



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

**January 15, 2023, at 10 a.m.**

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

**Sometimes People Are Good**  
**Honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King**

**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, As we reflect on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., we remember that Dr. King knew how to love his neighbor. Every human being has value. This is the basis for all healthy relationships. Through living each day as it is given to us, we have learned that it cannot be "taught," but "caught" from those who live their lives right along with us. What a privilege it is to be able to be inspired by one of the best good neighbors, Dr. King. We pray that we will have the courage to live the example of Jesus and pass it on. 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

### *If I Can Help Somebody*

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**If I can help somebody as I pass along,  
If I can cheer somebody with a word or song,  
If I can show somebody who is traveling wrong,  
Then my living shall not be in vain.**

**Then my living shall not be in vain,  
Then my living shall not be in vain,  
If I can help somebody as I pass along,  
Then my living shall not be in vain.**

**If I can do my duty as a Christian ought,  
If I can bring back beauty to a world upwrought,  
If I can spread love's message that the Master taught,  
Then my living shall not be in vain.**

**Then my living shall not be in vain,  
Then my living shall not be in vain,  
If I can help somebody as I pass along,  
Then my living shall not be in vain.**

## 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

### **I John 4: 7-21**

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known

and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

<sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. Todd Yonkman

"Sometimes People Are Good"

## Anthem

*Let Justice Roll Like a River*

By Marty Haugen

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## Sharing Good Neighbor Sweaters

Rev. Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree

## 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

*We Shall Overcome*

United States traditional

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**We shall overcome, we shall overcome,  
we shall overcome some day.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
we shall overcome someday.**

**We are not afraid, we are not afraid,  
we are not afraid today.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
we are not afraid today.**

**We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in hand,  
we'll go hand in hand some day.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
we'll go hand in hand some day.**

**We shall overcome, we shall overcome,  
we shall overcome some day.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
we shall overcome some day.**

### **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**

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*  
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