



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

February 19, 2023, at 10 a.m.

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

Look for the Helpers
Jazz Sunday

Prelude

Welcome

Song

It's a Beautiful Day

Words and music by Fred Rogers

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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, you come to us in many ways, including as helpers who offer hope in moments of chaos. Whatever terrible things might happen, somehow, there are still people out there caring for others. Remind us that helping shouldn't only be something that we admire from a distance. We all can be helpers. Jesus showed us that doing good for others can boost our spirits and impart hopeful lessons to others during uncertain times. May we all both look for and also become helpers ourselves. 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.

Please bring up your Good Neighbor sweaters.

Hymn

In This Very Room

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**In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me.
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.**

**In this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us.
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.**

**In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world.
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.**

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

Jazz Band

L-O-V-E

Scripture

Romans 12: 9-18

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Matthew 25: 44-45

⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’

Sermon

Pastor Nicole

“Look for the Helpers”

Anthem

Are You Brave?

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Arranged by Jane Frogley

Sharing Good Neighbor Sweaters

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

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**We are standing on Holy Ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now.
We are standing in his presence on Holy Ground.**

Announcements

Online Giving

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

Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

African American spiritual

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**I'm gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.
I'm gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.
I'm gonna work so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.
I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.
I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.**

**I'm gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.
I'm gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.**

Benediction

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.**

Postlude

UCONN Jazz Quartet
