



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC

The First Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Roll Down, Justice

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**Roll down! Roll down, justice!
Roll like an ever-flowing stream,
O Roll Down, roll down justice
Roll like an ever-flowing stream,
flowing stream, roll down!**

Pastor: Holy and Living God, we open to you this day.

People: May peace flow. Let justice roll.

Pastor: Wake us from our slumber and help us see.

People: May peace flow. Let justice roll.

Pastor: Let no one feel outside Your love, outside our love.

People: May peace flow. Let justice roll.

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Passing of the Peace

Pastor: In the words of St. Patrick "Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me"
Let this Peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

*Please pass the peace of Christ with a wave with those around you.
If you are joining on Facebook Live, please add a comment under the video or send a message to a fellow FCW
community member.*

***Hymn**

We'll Build a Land

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**We'll build a land where we bind up the broken,
we'll build a land where the captives go free,
where the oil of gladness dissolves all mourning.
Oh, we'll build a promised land that can be.
Come build a land where sisters and brothers,
anointed by God, may then create peace.
Where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever flowing stream.**

**We'll build a land where we bring the good tidings
to all the afflicted and all those who mourn.
And we'll give them garlands instead of ashes.
Oh, we'll build a land where peace is born.**

**Come build a land where sisters and brothers,
anointed by God, may then create peace.
Where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever flowing stream.**

Prayer of Invocation

“Speak a Word”

Life-Giving God,

**May I speak a word of hope
into someone's spirit today;
extolling the promise and
potential offered in each
new rising sun.**

**May I speak a word of love
into someone's spirit today;
freely offering the agape of God
without condition.**

**May I speak a word of peace
into someone's spirit today;
offering the quiet strength of
restraint over retort.**

**As I prepare to offer these gifts
of the Spirit, may I recall
that I cannot offer what I do not have.**

**Therefore, may
Hope, Love, and Peace
reside within me as well. 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

Anthem

What Does the Lord Require of You?

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Children's Moment

Scriptures

Amos 5: 21-24

21I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Luke 4:1-14

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." 4Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" 5Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." 8Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 9Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' 11and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" 12Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. 14Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

Sermon

"Roll Down, Justice"

Pastor Nicole

***Hymn**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Words by St. Francis of Assisi

Music by Sebastian Temple

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**Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, you pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

**Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness ever joy.**

**O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.
Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Take the fabric and write down something you want to let go. After the prayer, during the prayer response, bring up the fabric and put it in the baptismal font.

Prayer Response

I've Got Peace Like a River

African-American spiritual

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I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul (X2)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Response

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Words by Sylvia Dunstan, music by Bob Moore

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, your Spirit anointed Jesus to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. In these acts of love and justice we see our call as a church to let the waters of justice roll, knowing we have been delivered from death through water and the Spirit. Thanks be to God for the bread and juice to draw us again into this vision. Amen.

Announcements

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

***Closing Hymn**

Wade in the Water
African-American spiritual
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**Wade in the water, wade in the water children,
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.**

**See that host all dressed in white, God's gonna trouble the water,
The leader looks like the Israelite, God's gonna trouble the water.**

**Wade in the water, wade in the water children,
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.**

**See that band all dressed in red, God's gonna trouble the water,
Looks like the band that Moses lead, God's gonna trouble the water.**

**Wade in the water, wade in the water children,
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.**

***Benediction**

Postlude

Nearer, Lord, with Me
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