



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

12 Ways to Be a Christian  
July 24, 2022, at 10 a.m.

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 27)**

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly we seek you;

**People: our souls thirst for you**

Leader: our flesh faints for you

**People: as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

Leader: So we have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

**People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you**

**All: So we will bless you as long as we live; in your name we will lift up our hands**

**\*Hymn**

*Joyful, Joyful*

Words by Henry van Dyke

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**Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Ever present God, we know you are with us through it all, even when we do not see you. We acknowledge that even the most ordinary parts of our lives are sacred, and our relationships reflect pieces of your divinity. Our words hold so much power, God. Embolden us to use them to tell your story, and to tell our own. Give us the courage to reach across bounds, to hear other's**

stories, and to share our own. Empower us to find our place and voice in Your story. In Jesus' name, 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**

**Anthem**

*Wherever You Go*

By Mary Haugen

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**Children's Moment**

**Scripture**

**Song of Songs 2:1-7**

I am a rose[a] of Sharon,  
a lily of the valleys.  
2 As a lily among brambles,  
so is my love among maidens.  
3 As an apple tree among the trees of the wood,  
So is my beloved among young men.  
With great delight I sat in his shadow,  
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.  
4 He brought me to the banqueting house,  
and his intention towards me was love.  
5 Sustain me with raisins,  
refresh me with apples;  
for I am faint with love.  
6 O that his left hand were under my head,  
and that his right hand embraced me!  
7 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,  
by the gazelles or the wild does:  
do not stir up or awaken love  
until it is ready!

**Sermon**

“Read More Poetry”

Lauren Dube-Scott

**\*Hymn**

*In This Very Room*

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**In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,  
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me.  
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power  
to chase away any gloom,  
for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.**

**In this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,  
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us.  
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power  
to chase away any gloom,  
for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.**

**In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,  
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world.  
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power  
to chase away any gloom,  
for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.**

**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.**

**Mission Moment**

**Announcements**

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

**\*Hymn**

*One Spirit of Love*

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**Many are the wonders of God, many doors open wide,  
many roads that are still untraveled.  
Many are the gifts that we share, many burdens we bear,  
many mysteries still unraveled.**

**Many gifts, one spirit of love, one spirit of love.  
Many gifts, one spirit of love, one spirit of love.**

**Some will be the teachers of life, some the preachers of love,  
some the fathers and some the mothers.  
Some will be the ones who will care, some will listen and share,  
serving God while they serve each other.  
Many gifts, one spirit of love, one spirit of love.  
Many gifts, one spirit of love, one spirit of love.**

**Living as the body of Christ and the heart of the earth,  
and the hands that will break new ground.  
Celebrate the gifts from within, now it's time to begin.  
God's people can turn the world around.**

**Many gifts, one spirit of love, one spirit of love.  
Many gifts, one spirit of love, one spirit of love.  
One spirit of love, one spirit of love.**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Le Carillon de Cithere*

By Francois Couperin

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