



St. Vincent UCC Live Stream Service

Affirmation Sunday / June 27, 2021



Pastor's Greeting / Prelude Music by Deborah Rick

Call To Worship:

Pastor: We live real lives with real problems – but we know there is a place where we can go and find comfort, courage, strength, and hope – it is the place where we find God .

People: Though we are not perfect, we seek the perfect love of God to help us become better people. We come to worship and adore and take heart – for we know that, with God, all will be well.

Pastor: Let us then stand together and sing our first hymn, “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”.

* **Hymn:** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past“ (Verses 1,3, 6) (# 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.
*Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame;
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.*
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
Still be our God while troubles last, and our eternal home!

* **Call to Prayer:** We need God in our lives to help become the better people God knows we can be. Let us turn to God and ask for his help in making that so. Let's pray about that together ...

Prayer: Holy One, we often live as if we do not need you, But we know that we really do. Awaken us with your Spirit and help us to open our hearts and minds more fully to you – so that from this day on, we will never doubt that you are with us in all things. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance: God loves us without condition, without reservation, without hesitation. Let us rejoice in this truth – knowing that new life is ours every day of our lives, no matter what. Today and everyday, all good things are possible for us when we put our trust in God. Amen

Scripture Reading: Mark 5: 21-43

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 tears are past; all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Pastor's Message: “Hands & Hearts – Healing Power”

Special Music:

Deborah Rick, Church Musician

Prayer List Update

Offering Dedication: Holy God, we trust in you and dedicate these gifts to your use. We ask for your blessing on them in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand“ (verses 1,3,4) (# 472, UCC Hymnal)

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand - I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light - take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near - when my life is almost gone;
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold hand, lest I fall – take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*
When the shadows appear and the night draws near - and the day is past and gone;
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand – take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.