



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

**The Second Sunday in Lent
March 12, 2023, at 10 a.m.**

**Holy Vessels: Seeking Wholeness During the Season of Lent
*A Boat is a Holy Vessel***

Scout Sunday: Celebrating Scouting in our Community

Prelude

Welcome

Threshold Moment

Song

10,000 Reasons

By Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

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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.**

Opening Prayer of Confession

Meg and MJ Courtney

**Life-giving God,
In the beginning, you created this universe with a phrase, "Let it be..."
and the waters and dry land, the sky and the creatures were formed.
You set humanity among these wonders and invited us to care and honor all things.
We have not successfully answered that call. We have
taken more than we could replenish at a rate that could not be sustained.
We are beginning to comprehend the magnitude, beginning to see that things
cannot just keep going "as usual" and not have consequences.
We are slow to accept it.
It is time to pay attention and to make real change.
Too often we think there is nothing we can do.
It all feels overwhelming,**

**We do not see the small things that could make a difference
for our own community.**

**Help us, Healer.
Show us our ability to chart a different course.
Forgive our inaction.
Move us to move
one step at a time toward greater care for one another.**

In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.

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

Michael, Row the Boat Ashore

American folk song

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**Michael, row the boat a shore, hallelujah!
Michael, row the boat ashore, hallelujah!**

**Sister help to trim the sail, hallelujah!
Sister, help to trim the sail, hallelujah!**

**River Jordan is chilly and cold, hallelujah!
Chills the body, but not the soul, hallelujah!**

**Jordan River is deep and wide, hallelujah!
Mild and honey on the other side, hallelujah!**

**Trumpets, sound the Jubilee, hallelujah!
Trumpets sound for you and me, hallelujah!**

**Michael, row the boat a shore, hallelujah!
Michael, row the boat ashore, hallelujah!**

Scout Video (from Trop 203 and 149)

Children's Moment

James Finlay

Prayer of our Savior

Hayden Mitchell

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

Matthew 8:18-27

¹⁸Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. ¹⁹A scribe then approached and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." ²⁰And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ²¹Another of his disciples said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ²²But Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

²³And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" ²⁶And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. ²⁷They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

Sermon

Lee Hoffman, Troop 203 Committee Chair
"Rowing the Boat with Faith"

Anthem

Order My Steps
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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.**

Announcements

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is now being received.
You can contribute [online](#) or use the envelopes in your pews.

Online Giving

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

Hymn

Eternal Father
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Music by John B. Dykes
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**Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour,
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go:
Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.**

Scout Benediction

Kyle Banks

Postlude

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