



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC

**Communion Sunday
Sunday, September 5, 10 a.m.**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (from Psalm 24)

One: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

Two: **For God has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

One: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

Two: **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,**

One: They will receive blessing from the LORD,
from the God of their salvation.

Two: **We are in the company of those who seek the face of the God.
Let us worship God!**

Hymn

Wayfaring Stranger
African-American spiritual
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**I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger, I'm trav'ling through this world below;
There is no sickness, toil, nor danger in that bright world to which I go.
I'm going there to see my father, I'm going there no more to roam;
I only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home.**

**I know dark clouds will gather o'er me, I know my pathway's rough and steep;
But golden fields lie out before me, where weary eyes no more shall weep.
I'm going there to see my mother, she said she'd meet me when I come;
I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home..**

Prayer of Invocation

God of love, take hold of this act of worship, and do not let us go until we have been blessed by a vision of love: infinitely generous, gentle and forgiving, mysterious and profound. Help us be a church where all are accepted and no one rejected, and a place where love never ends. Living, loving God, live in our hearts now and forever. 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

Scripture

Selections from Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are those who make
the LORD their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.
You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt-offering and sin-offering
you have not required.
Then I said, 'Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.'

Sermon

“There and Back Again”

Pastor Nicole

Hymn

What the Lord Has Done in Me
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**Let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich."
Let the blind say, "I can see. It's what the Lord has done in me."
Hosanna, hosanna to the lamb that was slain.
Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.**

**Into the river I will wade. There my sins are washed away
by the heaven's mercy stream of the Savior's love for me.
Hosanna, hosanna to the lamb that was slain.
Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.**

**I will rise from waters deep into the saving arms of God.
I will sing salvation songs. Jesus Christ has set me free.
Hosanna, hosanna to the lamb that was slain.
Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.**

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.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation
Words of Institution
Sharing of the Elements

Communion Response

Seed, Scattered and Sown
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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Spirit of Christ, you have blessed our tables and our lives. May the eating of this bread give us courage to speak faith and act love, not only in church sanctuaries, but in your precious world, and may the drinking of this cup renew our hope even in the midst of pandemic. Wrap your hopeful presence around all whose bodies, spirits and hearts need healing, and let us become your compassion and safe refuge. Amen.

Announcements

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Alternatively, checks may be mailed to the church at 107 Palisado Ave, Windsor, CT 06095

Benediction

Postlude

Glory, Glory Hallelujah
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