



*Living by Faith, Known by Love, A Voice of Hope*  
**First Church in Windsor, UCC**

The Third Sunday of Easter & Communion Sunday  
*Dare to Dance Again*  
May 1, 2022, at 10 a.m.

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

*Lord of the Dance*  
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**Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.  
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.**

Pastor: This is the call! Face this new day, even when you aren't sure..

**People: We lift up our heads to meet the day.**

Pastor: Get ready for life, for life is all around.

**People: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.**

Pastor: If rain still lingers, Open the umbrellas of hope and set out anyway.

**People: For we are called to dance again!**

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.  
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.**

**Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the risen Christ is with you!

**People: And also with you!**

*You are invited to turn to the people around you and wave to each other as a sign  
of graceful greetings this day.*

## **\*Hymn**

### *The River is Here*

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**Down the mountain the river flows, and it brings refreshing wherever it goes.  
Through the valleys, and over the fields the river is rushing and the river is here.**

**The river of God sets our feet a-dancing; the river of God fills our hearts with cheer.  
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter, and we rejoice for the river is here.**

**The river of God is teeming with life; all who touch it can be revived,  
and those who linger on this river's shore will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.**

**The river of God sets our feet a-dancing; the river of God fills our hearts with cheer.  
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter, and we rejoice for the river is here.**

## **Prayer of Invocation**

**Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation –You set this world in motion and gave it life. Turn us to you when our steps are not sure. Come and dance with us, engage with us, as we seek you – so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray. 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**

### **Anthem**

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks!*  
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## **Scriptures**

### **John 21: 1-14**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When

they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

**Sermon**

Pastor Nicole

**\*Hymn**

“Stretched, But Not Torn

*As the Deer*

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**As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.**

**You’re my friend and you are my brother even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.**

**I want you more than gold or silver; only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joygiver and the apple of my eye.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.**

**Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Response**

*Glory, Glory Hallelujah*

African-American spiritual

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**Glory, glory hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down.  
Glory, glory, hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down.  
I am dancing Miriam's dance now, since I laid my burdens down.  
I am dancing Miriam's dance now, since I laid my burdens down.**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

**Communion Response**

*Song of the Body of Christ*

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Holy Living God, You breathed life all around and called it good. You invited us to the wonder of it all and when we could not face you, you turned us around. You keep bringing us around and around, time and again, offering the chance to join the freedom-dance. Thank you for all of your gifts celebrated today at this sacred table. Amen.**

**Announcements**

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

**Hymn**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Words by William C. Dix

Music by Rowland H. Prichard

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**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, risen now to reign in love.  
Alleluia! Praise the Savior, with the multitudes above.  
There the songs of saints and martyrs thunder like a mighty flood,  
“Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.”**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.  
Alleluia! Christ is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o’er,  
Shall our hearts forget the promise, “I am with you evermore”?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, be on earth our food and stay.  
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth’s redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

**\*Benediction**

And may the Loving God,  
Risen Christ,  
and Dancing Spirit  
fill you with all you need  
for the days ahead.

And all God’s people said,  
**Amen!**

**Postlude**

*Pastorale*

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\*Please stand as you are able, **Bolded Font** to be read by all