

St. Vincent UCC Live Stream Service – May 24, 2020 Memorial Day Weekend Sunday



Greeting from Pastor Susan Hanson

Prelude Music by Deborah Rick, Church Musician

Call To Worship:

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, let us gather our hearts and minds in joy and sing praises to God.

People: Blessed be God and may God bless us, his people – for we long to be one with God. Pastor:

Let us join our voices as one as we sing our first hymn called - "Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor".

Hymn: "Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor" (# 590, Hymnal)

Spirit of Jesus, if I love my neighbor, out of my knowledge, leisure, power, or wealth, open my mind to understand the anger of helplessness that hates my power to help.

And if, when I have answered need with kindness, my neighbor rises, wakened from despair, open my heart to hear the cry for justice that struggles for the changes that I fear.

If I am hugging safety or possessions, uncurl my spirit, as your love prevails, to join my neighbors, work for liberation, and find my freedom at the mark of nails.

Call To Prayer: As we prepare our hearts and minds to receive God's Spirit more fully in the midst of prayer, let us be mindful of what lies within us and let us pray together ... Prayer: Precious God, you have loved us from the very beginning. You created us and we are your children. Help us to be good to each other and to remember that all people belong to you and that makes us all brothers and sisters in your name.

Amen. Assurance: Because God loves us more than we could ever imagine, we are blessed more than we can ever know. Rejoice, for God's tender care is ours forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading: John 17: 1-11

Hymn: "Let There Be Peace On Earth" (# 677, Chalice Hymnal)

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Pastor's Message: "May We Be One"

Special Music: Deborah Rick, Church Musician

Affirmation of Faith (Apostle's Creed): I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer List and Outreach Updates / Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Hymn: "We Are Called" (#2172, Praise Book)

Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!.

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God! **Refrain**

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more! **Refrain.**

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love! **Refrain.**

