



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC

**The Last Sunday of Epiphany: Seeking Wisdom
Jazz/Mardi Gras Sunday
February 27, 2022, at 10 a.m.**

Prelude

Michael Novak

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (From Song of Solomon 6)

Leader: Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her.

People: She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

Leader: The one who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty

People: The one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,

Leader: Because she goes about seeking those worthy of her

People: She graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

Hymn

Amen
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Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen!

Prayer of Invocation

Loving God, you bring light to our days and hope to our hearts. We draw near to you as survivors of another week, grateful for your care. You have provided for us, preserved our lives, and invited us once more to this time of prayer. Now we try to be still before you, leaving behind our distress and anger, entrusting our weaknesses to your empowering spirit. Raise us up to embrace your way of love. 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

Wisdom of Solomon 7: 22-30

There is in her a spirit that is intelligent, holy,
unique, manifold, subtle,
mobile, clear, unpolluted,

distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen,
irresistible, beneficent, humane,
steadfast, sure, free from anxiety,
all-powerful, overseeing all,
and penetrating through all spirits
that are intelligent, pure, and altogether subtle.
For wisdom is more mobile than any motion;
because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things.
For she is a breath of the power of God,
and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty;
therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her.
For she is a reflection of eternal light,
a spotless mirror of the working of God,
and an image of his goodness.
Although she is but one, she can do all things,
and while remaining in herself, she renews all things;
in every generation she passes into holy souls
and makes them friends of God, and prophets;
for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.
She is more beautiful than the sun,
and excels every constellation of the stars.
Compared with the light she is found to be superior,
for it is succeeded by the night,
but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

Sermon

Pastor Nicole

“The Nature of Wisdom”

***Hymn**

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing,
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**I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing, I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing, and obey the Spirit of the Lord.**

**I'm gonna move when the Spirit says move, I'm gonna move when the Spirit says move,
I'm gonna move when the Spirit says move, and obey the Spirit of the Lord.**

**I'm gonna grow when the Spirit says grow, I'm gonna grow when the Spirit says grow,
I'm gonna grow when the Spirit says grow, and obey the Spirit of the Lord.**

**I'm gonna love when the Spirit says love, I'm gonna love when the Spirit says love,
I'm gonna love when the Spirit says love, and obey the Spirit of the Lord.**

**I'm gonna shine when the Spirit says shine, I'm gonna shine when the Spirit says shine,
I'm gonna shine when the Spirit says shine, and obey the Spirit of the Lord.**

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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.**

**Upon the mountain my God spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, looked so fine I asked my God if all were mine.**

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.**

**Oh, Jordan river, chilly and cold, it chills the body, not the soul.
There's only one train on this track; it runs to heaven, then right back.**

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.**

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.**

*Benediction

Postlude

Michael Novak

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