



# St. Vincent UCC Worship Service

Father's Day Sunday / June 19, 2022

\* = please stand if able

*During today's service we will pay tribute to our fathers.*



## Prelude Music / Pastor's Greeting

### Call To Worship:

**Pastor:** God, our Father, calls us into the church to be spiritual companions in the love of Christ.

**People:** **May our Holy Father be with us as we turn our hearts and minds to him.**

Pastor: Let us worship together in the name of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Now, let's sing our first hymn together - "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise".

**Hymn:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (verses 1, 2, 4) (# 1, UCC Hymnal)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise; in light inaccessible hid from our eyes.

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days – almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

*Un-resting, un-hasting, and silent as light; not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might. Your justice like mountains high soaring above – your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light, your angels adore you, all veiling their sight.

All praise we now render as your angels do – in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.

**Call To Prayer:** God calls us into relationship with him so that we can know him better and become more like him so that we will do his work in the world. Let us pray together about that ...

**Unison Prayer:** **Eternal God, you are the light of the minds that know you, the joy of the hearts that love you, and the strength of the wills that serve you. Grant us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom. Amen.**

**Assurance:** By the power of God all that we know of Jesus helps us fulfill our prayers to know him and be more like him. In gratitude, let us join our voices together in affirming our faith ...

**Affirmation of Faith:** **We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God who has created and is creating; who has come in Jesus - the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new; who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence; to love and serve others; to seek justice and resist evil; to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

## Tribute to Fathers Here and Beyond

### Scripture Reading

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**Liturgist:** We now turn our hearts and minds to the reading of God's Holy Scripture. Our reading today comes from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 8, verses 26 – 39 where we hear about how Jesus healed a man possessed by demons.

**Let us pray:** Holy One, you give us every good thing and ask us to share it with others. Bless our hearts with the wisdom found in your Holy Scripture that we can go forth to share in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## Reading: Luke 8: 26-39

Jesus and his disciples went in a boat across from Galilee to the country of the Gerasenes. As Jesus stepped out on land, he immediately noticed a man not far from there who was possessed by demons. He wore no clothing and was chained with shackles at the opening of a cave. Many times before this, the man had been seized by the demons so violently that he had to be taken away from other people and kept here on the outskirts of town under guard.

Jesus went directly to this man and commanded the unclean spirit to come out of him. But, the man shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me".

Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" The man said, "Legion"; for there were many demons that had entered him. They begged Jesus to not order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might join him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you."

So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

**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 us remain seated as we sign together our middle hymn, "Be Still, My Soul".

**Hymn:** "Be Still, My Soul " (# 488, UCC Hymnal)

Be still, my soul; for God is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.

Leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain.

Be still my soul - your best eternal friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

*Be still, my soul; for God will undertake to guide in future days as in the past.*

*Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be clear at last.*

*Be still my soul – the waves and winds still know how Jesus' power ruled them long ago.*

Be still, my soul; the hour will soon be here when we shall be with God whom we adore.

With disappointment gone, no grief nor fear, sorrow replaced with joy forevermore.

Be still my soul – when change and tear are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**Pastor's Message:** "Released!"

**Offering Invitation:** The world belongs to God and he calls us to take care of it in his name. In gratitude for that which God has entrusted to our care, let us now share our morning offering.

### Offertory

**Doxology:**

(# 780, Hymnal)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Dedication:** Gracious God, grant that these gifts now placed before you will be tangible signs of our love for you. Bless them in the name of Jesus, Amen.

### Prayer Concerns, Birthday Celebrations, and Announcements

*Keeping all of these concerns in our hearts and minds, let us pause for our Pastoral Prayer*

### Pastoral Prayer

**Lord's Prayer:**

We pray all this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us also to pray, saying, **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Now, let's stand and sing together our final hymn*

**Hymn:**

"God Be With You" (verses 1, 2, 3)

(# 81, UCC Hymnal)

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.

God Be With You till we meet again. Wings of shelter safely hide you; daily manna still provide 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.

God Be With You till we meet again. When life's perils thick confound you. Put unfailing arms around 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.

**Benediction:** God calls us to show to others the same kind of love and care that Jesus showed to all those whom he encountered in his life. Let us go forth from this time together to follow Jesus in all that we say and do. And as we go, may the strength of God sustain us; the power of God preserve us; the wisdom of God guide us; and the hand of God protect us now and always, Amen.

**Sung Response:**

"God Be With You" (verse 4)

(# 81, UCC Hymnal)

God Be With You till we meet again. Keep love's banner floating o'er you; smite death's threatening wave before 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**