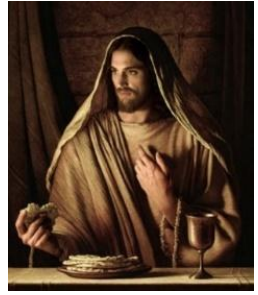


St. Vincent UCC Worship Service
Thanksgiving Sunday November 23, 2025
Annual Congregational Meeting following Worship
Pastor – Rev. Susan Hanson
Church Musician – Deb Rick



Musical Interlude
Ringling of the Bell
Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Music

*** Call To Worship:**

Pastor: Give thanks to God with all your heart and let it sing with thanksgiving and joy in his name.

People: **We worship you, God, and sing your praises now and forever.**

Pastor: Let us turn our hearts and minds more fully to God as we join our voices together in saying our Affirmation of Faith ...

Affirmation of Faith:

We gather in this sanctuary because here we find our home with God. We know that God is calling us to go forth from here to create a holy sanctuary of his love and light in the world through what we say and do. We are here to become closer to God, be strengthened by his Holy Spirit, and to celebrate that God loves us without condition – but simply because we are his. May God be with us in this hour of worship and throughout our whole lives. Amen.

Now, let us sing together our first hymn.

*** Hymn: # 421 “We Gather Together”**

Please Be Seated.

Call to Prayer: Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to remember that grace and gratitude are the way of life that Jesus calls us to follow. Let's pray about that ...

Prayer: **God, you are great and you are good and we are thankful for all that you have done for us. Help us to be a people of thanksgiving, for we know that you are here with us in all of life's changes and challenges to make us strong and courageous and good in your ways. Amen.**

Assurance: We are blessed to have a God of grace and glory – let us show our gratitude in all that we say and do. Amen. Now, in gratitude, let us sing our response ...

Sung Response: # 2007 Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy – my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you – you are holy, Lord!

Scripture Reading: Liturgist: Eric Hanson

Liturgist: We now turn our hearts and minds to the reading of God's Holy Scripture found in the Gospel of John, chapter 6, verses 24-35 where we hear Jesus declare that he is the bread of life for all who long to follow him.

Let us pray: Holy God, on this Thanksgiving Sunday, we are reminded of all the blessings we have received from you – the most important of them all – our Savior Jesus who is the bread of life for our hungry souls. Be with us now as we hear him promise us spiritual nourishment all the days of our lives. Amen.

Read John 6: 24-35 (found on page 98 of the pew Bible)

It was now the day after Jesus had performed the miracles of feeding 5000 people from just two fishes and five loaves of bread and then later walked on water to the boat where the disciples had been sitting in to get away from the crowds. Their boat had quietly reached its destination on the other side of the sea.

The crowds realized that they had been left behind – so they piled into other boats and headed for Capernaum - looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” And Jesus replied, “You’ve come looking for me not because you saw the presence of God in my actions – but because I fed you and you filled your stomachs for free.”

“Listen,” he told them, “Do not waste your energy striving for food that perishes like that. Instead, work for the food that endures – that sticks with you - food that nourishes your eternal life that the Son of Man provides. He and what he does are guaranteed by God to last.”

To that they said, “Well, what must we do to perform the works of God?” And Jesus replied, “This is the work of God – that you believe in the One whom he sent and follow his ways.”

So, they asked, “What will you do to prove to us who you are so that we might believe and follow you. Show us what you can do. Moses fed our ancestors with bread in the desert. It says so in the Scriptures: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Then Jesus explained to them, “The real significance of that Scripture is not that Moses gave you bread from heaven but that my Father is right now offering you real bread from heaven - food for your soul that will endure. For the bread of God is that which has come down from heaven and is giving life to the world.”

The people said, “Master, give us this bread, now and forever!”

Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Liturgist: Here ends the reading of God’s Holy Scripture. May God bless us with understanding and may we show our understanding in the way we live our lives. Amen.

Hymn Intro: Now, let’s sing our hymn, # 423, “Great is your Faithfulness”

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Message: “The Bread of Life”

Sung Response: # 2224, “Make Us One”

**Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.**

Prayer for Thanksgiving

Pastor: O God, we give you thanks for all that you have done for us ... and the strength and abilities to do it well.

All: We thank you, O God, with all our hearts.

Pastor: We give you thanks for all that others have done for us ... make it possible for us to do your work in the

world.

All: We thank you, O God, with our hearts and our hands.

Pastor: We give you thanks for all that your church has done for us ...then sends us out to spread your love to others.

All: We thank you, O God, with our hearts, our hands, and our voices.

Pastor: We give you thanks for the blessing of Jesus Christ ... no matter what tries to hold us back.

All: We thank you, O God, for all you have given us and ask you to help us be a blessing to others so that your goodness will spread into the whole world. Amen.

Sung Response: # 2036 "Give Thanks"

Offering Invitation: With gratitude in our hearts, let us now offer our gifts to God in the form of our morning offering.

Offertory / * Response: # 785, "We Give You"

**We give you but your own – whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone – we give it gratefully.**

Prayer of Dedication: Holy One, bless our gifts this day as we dedicate them in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*** Hymn: # 419, "Now Thank We All Our God"**

*** Benediction / * Response: # 81, "God Be With You"**

**God be with you till we meet again. By good counsel
guide uphold you. With a shepherd's care enfold you.
God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.**

*** Postlude Music**