



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



First Church in Windsor, UCC

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 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**

Jesu, Jesu
Ghanaian folk song
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**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race,
Neighbors are near and far away.**

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;
All these are neighbors to us and you.**

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
Loving puts us on our knees, showing our faith by our deeds,
Serving the neighbors we have from you.**

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

Prayer of Invocation

“Righteousness”

God of Righteousness,

**May I have the courage to confront
the injustices I witness.**

**May I be willing to open my mind
and broaden my understanding of
discriminatory practices and positions
of which I was once ignorant.**

**May I not stand idly by when another
culture, language, or race is used
as the punch line of a joke.**

**May I live my faith by believing that
the common good is served when all
have enough.**

**May I find the courage to first look at myself and
what I can do. 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

Scriptures

John 12:1-8

12Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Isaiah 43: 8-10

⁸Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! ⁹Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, "It is true."
¹⁰You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.

Sermon

Guests from Faces of Homelessness at Hands on Hartford
"Life on the Margin and being Homeless"

***Hymn**

Child of God

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**No matter what people say, say or think about me,
I am a child, I am a child of God.**

**No matter what people say, say or think about you,
you are a child, you are a child of God.**

**No matter what the world says, says or thinks about me,
I am a child, I am a child of God.**

**No matter what the Church says, decisions, pronouncements on you,
you are a child, you are a child of God.**

**And there is nothing or no one who can separate,
they can't separate you from the truth that you're someone,
you are family, you are meant to be a child, a child of God!
You are a child, a child of God!**

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)

Communion

Invitation

**Words of Institution
Sharing the Elements
Communion Response**

Communion Response

Come Share the Lord
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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

For Everyone Born
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**For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread.
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing.
For everyone born, a star overhead.**

**And God will delight when we are creators of justice,
and joy, compassion and peace.
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy.**

**For woman and man, a place at the table,
revisiting roles, deciding the share.
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power.
For woman and man, a system that's fair.**

**And God will delight when we are creators of justice,
and joy, compassion and peace.
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
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***Benediction**

Postlude

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*Please stand as you are able
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