



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC
December 6, 10 a.m.

**The Second Sunday of Advent: *I Believe in Peace*
Communion Sunday**

Prelude

I Believe

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Welcome

Invocation

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reading from Isaiah 9:2-7, selections

Prayer

O God, send your Spirit to the wild corners of our hearts and prepare well for the coming of your Prince of Peace. 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.

Hymn

All Earth Is Waiting

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**All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and open furrows, the sowing of our God.
All the world, bound and struggling,
seeks true liberty;
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.**

**Thus says the prophet to those of Israel,
'A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel'.
One whose name is 'God with us' our savior shall be,
through whom hope will blossom
once more within our hearts.**

**Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain;
open new highways, new highways for our God,
who is now coming closer, so come all and see,
and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.**

**In lowly stable the Promised One appeared,
yet feel that presence throughout the earth today.
For Christ lives in all Christians
and is with us now;
again, on arriving, Christ brings us liberty.**

Children's Moment

Scripture

Isaiah 40:1-11

¹ Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

⁶ A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'

¹⁰ See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Sermon

Pastor Nicole

“I Believe in Peace”

Litany of Belief Video

Hymn

People Look East
Traditional French Carol
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**People look East, the time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People look East and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

**Furrows be glad, though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength, the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
People look East and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.**

**Stars, keep the watch, when night is dim.
One more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People look East and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.**

**Angels announce with shouts of mirth,
him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People look East, and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

Prayers of the People

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Sharing of the Elements

Communion Response

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

Traditional French carol

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Prayer of Thanksgiving (Adapted from Maren Tirabassi, www.giftsinopenhands.com)

God, we give you thanks that you have come to us – in the child of Bethlehem, in this bread and cup, and in your answer to all of our hopes and your offer of peace, deeper than any truce, truer than the upheaval that surrounds us. You have comforted us with your promise and your presence so that we too may spread the welcome wings of your good tidings. Amen.

Choir Response

Light a Candle

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Benediction

Postlude

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