



St. Vincent UCC Worship Service

Guest Pastor Sunday / June 26, 2022

* = please stand if able



Prelude Music

Greeting from Consistory President, Brenda McFadden

Welcome to our Guest Pastor

*** Call To Worship:**

Pastor: God who rules the universe, calls us; Christ who took up his cross, calls us:

People: Holy Spirit who frees us body and soul, calls us.

Pastor: Let us faithfully answer by worshiping the triune God.

*** Hymn:** "Come to Tend God's Garden" (# 586, UCC Hymnal)

Come to tend God's garden, seeds of hope to sow, planting fields of
justice, watching mercy grow! In an arid waste-land,
spread a verdant heath! In a land of tumult, cultivate God's Peace!

*As we tend God's garden, from its furrows rise stems of fresh
beginnings, stretching toward the skies! Graciousness, our meadow,
joyfulness, our root, unity, our foliage, righteousness, our fruit!*

May God's garden flourish, may our toil succeed, may God bless our
actions, every word and deed! Serving Christ each season,
with God's diagram, charted by the Spirit, for the task at hand!

*** Call To Prayer:**

Christ Jesus did not call down destruction upon those who rejected him. How much more will he show mercy to those who seek forgiveness. ...

*** Unison Prayer:**

Holy God, you give us a place in your creation, and you intend that we live in love with all that you have made. Guide us in Your way to love our neighbor. Amen.

*** Assurance:**

The crucified Christ has set us free to live in the Spirit of life. Hear the good news of the gospel.

*** Affirmation of Faith:**

We believe in God the Father, maker of all things. We believe in his Son Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of life and light. We belong to the Church - God's family everywhere. Amen (please be seated)

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 9, verses 51-62.

Let us pray: Holy God, through Jesus we are promised the gift of holy power in order to help fulfill your purpose. Be with us now in the midst of hearing your word in Holy Scripture, so that we might also know your wisdom and guidance so that we can do so according to your will. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Reading: Luke 9:51-62 A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem.

When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

To another Jesus said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead: but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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 sing our hymn, "Spirit of the Living God"

Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God" (# 283, UCC Hymnal)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall a fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Pastor's Message: "A Place to Lay Your Head"

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 in the name of Jesus, who taught us also to pray together 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.**

Offering Invitation:

The blessings that come from God are rich like the fruits of summer. With our tithes and offerings let us give thanks and praise to the triune God.

Offertory

* Doxology:

(# 780, UCC 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:

Holy God, we present our offerings and commit ourselves to follow Jesus Christ, love our neighbors, and share the fruits of the spirit, giving thanks and praise. Amen.

Now, let's sing together our final hymn

* Hymn:

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

(# 493, UCC Hymnal)

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my Savior and my Friend:
I shall not fear life's struggles if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

*O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will!
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control!
O speak and make me listen, O guardian of my soul!*

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be, too;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow my Savior and my Friend!

* Benediction:

God makes us free as an eagle riding the wind. Christ gives us a home in the kingdom he is bringing. The Holy Spirit fills our belly with fire, and our heart with joy. Amen.

Postlude Music