



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC

Illuminated Faith
October 17, 2021, at 10 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy. Let us join our voices in giving thanks.

All: The works of God are all around us. Those who share in God's work lack for nothing.

One: We are called to faithfulness, a people of the God's covenant.

All: We seek to walk in faithfulness and with upright hearts.

One: Come then, as wise and faithful people. Come as God's beloved community.

All: We will remember God's steadfast love every day. We will walk with Christ through life's hills and valleys.

Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Music from Gesangbuch Hofkapelle, 1784
Words by Isaac Watts
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**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of our God that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.
Oh, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye;
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!**

**On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glory known.
The clouds arise and spread their showers by order from your throne.
All life is but a gift from you and ever in your care;
Wherever people gather, you, our God, are present there.**

Prayer of Invocation

God of steadfast love, your works delight our hearts and expand our thoughts. Your grace and mercy draw us together to praise you and to celebrate your wonderful deeds. Dwell among us today, and within the lives of each gathered here today, helping us to grow in discernment and understanding. Grant wisdom and courage that we may walk in your ways. 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

Children aged 3 to 11 may leave for Faith Formation with Erin Newcomb-Moore.

Scripture

Ephesian 5:8-16

⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” ¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time.

Sermon

Pastor Nicole

“Children of Light”

Hymn

Open My Eyes

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**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
And while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Illuminated Faith

Larry Pennington

I Believe that Light is Art

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 & Stewardship Moment

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

Benediction

Postlude

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