

# ECUC Wednesday Night Lenten Service

St. Vincent UCC Live Stream on Facebook

February 24, 2021



## Greeting

### Prelude Music

Deborah Rick, Church Musician

### Call To Worship:

Pastor: Come people of God, bring your spirits to this time and be one with the One who gives you life and know again who you are in his eyes.

**People: We bring our hearts and minds and spirits to this time together as the children of God, longing for a closer walk with our Creator.**

Pastor: Come, all who see your own imperfections, for God loves us as we are and as we are becoming.

**People: We respond to God's welcoming love and rejoice that there is a place for us in God's loving care as we worship God together.**

Pastor: Let us then sing together our first hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past".

### Hymn:

#### "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

(# 25, UCC Hymnal)

O God, our help in ages past - our hope for years to come;  
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.  
*Under the shadow of your throne - your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone - and our defense is sure.*  
Before the hills in order stood - or earth received its frame;  
From everlasting you are God - to endless years the same.  
*A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.*

### Call to Prayer:

God has called us close to him - away from those scattered places of the world where our differences try to divide us. God calls us to bring our troubles and concerns to him and acknowledge that we cannot live our lives fully without his love and guidance. Let us turn to God in prayer. **God, you are the companion of the lonely, the binder of wounds, the seeker of lost souls, the friend of the poor. You are the source of all that is; the forgiver of sins; the voice of the voiceless; the counselor of the confused. You provide us shelter from the storm and hope for all our tomorrows. Creator of heaven and earth, we bring our hearts and minds together in this moment to worship and adore you. Come closer and meet our spirits - for we long to know you more fully and serve you more faithfully. Amen.** Glory be to God. Amen.

### Scripture Reading: Psalm 28

### Hymn:

#### "More Like You"

(# 2167, Praise Book)

More like you, Jesus, more like you. Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you.  
More like you, Jesus, more like you. Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like you.  
Lord, you are my mercy. Lord, you are my grace. All my deepest sins have forever been erased.  
Draw me in your presence. Lead in your ways. I long to bring you glory in righteousness and praise.

### Pastor's Message: "Make the Difference"

### Special Music:

Deborah Rick, Church Musician

### Pastor's Prayer

### Hymn:

#### "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

(# 18, UCC Hymnal)

Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty - hold me with your powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven - feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.  
*Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.*  
*Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, ever be my strength and shield, ever be my strength and shield.*  
When I reach the River Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on heaven's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever sing to you, I will ever sing to you.

### Benediction