

St. Vincent UCC Worship Service

All Saints Sunday November 2, 2025

Includes Communion and Lighting of Candles

Pastor – Rev. Susan Hanson

Church Musician – Deb Rick

Musical Interlude
Ring of the Bell
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude Music



*** Call To Worship:**

Pastor: Come, Brothers and Sisters! Lift up your hearts and minds; your souls and strength and worship God with me!

People: We have come - ready to meet God here and seek his greater glory! Let us worship God together!

Pastor: Now, let us join our voices together in saying our affirmation of faith for this day ... **We gather in this sanctuary that has been made by human hands, knowing that God is calling us to create a holy sanctuary of his love and light throughout the whole world. We are here to learn how to be the saints of God so that we can go forth to do good and thus make the world a better place through what we say and do. We are here to receive his spirit, we are ready to serve his people, we are happy to be his saints in this world and in the next. May God be with us in the midst of it all. Amen.**

Now, let us sing together our first hymn.

*** Hymn: # 299, "For All the Saints"** (vs. 1, 2, 3)

Please Be Seated.

Call to Prayer: When we draw closer to God in prayer, he will help us to become more like him and do good in his name. Let us pause then, and ask God to bless us with his grace as we pray about that ...

Union Prayer: Holy God, we know that we are not perfect, but your love for us is perfect. Give us the strength to become more like you and share the joy of our faith through all that we say and do. Make us fully yours, O God, and send us forth to be your heart and your hands and your voice to all those whom we meet. We pray all this in the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance: We are blessed because God loves us without condition. He forgives our mistakes; shows compassion for our struggles and guides us in becoming better people. And because of this – our eternal life with God is going on right here, right now and will last for all time. In gratitude, let's 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: Todd Sutter

Liturgist: We now turn our hearts and minds to the reading of God's Holy Scripture. On this special All Saints Sunday, we will be reciting together the Shepherd's Psalm which you will find printed in your bulletin.

Let us pray: Holy God, bless us with your grace as we now say together this Shepherd's Psalm. May it remind us that you are always with us – watching over us and giving us everything we need to be happy and healthy and whole. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Reading: The Shepherd's Psalm



Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. I shall not want anything but my shepherd. He is strong and wise and wonderful, and He loves me although he knows my faults, and even the sin and selfishness that be-sets me. He loves me for what I am, and when I am tired and weary ...

People: He makest me to lie down in green pastures.

Leader: In the lush soft grass I rest and He stands guard over my thoughts so no disturbing ones enter in. I let go of my burdens and cares. I am still and know that He is God. When I am rested and refreshed, and ready to start my earth's journey again...

People: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Leader: I sit there in the quiet of the evening and see the sun sink behind the mountains. In that golden hour, my heart finds peace, my striving ceases and I surrender to His will and now ...

People: He restoreth my soul.

Leader: Yes, He takes my hand and holds it fast while we walk past the many forks in the road. How easily I could have chosen the wrong one, had He not been with me, but ...

People: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Leader: It is a narrow path, but oh, so beautiful! The birds sing in the early morning while the grass is wet with dew; the sun shines and the air is fresh and pure. But if for some reason I let go of my Shepherd's hand, and wander off and get lost in the deep forest of wilderness ...

People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

Leader: For He will seek me until He finds me. And when I grow tired and weary and faint and falter because fear chokes me and my vision fails me as the shadows grow deeper, then I remember

People: Thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Leader: You protect me from all ills.

People: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.

Leader: Whose names are fear, worry, selfishness, & insecurity. When they see me drink of gladness and joy and eat of perfect peace, they leave me and then ...

People: Thou anointest my head with oil.

Leader: The gentleness of your hands almost makes my heart burst with happiness. Yes, oh yes ...

People: My cup runneth over.

Leader: It is too full, I have room for no more. There is no limit to the abundance of gifts which the good Shepherd bestows on me. His gifts are the best of the land, so I shall never be lonely. He gives me companions for the journey ...

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

Leader: And as we walk along together one day at dusk, I shall come to a bend in the road. I shall stop and far off in the distance, I shall see a mansion. It is a house not made by hands. It is eternal in the heavens and only the inner eye of the soul can behold it. My hearts leaps with gladness, a thousand stars spring into space, all the songbirds on earth sing and the little children laugh, and their laughter

echoes back through God's heaven into the angelic chorus of the saints. I have put behind me my yesterdays and all the many tomorrows, because now I know for certain ...

Unison: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever and ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn Intro: Let's now sing our hymn, # 472, "Precious Lord, Take My hand"

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Pastor's Message: "The Shepherd's Promise"

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.



Sacrament of Holy Communion and Lighting of Memorial Candles

Please note that the bread that the pastor will serve you is not gluten free but GF wafers are available on request. An elder holds the tray of communion cups - red is wine and white is juice. When done, put your cup in the basket on the front pew.

Pastor: May peace reign in this place...in the embrace of God. **Pastor:** God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: Let us pray together ... **Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for all that you have done for your people and that you call us to be a blessing to one another so that your will might be fulfilled through all that we say and do to your greater glory. Amen.**

Pastor: We remember ...in remembrance of me."

People: Consecrate, therefore, by your holy spirit, these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us as we receive them so that we may be united in love with Christ and one another and we may continue to be faithful in all things.

Pastor: Through the broken bread ...love of Christ. *(Distribution of elements- Bring forward your candle)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer: We thank you, God, for inviting us into this time of communion where we have known the presence of Christ and received his love and care. Strengthen us in our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives. We pray this in the name of Jesus and pray the words he taught to say ... Lord's Prayer. Amen.

Pastor's Benediction

Sung Response: #2086, "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus – to reach out and touch him and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION

Candle Lighting and Prayer – We Remember Them

Dorothy Pearl Fryer

(November 7, 1930 – May 23, 2025)



Special Music – Sung by Deb Rick

Offering Invitation: In gratitude for all that we have been given by a generous and gracious God, let us now give back to God a portion of those blessings 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 now our offering and those of us gathered here as we dedicate them to your use in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*** Hymn: # 595, “Some Glad Morning”**

*** Benediction:** Let us go forth with this blessing - On our heads and on our houses, The blessing of God. In our coming and in our going, The blessing of God. In our life and in our believing, The blessing of God. At our end and in our new beginning, The arms of God to welcome us and bring us home again. Amen.

*** Sung Response: # 81, “God Be With You”** (verse 1 & chorus)

**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**