



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC
May 30, 10 a.m.

Memorial Day and Baptism Sunday

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (from Psalm 96)

Leader: O sing to God a new song;

People: Sing praise, all the earth.

Leader: Sing, and bless God's name; tell God's salvation from day to day.

People: Declare God's glory among the nations, and marvelous works among all peoples.

Leader: For great is God, and greatly to be praised.

People: Honor and majesty are before God; strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.

Opening Hymn

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Words by Katharine Lee Bates

Music by Samuel A. Ward

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**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.**

**O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

Prayer of Invocation

God, since you are always present to us, enfolding us in your love, we will never despair. We thank you that you have come to us in Jesus Christ, healing and liberating, showing us who you are. Your light, shining in the face of Christ, is reflected in our hearts. As we see you in Jesus, may others see Christ in us. In your name we pray. 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

Sacrament of Baptism

Today we welcome Luke Alan Mockler into our church family through water baptism. Luke is the son of Kati and Jesse Mockler and the godson of Carol and Robert LeMere. Please join us in extending an extravagant FCW welcome to Luke and his family.

Questions of Commitment

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe in God? **I believe in God.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ? **I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? **I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

Blessing of the Baptism Water

Act of Baptism

Congregational Assent

Leader: Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized?

People: **We promise our love, support, and care.**

Scripture

I Corinthians 3:5-9

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Sermon

“Faith in a Seed: Planting, Watering, Growing”

Pastor Nicole

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.**

**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.**

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

**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.**

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

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

Offering Plates are on the tables back of the church. We encourage you to give online [here](#).

Benediction

Benediction Response

You Shall Go Out with Joy

Words by Steffi Geiser Rubin

Music by Stuart Dauermann

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**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
While you go out with joy.**

Postlude

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Played by the First Church Bell Choir

Words by Reverend Samuel Francis Smith

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