



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

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Won't You Be My Neighbor: Growing into Good Neighbors

Who is My Neighbor?

Prelude

Welcome

Song

It's a Beautiful Day

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**It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood,
A beautiful day for a neighbor.
Would you be mine? Could you be mine?**

**It's a neighborly day in this beautywood,
A neighborly day for a beauty.
Would you be mine? Could you be mine?**

**I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you!
I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you!**

**So let's make the most of this beautiful day,
Since we're together we might as well say:
Would you be mine? Could you be mine?
Won't you be my neighbor?**

**Won't you please, won't you please?
Please won't you be my neighbor?**

Prayer (adapted from Fred Rogers)

Dear God, All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors—in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver. Send your Holy Spirit among us so that we may see one another as you see them: beloved beyond measure. And in knowing this, may we respond in action and deed as the Good Samaritan. Amen.

Passing of the 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

Who is My Neighbor?

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**“Who is my neighbor?” a lawyer asked Jesus, to test him.
So Jesus told him a story to answer his question:
Lonely the day... Lonely the trav’ler one day...
Robbers attacked him and left him.**

**First down the road came a priest who just chose to ignore him.
Next came a Levite who wouldn’t do anything for him.
Then one despised, hated in everyone’s eyes,
Knelt down to heal and restore him.**

**Tending the wounds of the man, the Samaritan labored.
He was the one with compassion, the one in God’s favor.
Not be a creed, but by responding to need,
He proved to be a good neighbor.**

Children’s Moment

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

Scripture

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶Which of these three,

do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Sermon

Pastor Nicole

"Who Is My Neighbor"

Anthem

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant
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Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

Love the Lord Your God
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**Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

**With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

Announcements

Online Giving

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

Hymn

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**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Knelt at the feet of his friends, silently washing their feet,
Jesu, you acted as servant to them.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race,
Neighbors are near and far away.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love,
All these are neighbors to us and you.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Loving puts us on our knees, showing our faith by our deeds,
Serving the neighbors we have from you.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

Benediction Response

It's Such a Good Feeling
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**It's such a good feeling to know you're alive.
It's such a happy feeling, you're growing inside.
And when you wake up ready to say,
"I think I'll make a snappy new day!"**

**It's such a good feeling,
A very good feeling,
The feeling you know that we're friends.**

Benediction

Postlude

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