



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC

Illuminated Faith
September 26 at 10 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (from Psalm 118)

- One: God is our strength and our song. God has become our salvation.
Two: Hear the glad songs of God's victory! We shall proclaim the deeds of our God.
One: God has not given us over to death. Open are the gates of life.
Two: We shall enter the gates of life and give thanks to God.
One: We have been given light and love. Hear the glad songs of God's victory!

Hymn

Sing Praise to God

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Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sustains all creation!
Sing praise, my soul, in profound and complete adoration!
Gladsome rejoice—organ and trumpet and voice—
joining God's great congregation.

Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God commending.
All that have life and breath join you, their notes sweetly blending.
God is your light! Soul, ever keep this in sight:
Amen, amen never ending.

Prayer of Invocation

O God, to worship is to listen to the ancient song of creation and to recognize within that song our individual songs. To worship is to share these melodies and dissonances of our human condition. Our voices vary: some warble, some bellow, but the song is universal. It is our ode to God within us. Let us join hearts and voices and worship God. 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

Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

²Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

³Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

⁴For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

⁵For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

⁶Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

⁸Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

⁹Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.

He will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

¹²let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

¹³before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Sermon

Pastor Nicole

"Sing to the Lord"

Hymn

Sing a New Song

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Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high.

Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

Shout with gladness! Dance for joy! O come before the Lord!

And play for God on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound!

Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high.

Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

Rise, O children, from your sleep, your Savior now has come.

He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song.

Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high.

Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia

Illuminated Faith

Julie Fewster

"I Believe in a Singing Faith"

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.
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Announcements

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

Benediction

Postlude

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