



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC

Third Sunday after Epiphany: Seeking Wisdom

January 23, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

One: From the midst of our real lives with their very real problems,

Two: We come to seek wisdom and courage from the presence of God and the support of one another.

One: As persons who love imperfectly and are loved imperfectly,

Two: We come to be renewed by the perfect love of God, proclaimed in the community of faith and love.

One: As persons who never fully live up to their high calling in Jesus Christ,

Two: We come to be encouraged to do our best for one more week.

***Hymn**

In This Very Room

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**In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me.
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.**

**In this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us.
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.**

**In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world.
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.**

Prayer of Invocation

O God, source of all true wisdom and goodness, how often we substitute our own wisdom and goodness, instead of the life shown to us in Jesus Christ. We thank you that you do not judge us by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us to trust and follow where you lead. In the name of Jesus we pray. 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

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him

Sermon

Pastor Nicole

"Seeking Wisdom in the Family"

***Hymn**

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

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Music by Carlton Young

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**This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.**

**For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
Can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.**

**Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.**

**Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings—our God is making all things new.**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Lead Me

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**Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

Announcements

If you wish, you may give online [here](#).

*Benediction

Postlude

Impromptu Opus 90 #3

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*Please stand as you are able

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