



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

March 27, 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.

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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**

*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

Words by Fanny Crosby

Music by William Doane

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**Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry.  
While on others you are calling, do not pass me by.  
Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry.  
While on others you are calling, do not pass me by.**

**Trusting only in your merit, would I seek your face.  
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by your grace.  
Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry.  
While on others you are calling, do not pass me by.**

**Be the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me.  
Not just here on earth beside me, but eternally.  
Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry.  
While on others you are calling, do not pass me by.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

“Perfecting”

**Perfecting God,**

**As we walk further into your light  
and your Word manifests more deeply within us,  
may we come to understand  
that absence is not always enough.**

**The absence of hate is good,  
but the presence of love perfects what is good.**

**The absence of evil is good,  
but the presence of righteousness perfects what is good.**

**The absence of violence is good,  
but the presence of peace perfects what is good.**

**The absence of scarcity is good,  
but the presence of abundance perfects what is good.**

**The absence of discrimination is good,  
but the presence of justice perfects what is good.**

**Transform us as only you can, Perfecting God.  
Mold us and make us after your will,  
while we are waiting, yielded and still. 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**

*Would You Harbor Me?*  
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## **Children's Moment**

### **Scriptures**

#### **Isaiah 58:6-9**

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

#### **Matthew 25:31-40**

<sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

## **Sermon**

Pastor Nicole and Marilyn Boehm  
“Afghan Refugee Resettlement”

## **Hymn**

*He Will Hold Me Fast*  
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**When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.  
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;**

**For my love is often cold, he must hold me fast.  
He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast,  
For my savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.**

**Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last;  
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.**

**He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast,  
For my savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.**

## **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)**

*Please bring your fabric forward at this time.*

## **Announcements**

Today, we will take up the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. If you wish, you may give online [here](#).

### **\*Closing Hymn**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
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**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone.  
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the shadows appear and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Andantino Espressivo*

By Leon Boellmann

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\*Please stand as you are able

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