



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC
January 24, 10 a.m.

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Peace Like a River
African American traditional
Arranged by Jane Frogley

Welcome

Introit

Jesus the Light of the World
Words by Charles Wesley
Music by George Elderkin

**We will follow the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright,
shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.**

Call to Worship

One: The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears
Two: Call us into your way of life, O God
One: The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision
Two: Lead us into your vision of life, O God
One: The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts
Two: Guide us in your example of living for others, O God
One: Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with your love, O God
Two: Let us be your hands and feet in the world, O God.
Let us worship together.

Opening Hymn

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore
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**You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.**

**O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you I will seek other seas.**

**You know full well my possessions.
Neither treasure, nor weapons for conquest.
Just these my fish nets and will for working.**

**O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes,
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you I will seek other seas.**

Prayer of Invocation

**You call us, Wanderer of seashores and sidewalks, inviting us to sail out of our smug harbors into the uncharted waters of faith;
to wander off from our predictable paths to follow you into the unpredictable footsteps of the kingdom;
to leave the comfort of our homes and accompany you into the uncomfortable neighborhoods we usually avoid.
As we wait, in our simple, sometimes crazy, constantly uncertain lives,
speak to us, Spirit of Grace:
of that hope which is our anchor; of that peace which is our rock; of that grace which is our refuge. 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

Mark 1: 14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."
¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."
¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Sermon

"Fishing for People in 2021"

Pastor Nicole

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

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**I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Chorus: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

**I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

Chorus

Sharing Our Star Gifts

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

When God is a Child

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Announcements

Benediction

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Moments Musicals #3 by Franz Schubert

The annual budget meeting will be held today, January 24 at 11 a.m. on Zoom. You can join the meeting by clicking [here](#). Alternatively, you may join by phone by dialing +1 929 205 6099. The Meeting ID is 857 2100 5228.

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