



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC

**Sunday, August 8  
10 a.m.**

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: God of bread and quail, we offer this day to you, asking for spiritual nourishment.

**People: You give us all that we need, God, to grow in faith and deed.**

Leader: You give us our daily bread, no more and no less than what is required for our souls to be fed.

**People: You find us, God, and you hear our cries. Whether we are in the desert or beside still waters, you hear us and see us.**

Leader: Come, let us praise the God of great and mighty wonders.

**People: Let Your gift of food be for all who are hungry. Amen!**

## **Hymn**

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

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**All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We, that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

## **Prayer of Invocation**

Gracious God, you have given us this precious life. Each day is a gift, and not a guarantee, so let us praise you in each hour that we live and breathe. Give us today all that we need to be fed; we ask that you feed our bodies, our souls, and our communities. Let us not hoard resources for fear of lacking ourselves, but instead let us be opened to the generous and giving spirit of Christ in our midst, knowing that tomorrow you will provide again. Though we may not think we have much to offer, open our hearts to the abundance to which our gifts can help the world. 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

#### **Exodus 16: 4, 14-18**

GOD said to Moses, "I'm going to rain bread down from the skies for you. The people will go out and gather each day's ration. I'm going to test them to see if they'll live according to my Teaching or not.

When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it? For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that God has given you to eat. This is what God has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.'" The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

### Sermon

Pastor Peter

"Faith in a Seed: Our Daily Bread"

### Hymn

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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Music: Jamaican folk song

**Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy.  
Bread is broken and wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the word around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one,  
at his table he sets the tone.  
Teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the word around: loaves abound!**

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt.  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share,  
God (Immanuel) everywhere!**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the word around: loaves abound!**

## **Prayers of the People**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Prayer Response**

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

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**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
Open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
Where love is grown and peace is understood.**

## **Announcements**

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

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*Andante Cantabile*

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