



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

The Sixth Sunday of Easter and John Warham Sunday
Dare to Dance Again
May 22, 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! The sun breaks through the clouds.

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

We know that God is at work in our lives.

We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

And when rain comes again, we will open our umbrellas set out anyway.

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**

I Come with Joy
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**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.**

**And thus we meet, together bound, the Presence ever near,
and join our hearts and sing with joy that Christ is risen here,
that Christ is risen here.**

**Together met, together bound, in friendship we will stay,
and go with joy, to love the world and live the way we pray,
and live the way we pray.**

Prayer of Invocation

God of our past, we gather today to give thanks for the past. We think back to those who first had a vision of a church in this place, to those who put their names on a covenant, and put their own money down, to those who gave of their labor, their treasure, their time to make it happen. And as we remember the efforts of the founders and builders, we offer words of thanks and praise. God of our present, on this day we remember all that led this congregation to this day. For 392 years of ministry to and with this community, for 392 years of growing together in love, for all that has made us what we are now, we give you thanks, we give you praise. 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

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Children's Moment

Scripture

Acts 16:9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city

of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

Sermon

Pastor Nicole

“Hospitality Makes Strangers Into Friends”

***Hymn**

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Words and music by Peter Scholtes

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**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love**

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Recognition of John Warham Society

Welcoming new members to the John Warham Society

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

Trees of the Field

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Music by Stuart Dauermann

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**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
While you go out with joy.**

*Benediction

Postlude

Sortie

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