



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

12 Ways to Be a Christian
July 10, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: When the Lord calls us to the banquet, we get puffed up with importance.

People: Humility needs to be our attitude; humility and gratitude.

Leader: Help us, O Lord, be grateful for the many ways in which you love us.

People: Help us return that love by the way in which we care for others.

Leader: Be with us, O Lord, this day.

People: Open our hearts to hear your words of hope and encouragement. AMEN.

***Hymn**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Words by Elisha Hoffman

Music by Anthony Showalter

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**What a covenant, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Savior near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Prayer of Invocation

Dear God, open our hearts and our spirits to hear your healing words of peace and love. Help us be the people of service and justice that you have called us to be. Lord, you know we are in the midst of a very confusing political season. The shouts of the partisan communities often deafen us to the needs of those around us. Help us remember that you have called us to service, to ministries of hope and healing. Forgive us when we get so caught up in the chaos that we forget your presence. Give us courage and strength to truly serve you by serving your people. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. 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

Guide My Feet
African American spiritual
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Children's Moment

Scripture

Micah 6:8

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Sermon

Pastor Nicole

“You Don't Have all the Answers”

*Hymn

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
African American spiritual
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**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

If You Say "Go"

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**If you say, 'Go,' we will go.
If you say, 'Wait,' we will wait.
If you say, 'Step out on the water,'
and they say it can't be done,
we'll fix our eyes on you and we will come.**

Announcements

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

*Hymn

It Is Well with My Soul

Words by Horatio Spafford
Music by Philip Bliss
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**When peace, like a river, upholds me each day,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though evil should tempt me, though trials should come,
let this blessed assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has paid life and blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**O God, speed the day that is filled with your light,
when clouds are rolled back like a scroll.
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall appear,
'even so,' it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Prayers for today's service were adapted from www.ministrymatters.com by Nancy Townley.