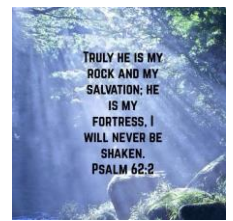




# St. Vincent UCC Live Stream Service

Second Sunday in Lent / February 28, 2021



**Greeting**

**Prelude Music**

Deborah Rick, Church Musician

**Call To Worship:**

**Pastor:** It's Lent and God calls us to bring our hearts and minds together in his steadfast love.

**People:** **We know that this is a sacred place where God will meet us and hold us close.**

**Pastor:** Let us then turn our hearts and minds to God more fully and sing together our first hymn.

**Hymn:** **"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"** (# 190, UCC Hymnal)

Beneath the cross of Jesus I gladly take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.  
*Upon the cross of Jesus within my mind I see  
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
And from my grieving heart with tears two wonders I confess -  
the wonders of Christ's glorious love and my unworthiness.*  
I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of Christ's face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,  
my sinful self, my only shame, my glory all the cross.

**Call to Prayer:**

Our God is continually reaching out to us and calling us back into a right and good relationship with him and all our brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us then answer that call by joining our voices together in our prayer.

**God, your love for us never fails, even when we wander far from our home in you. Teach us your ways and use us to help others find their home with you too. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

God's love is something we can all put our trust in with confidence. Let us rejoice that God is present with us in every moment of our lives. Amen.

**Scripture Readings: Psalm 62 and Mark 8: 31-38**

**Hymn:** **"On A Hill Far Away"** Verses 1,2,4 (# 195, UCC Hymnal)

**Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.**

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain. Refrain.

*Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left the glory of heaven to bear it to cold Calvary. Refrain.*

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
When God calls me someday to my home far away, there God's glory forever I'll share. Refrain.

**Pastor's Message: "Be A Rock Off the Block"**

**Special Music:**

Deborah Rick, Church Musician

**Prayer List and Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn:** **"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"** (# 2158, Praise Book)

**Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant I, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to thee – Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Refrain.

*Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Refrain.*

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently,  
safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. Refrain.

**Postlude Music**

Deborah Rick, Church Musician