



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

Mosaic of Transformation
September 18, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

We Are a Mosaic
Words by Brett Dennen and Lara Mendel
Music by Brett Dennen
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**We are all the many tiles so different and unique
Bound together in strength and unity (unity)
We all make the mosaic of our community
And help the world to live in harmony**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the Peace of the Creator God be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us share a wave of peace.

Please make sure to wave to our online community, send a text message of peace to someone, or pass the peace in the chat on Facebook.

Hymn

Be Now My Vision
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**Be now my vision, O God of my heart; Nothing surpasses the love you impart—
You my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.**

**Be now my wisdom, and be my true word; Ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me, Now and forever your child I will be.**

**Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise, You, my inheritance, now and always;
You and you only are first in my heart, Great God, my treasure, may we never part.**

**Sovereign of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heav'ns joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Prayer of Invocation

**Transforming God,
you are as close as the air we walk through and breathe.
Open us to stop and feel your presence this day
so that we might notice your transforming power in our lives
Show us how to have courage to welcome this new possibility.
Like the rushing wind of the Holy Spirit that can take us by surprise,
we feel the invisible presence move among us.
Let us respond with joy.
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

Children's Moment

Scripture

Read by Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, Associate General Minister, and Co-Executive for Global Ministries

Romans 12: 1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Galatians 3: 23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Sermon

“Transformed”

Rev. Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree

Anthem

Sing a New Church

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Litany of the 50th Ordination Celebration

Brian Lapis, Silver Lake Conference Center.

Dr. Sarah Drummond, Andover Newton Theological Seminary.

Kate McLean, First Church in Windsor.

Lynn Stefanowicz, First Church in Colchester.

Rev. Darrell Goodwin, Exec. Dir. Southern New England Conference, UCC

Rev. Kent Siladi, Director of Philanthropy for the UCC.

People: We are thankful for your outpouring of gifts for ministry

People: We are thankful for your outpouring of gifts for ministry. May these symbols, and more importantly the shared ministry they represent, inspire each of us to faithfully offer our creative hands in designing what is yet to come in this mosaic of ministry. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

God's Mosaic People Respond

Please bring your mosaic tiles forward.

Prayer Response

One Spirit of Love

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

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Announcements

Online Giving

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

We encourage you to donate to the Rev. Davida Crabtree Scholarship Fund

***Hymn**

In the Midst of New Dimensions

Words and music by Julian Rush

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**In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wand'ring in their separate ways?**

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.**

**Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?**

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.**

**We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.**

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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