



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany: Seeking Wisdom

January 30, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship (Psalm 71)**

One: In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.

Two: In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.

One: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

Two: For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

One: I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength;

Two: My praise shall be always of you

***Hymn**

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish

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**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, the presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

Prayer of Invocation

All knowing God of creation, send your Spirit to grant us wisdom. God, we trust in you. We pray that we would lean not only on our own understanding in these times of questioning, but may we look to you for help. We ask that in our search for discernment, we listen for your insight. O great way-maker, we turn to you for guidance; show us the path you want us to take and grant us peace. In the name of Christ, our hope, 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

I Kings 3: 5-14, 4:29-31

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. ¹⁴If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

²⁹ God gave Solomon very great wisdom, discernment, and breadth of understanding as vast as the sand on the seashore, ³⁰so that Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east, and all the wisdom of Egypt. ³¹He was wiser than anyone else, wiser than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Calcol, and Darda, children of Mahol; his fame spread throughout all the surrounding nations.

Sermon

Pastor Nicole

"Solomon's Wisdom"

***Hymn**

Seek Ye First

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**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia!**

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

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*Benediction

Postlude

Rondeau

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