



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

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023, at 10 a.m.

Holy Vessels: Seeking Wholeness During the Season of Lent

**The Lamp on a Lampstand is a Holy Vessel
Communion Sunday**

Prelude

Welcome

Threshold Moment

Song

10,000 Reasons

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**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
worship your holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship your holy name,
worship your holy name,
worship your holy name.**

Assurance

Passing of the Peace

Response: **And also with you.**

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

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

African American Spiritual

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**Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.**

**Children, don't get weary, children don't get weary,
Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.**

**Christian, journey soon be over, Christian, journey soon be over,
Christian, journey soon be over, The time is drawing nigh.**

**Children, don't get weary, children don't get weary,
Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.**

**Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.**

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

Matthew 5: 13-20

¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Sermon

Pastor Nicole

“Keep Your Lamp Full”

Anthem

Bring Forth the City of God

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Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

Make Us Holy

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**In your love, make us whole, may we rest in your compassion.
Calm the lost weary soul in the warmth of your love.
May your peace fill our hearts. May we know the love of Jesus.
By your grace, you console. Make us holy, make us whole.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation
Words of Institution
Sharing the Elements

Communion Hymn

One Bread, One Body

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**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man no more.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all.
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one for all.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, Thank you for your Son Jesus Christ, Holy Vessel of Divine Presence on earth. Your Spirit anointed him as a container of grace in the form of preaching good news to the poor, proclaiming release to the captives, recovering of sight to the blind, setting at liberty those who are oppressed. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with those considered too broken for company. Jesus showed us the path to wholeness and delivered us from our despair and isolation. Jesus promised to be with us always. We are not alone. Thank you that this bread and juice reminded us of our wholeness. Amen.

Announcements

Online Giving

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

Hymn

Carry Your Candle

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**There is a candle in every soul;
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold.
There is a Spirit who brings a fire,
Ignites a candle and makes a home.**

**Carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it.
Take your candle and go light your world.
Take your candle and go light your world.**

**We are a family whose hearts are blazing,
Let's raise our candle, light up the sky.
Praying to our Maker, following Jesus,
Make us a beacon in darkest times.**

**Carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it.
Take your candle and go light your world.
Take your candle and go light your world.**

Benediction

Postlude

Les Tourterelles

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