

**St. Vincent United Church of Christ
Communion Sunday – June 7, 2026**

Pastor – Rev. Susan Hanson
Church Musician – Deb Rick



**Musical Interlude
Ringing of the Bell
Pastor's Welcome**

Prelude Music

*** Call To Worship:**

Pastor: We have come here to take a break from our real lives with their very real problems, to seek comfort and assurance that God is with us. We come to gain the courage and strength we find in God and the support of one another to go back out into the world and live as the disciples of Jesus Christ.

People: **We have come to be rested and refreshed and renewed by the presence of God and the love of our faith community. Let our worship together begin.**

Pastor: Please join your voice with mind as we affirm our faith together ...

*** Affirmation of Faith:**

We believe in the God of light and love. May God surround us and fill up our hearts to overflowing with his holy light and love. We believe in God's Son, Jesus, the Christ. May his ways of compassion and kindness guide our every thought and action so that we can become more like him and be the change we wish to see in the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit. May the Spirit empower us to fulfill this calling to the glory of God. Amen.

Now, let us sing together our first hymn.

*** Hymn: # 7, "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"**

Please Be Seated.

Call to Prayer:

In the midst of the first Pentecost, people were empowered with the Holy Spirit. Today, in this Season of Pentecost, we also have access to this power. Let us pause and ask God to help us use that power to do good in his name. Let us pray together ...

Unison Prayer:

Holy Spirit, Grace of God, come to us and fill us up with your power, your love, and your light. Guide us in all your ways and give us everything we need to fulfill your hopes and dreams for us. May all that we say and do be pleasing to you and for your greater glory. Amen.

Assurance:

We are the carriers of the light and love and power of God – may we promote his will in all that we say and do. Now, let us show our gratitude in singing our response ...

Sung Response: # 2026, "Halleluja" (praise book)

Halle, Halle, Halle-luja! Halle, Halle, Halle-luja! Halle, Halle, Halle-luja! Halleluja!, Halleluja!

Scripture Reading: Liturgist: Todd Sutter

We now turn our hearts and minds to the word of God found in the scriptures. Today's reading can be found in the Gospel of Matthew - chapter 9, verses 9-13, 18-26 where we hear about three encounters that Jesus has with people in need.

Let us pray: Gracious God, we give you thanks for Jesus and the ways in which he touches the lives of your people. May his spirit and his ways live in us and through us so that the scriptures that tell us about him tell us something about ourselves as well. We pray this in his name. Amen.

Read Scripture Lesson (found on page 9 of the NT in Pew Bible)

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me". And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples.

When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well.

When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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. Now, let's sing our middle hymn, # 2171, "Make Me a Channel of your Peace"

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Message: "Restore Me, Jesus"

Sung Response: # 2025, "As the Deer"



Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

Sung Response: # 2224, "Make Us One"

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Sung Response: #2203, "In His Time" (verse 2)

Offering Invitation: We're called to give out of the many blessings we receive from God as a habit of our hearts. Let us, then, share what we have with generous hearts in the form of our morning offering.

Offertory / * Sung 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:**

Accept these gifts now placed on your altar, O God, giver of every good and perfect gift. Grant that they may be symbols of our love and of ourselves now offered more fully to you in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*** Hymn: # 436, "O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand"** (Red Hymnal)

*** Benediction**

*** Response: # 77, "Lord, Dismiss Us" (vs 1)**

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing – fill our hearts with joy and peace. Let us each your love
possessing – triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us oh, refresh us –
traveling through wilderness.**

*** Postlude Music**