



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

Mosaic of Laity
October 16, 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

Let Us Go
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**I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”**

**Called from ev'ry nation, called from ev'ry race,
gathered here for worship in this holy place.
God is here among us; lift your hearts and sing;
make the walls and rafters ring.**

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Here the poor are welcomed, here the lost are claimed.
Broken lives are mended; deepest fears are named.
Here the wise are children, and the weak are strong.
Here, in Christ, we all belong.

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
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“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Prayer of Invocation

Connecting God,
you created us for relationship with you and others.
Open us to be changed as we encounter the diversity of your children.
Draw us into your love.
Give us the courage to reach out in love.
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

Acts 20: 31-35

³¹Therefore be alert.. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. ³⁵In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'”

Sermon

“More Blessed to Give than to Receive”

Shawn Gale

Anthem

God Has Chosen Me

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Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

One Spirit of Love

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

Announcements

Online Giving

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

*Hymn

Bringing in the Sheaves

Words by Knowles Shaw
Music by George Minor
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**Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.**

**Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.**

**Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.**

**Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.**

*Benediction

Postlude

Beach Spring

Traditional American tune
Played by the Bell Choir

**Please stand as you are able.
Bolded font to be read by all/*