



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC

**Stewardship Sunday
Jazz Sunday
October 31, 2021, at 10 a.m.**

Prelude

Welcome

***Litany for Stewardship**

Leader: O God, we desire to be good stewards of all that you have made: the earth, the world, and all that dwells therein. All that we have comes as a trust from you.

People: **God, we give thanks for your gifts to us.**

Leader: We are called by God to use whatever gifts we have been given in service to others.

People: **As you have so freely given to us and lovingly made us what we are, we now freely give back to you the substance of our lives—our time, talent, and money.**

Leader: We are reminded in the gospel that from the poverty of the cross we have gained the richness of life.

People: **Thank you, Lord, for allowing us to give to the work you have assigned our hands to do in this your earthly kingdom.**

Leader: We have received the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ as a gift, and we have been made his disciples.

People: **We pray that we shall be good and faithful stewards, sharing with others the light that Jesus has given us, ever giving and serving from a willing heart. We have freely received, now let us freely give!**

***Hymn**

Sing of the Lord's Goodness

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Sing of the Lord's goodness, bringer of all wisdom,

Come with us and bless God's name.

Mercy has been shown us, this love is forever,

Faithful to the end of days.

Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,

Melodies of praise and thanks to God.

Ring out the Lord's glory, praising with your music,

Worshiping God's holy name.

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,

Spirit of our God most high;

Solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,

Splendor of the living God.

Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,

Melodies of praise and thanks to God.

Ring out the Lord's glory, praising with your music,

Worshiping God's holy name.

Prayer of Invocation

Generous God, giver of every good and perfect gift, we lift our voices today to express our thanks and praise. For health and strength, for family and friends, for our homes and this church community, and for your abiding and life-giving presence, we say thank you. For your love, which knows no bounds, and for empowering us to share your love with others, we sing your praise. Make us deeply aware of your presence today as we gather together to worship, in Jesus' name. 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

Jenn Zirbel

2 Samuel 24:24

24But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy them from you for a price; I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

Sermon

Pastor Nicole

A Sacrifice That Costs Me Something

Hymn

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This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Share it with my friends, I'm gonna let it shine.
Share it with my friends, I'm gonna let it shine.
Share it with my friends, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine all over the world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Shine all over the world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Shine all over the world, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Illuminated Faith

Emily Courtney

I Believe in Music

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.**

Stewardship Moment

Lee Hoffman

Musical Interlude

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Please bring forward your pledge cards at this time.

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: You have put your divine stamp upon us, endowed us with honor, and created us in your likeness. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. Through providence and grace we offer our tithes and offerings on your altar

All: Lord, Adonai, where our hearts and hands are closed, open them. Where our resolve is weak, strengthen us

Leader: Our health and strength have come from you, and it is you who made our financial resources possible.

All: Teach us to give as we have received. Remind us that what we claim as ours is really yours. Without your gifts to us we have nothing.

Leader: We are called by you, O God, to be good stewards of all that has been entrusted in our care. You have called us to honor your name with our presence and our service.

People: Gracious God, our prayer is that we may give a good accounting of our stewardship.

Announcements

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

***Benediction**

Postlude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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