



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC

**Sunday, August 15
10 a.m.**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, we gather on this summer Sunday grateful for life and earth and all that grows and blossoms!

People: We bring our need for rest, our yearning for community, our love of this world you have created.

Leader: In this moment of gathering, let us focus our hearts and minds on God's amazing gifts to us in the world around us.

People: We praise you, O God, for the waters, the sun, the birds, for our own bodies and the joy of the outdoors!

Leader: Let our hearts and spirits sing God's praises!

People: Amen!

Hymn

Morning Has Broken

Scottish traditional
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Prayer of Invocation

Holy One, you who called us into being from the seed of your imagination, we come to you this day in prayer and praise. You have given us the earth as our habitat, waters to quench our thirst, sources of nourishment and even seas to enjoy. We give you thanks and praise for the world around us! Grant us the joy and playfulness you have planted in our hearts that we might fully experience all that you have given. On this day let our hearts soar with eagles, dive with osprey, and sing like warblers. In the name of Jesus, 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

Midge Christopher

Testimony from Silver Lake

Jalyn Brown

Scripture

Psalm 104, selected verses

Bless our God, O my soul! O my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers...

You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal... By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches...

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use...

The high mountains are for the wild goats, the rocks a refuge for the coney... O God, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it...

Bless our God, O my soul. Praise God!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree

“Even Leviathan!”

Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Words by Cecil Frances Alexander

Traditional English tune

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**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.**

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

**The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning that brightens us the sky.**

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

**The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.**

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

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

Shall We Gather at the River

By Robert Lowry

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