



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany: Seeking Wisdom  
Annual Meeting Sunday**

February 13, 2022, at 10 a.m.

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: God calls us to share the water of life to a parched and needy world.

**People: Let us renew our faith and hope in Christ, for we believe resurrection is possible.**

Leader: We seek to turn to God each day and meditate on God's Word.

**People: We will trust God to provide what we truly need. We want to bear fruit in what we say and do.**

Leader: God knows us, loves us, and blesses us through Christ Jesus.

**People: We come now to worship and find new life, to receive healing for our journey.**

**\*Hymn**

*Praise to the Lord*

Words by Joachim Neander

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**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.  
O my soul, worship the well-spring of health and salvation.  
All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near.  
Join me in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been  
granted in what God ordaineth.**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,  
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.  
Then to thy need God like a mother doth speed,  
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Come, Holy God, to search us and know us. Grant us in this hour wise counsel and clear direction. Touch our hearts, teach us; hear us; heal us. Send your Spirit to walk with us, as Christ walked with the disciples long ago. May we glimpse your kingdom today, so that it may become for us a present reality as well as a future hope. Grant us living water to quench our thirst, and sound teaching to feed our hunger. 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**

### **Passing of the Peace**

*Let us greet one another and share the peace of Christ by waving. For those joining us online, consider writing a comment under the livestream video or sending a message to a fellow member.*

## **Scripture**

Jeremiah 17:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. <sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. <sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. <sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? <sup>10</sup>I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

## **Sermon**

Betsy Kenneson

“A Message from Our Moderator”

## **\*Hymn**

*I Shall Not Be Moved*  
African-American Spiritual  
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**I shall not be, I shall not be moved.  
I shall not be, I shall not be moved.  
Just like a tree that's planted by the water,  
I shall not be moved.**

**When my cross is heavy, I shall not be moved.  
When my cross is heavy, I shall not be moved.  
Just like a tree that's planted by the water,  
I shall not be moved.**

**Jesus is my savior, I shall not be moved.  
Jesus is my savior, I shall not be moved.  
Just like a tree that's planted by the water,  
I shall not be moved.**

**The church of God is marching, I shall not be moved.  
The church of God is marching, I shall not be moved.  
Just like a tree that's planted by the water,  
I shall not be moved.**

## **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**

Offering Plates are on the tables back of the church. If you wish, you may give online [here](#).

## **Hymn**

*In Christ There Is No East or West*  
African-American Spiritual  
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**In Christ there is no East or West,  
in Christ no South or North;  
but one community of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find.  
God's service is the golden cord  
close-binding humankind.**

**In Christ now meet both East and West,  
in Christ meet South and North.  
One joyous, true community  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

## **\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

### *Hold On*

African-American Spiritual  
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