



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

The Fifth Sunday of Easter and Scout Sunday
Dare to Dance Again
May 15, 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.**

Leader: This is the call! Look to the skies be it rain or shine.

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

Leader: Look around and see that you do not dance alone.

People: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

Leader: If rain still lingers, open the umbrellas of love 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**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Words by Harry Emerson Fosdick

Music by John Hughes

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**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power.
Crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
armored with all Christ-like graces, in the fight to set us free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, in the quest for liberty,
in the quest for liberty.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.**

Prayer of Invocation (Chief Yellow Lark, Blackfoot Nation)

**Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to all the world,
hear me. I come before you, one of your many children. I am weak and small. I need your
strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple
sunset; my ears sharp so I may hear your voice. Make me wise, so I may learn the things you
have taught my people, the lessons you have hidden under every rock and leaf. I seek strength,
not to be superior to my brothers and sisters, but to be able to fight my greatest enemy--myself.
Make me ever ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes, so whenever life fades,
like the fading sunset, my spirit will come to you without shame. 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

Sing Alleluia!

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Children's Moment

Scripture

2 Timothy 1:6-9

Therefore, I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, a spirit of love and a sound mind. Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

Sermon

“Scouting for Positivity”

Lee Hoffman

*Hymn

What the Lord Has Done in Me
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**Let the weak say, “I am strong.” Let the poor say, “I am rich.”
Let the blind say, “I can see. It's what the Lord has done in me.”
Hosanna, hosanna to the lamb that was slain.
Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.**

**Into the river I will wade. There my sins are washed away
by the heaven's mercy stream of the Savior's love for me.
Hosanna, hosanna to the lamb that was slain.
Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.**

**I will rise from waters deep into the saving arms of God.
I will sing salvation songs. Jesus Christ has set me free.
Hosanna, hosanna to the lamb that was slain.
Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.**

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.**

Announcements

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

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

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**I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

*Benediction

Postlude

There Is a Happy Land

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Played by the Bell Choir

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