

**Into the river I will wade. There my sins are washed away
by the heaven's mercy stream of the Savior's love for me.**

Chorus

**I will rise from waters deep into the saving arms of God.
I will sing salvation songs. Jesus Christ has set me free.**

Chorus x2

Veterans Video

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Response

Weave

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**Weave, weave, weave us together,
weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together,
weave us together, together in love.**

Announcements

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

Voluntary #7 by John Stanley

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