



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC  
April 11, 10 a.m.

## **Scout Sunday**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

**One:** The Spirit of God is within us all! We come to you in praise and worship this morning!

**Two:** **Let your Spirit create and reveal the Spirit of the Scout in us all.**

**One:** Build me a Scout, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble in victory.

**Two:** Lead us, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but in the path of growth and challenge.

**One:** Build me a Scout whose heart will be clear, whose goals will be high. A Scout who will master themselves before they seek to master others, one who will march into the future, yet never forget the past.

**Two:** And finally, we pray that we may have enough of a sense of humor to always be serious, yet never take ourselves too seriously. Give us humility, so that we may always remember the simplicity of true wisdom, and the meekness of true strength.

**One:** Give us all this, God, and help us be true to ourselves, and true to the Spirit of the Scout.  
Amen!

### **Opening Hymn**

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*  
African American Spiritual  
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**I'm gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.  
I'm gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.  
I'm gonna work so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.**

**I'm gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.  
I'm gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.**

## Prayer of Invocation

**O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life. We lift to you the ministry of scouting. We offer you thanks for camping, to teach us that the world is our great home; for study and work, to build character; for service, to see our responsibility to those in need; for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith. Bless the work of scouting, in this place and around the world, that, through its efforts, the young may increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with you and all people. 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

#### Philippians 4:8-9

<sup>8</sup> Finally, siblings, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me – put into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

### A Conversation with Scout Leaders

James Finlay and Bennett Michaud

### 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.**

**Scouts Mission Moment**

**Prayers of the People**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer Response**

*In the Bulb There is a Flower*

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**In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**Announcements**

**Cub Scout Closing Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*A Voluntary*

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Prayer of Invocation is adapted from a prayer by Mark Trotter, 20th Century.

Call to Worship adapted from "A Scouter's Prayer" <http://usscouts.org/scoutduty/sd2gc65.asp>