



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

**Reshaped: Week One  
Communion Sunday**

**May 7, 2023, at 10 a.m.**

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome**

**Threshold Moment**

**Theme Song**

*Change is Good*

Words and music by Chuck Bell

**Change is good—you go first! My brain is suspicious of change.  
Anything out of the ordinary can cause my brain to complain!  
But I was created for a purpose; formed into something spectacular!  
Not just created, but recreated again and again and again and again!**

**Opening Prayer**

**Creator God,  
you sit at the Potter's Wheel  
and continue to fashion beautiful things.  
Open us to your ongoing re-shaping of our lives  
and help us believe that we are capable of change.  
Calm our fears, and animate our spirits  
for this time of discovery.  
Amen.**

**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.*

## Opening Hymn

### *Sing a New Church*

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**Summoned by the God who made us rich in our diversity,  
Gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity:  
Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,  
Sing a new church into being, One in faith and love and praise.**

**Radiant risen from the water, robed in holiness and light,  
Ev'ry gender in God's image, ev'ry gender, God's delight:  
Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,  
Sing a new church into being, One in faith and love and praise.**

**Trust the goodness of creation; trust the Spirit strong within.  
Dare to dream the vision promised, sprung from seed of what has been.  
Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,  
Sing a new church into being, One in faith and love and praise.**

## We Welcome New Members

### Questions of the Candidates

### Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

**People: I believe in God.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit**

### Welcome of the Congregation

**We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's love.**

### Prayer

## 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

### Jeremiah 18: 1-6 (The Message)

God told Jeremiah, “Up on your feet! Go to the potter’s house. When you get there, I’ll tell you what I have to say.”

So I went to the potter’s house, and sure enough, the potter was there, working away at the wheel. Whenever the pot the potter was working on turned out badly, as sometimes happens when you are working with clay, the potter would simply start over and use the same clay to make another pot.

Then God’s Message came to me: “Can’t I do just as this potter does, people of Israel?” God’s Decree! “Watch this potter. In the same way that this potter works the clay, I work on you, people of Israel...”

## Sermon

Betsy Kenneson, Chair of Cabinet

“The Potter and the Clay”

## Play-Doh Reflection

### Recognition of John Warham Society

Lunda Carillo, Andrea Schnure, Heather Sloan

## Anthem

*God Gives a Future with Hope*

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## Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

### 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

Creating God, Worker of Holy Clay. You molded us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life, firing us with your love and passion. When we forgot to return to you time and again for the fresh reworking of our lives, you showed up for us. You delivered us and made covenant to be present in this ever-changing journey. Thank you that by your Spirit, you change us for the better, making us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Amen.

### Announcements

### Online Giving

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

### Hymn

#### *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

Words and music by Julian Rush

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**In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,  
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wand'ring in their separate ways?**

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever,  
now and evermore.**

**Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,  
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?**

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever,  
now and evermore.**

**We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,  
each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.**

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
we your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever,  
now and evermore.**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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