



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

January 22, 2023, at 10 a.m.

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

People Are Not Mistakes

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, help us to remember that You are proud of us when we stand up for something we believe in—something that wasn't particularly popular but that assured the rights of someone less fortunate. You are proud of us when we wrestle with our own problems and discover how we can grow. You are proud of us when we do something that makes us proud of ourselves. Thank you for every opportunity to be proud of being good neighbors, to clap and cheer and appreciate the gifts of those around us. 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

When the Storms of Life Are Raging, Stand by Me

Words and music by Charles Albert Tindley

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**When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea,
Thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.**

**In the midst of tribulation, stand by me.
In the midst of tribulation, stand by me.
When the hosts of sin assail, and my strength begins to fail,
Thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.**

**In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.
In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.
When I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
Thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.**

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

Anthem

Were I the Perfect Child of God

Music: Scottish traditional

Words by John L. Bell

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Scripture

Mark 14:3-9

³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Sermon

Pastor Nicole

“People Are Not Mistakes”

Special Music

Jeff and Ariana Zirbel

Sometimes I Wonder If I'm a Mistake

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Sharing Good Neighbor Sweaters

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

Love the Lord Your God

Words and music by Lincoln Brewster

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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.**

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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.

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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

For Everyone Born

Words by Shirley Erena Murray

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**For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread.
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing.
For everyone born, a star overhead.**

**And God will delight when we are creators of justice,
and joy, compassion and peace.**

**Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy.**

**For gay and for straight, a place at the table.
To live without fear, and simply to be.
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for gay and for straight, the right to be free.**

**And God will delight when we are creators of justice,
and joy, compassion and peace.
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy.**

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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