



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC

**Illuminated Faith**  
**September 19 at 10 a.m.**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

One: We have been called salt of the earth.

**Two: Let us remain hidden and distinctive.**

One: We have been called the light of the world.

**Two: Let us shine brightly in the midst of pain and confusion.**

One: We have been called a city on a hill.

**Two: Let us, like Jerusalem, lift our gates, lift our hearts, lift our voices in the worship of God, Lord of hosts, and the Savior to the humble.**

**Introduction to Water Communion**

**Water Communion**

**Hymn**

*Bring Forth the City of God*

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**You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the City of God!**  
**Shine so holy and bright, O people: Shine for the City of God!**  
**Bring forth the City of mercy, bring forth the City of peace;**  
**Bring forth the City of justice, bring forth the City of God!**

**We are a blest and a pilgrim people: Bound for the City of God!**  
**Love our journey and love our homeland: Love is the City of God!**  
**Bring forth the City of mercy, bring forth the City of peace;**  
**Bring forth the City of justice, bring forth the City of God!.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**You are our light, O God. In your presence our lives are illumined, our way becomes clearer. Our own light comes from you: like small candles lit from the Christ candle on Christmas Eve, we are able to shine with love and hope because you love us and give us reason to hope. Radiate through us with your wisdom, healing the hurts of the past, giving us courage for the future. Give us clarity and peace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who came to reveal your light to 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

#### Matthew 5: 13-16

<sup>13</sup> 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup> 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

### Sermon

Pastor Nicole

"Let Your Light Shine"

### Hymn

#### *I Am the Light of the World*

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**"I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!"  
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
Of what you were meant to do and be.**

**To find the lost and lonely one, to heal the broken soul with love,  
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,  
To feel the earth below, the sky above!**

**"I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!"  
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
Of what you were meant to do and be.**

**To free the prisoner from all chains, to make the powerful ones care,  
To rebuild the nations with strength of good will,  
To see all God's children everywhere!**

**"I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!"  
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
Of what you were meant to do and be.**

### Illuminated Faith

Lynn Andrews

"I Believe in the Spirit Holy"

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Prayer Response**

#### *Go Light Your World*

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**Carry your candle, run to the darkness,  
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.  
Hold out your candle for all to see it.  
Take your candle and go light your world.  
Take your candle and go light your world.**

### **Announcements**

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

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

#### *Simple Gifts*

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