



St. Vincent UCC Live Stream Service

Great Sunday / September 19, 2021

Pastor's Greeting / Prelude Music by Deborah Rick



Call To Worship:

Pastor: We gather in the name of God to ask his blessings upon us. Holy God, hear our praises.

People: We worship you, O God, so that we might feel your presence among us and celebrate your love.

Pastor: Then, let us begin by singing together our first hymn, "In the Midst of New Dimensions".

Hymn: "In the Midst of New Dimensions" (verses 1 & 4) (# 391, UCC Hymnal)

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways - who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways? God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar – we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young – each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar – we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

Call to Prayer / Prayer / Assurance

Unison Prayer: Merciful God, we confess that we often seek greatness for ourselves, even at the expense of others who are in need. Help us to be better. Grant us your grace and send your Holy Spirit upon us so that we can do good work in this hurting world in your name. Amen.

Pastor's Corner and Sung Response

(I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, # 2129, Praise Book)

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus – no turning back, no turning back.

Scripture Reading: Mark 9: 30-37

Hymn: "Sing Them Over Again To Me" (# 319, UCC Hymnal)

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life.
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty – Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

*Christ, the blessed One, gives to all, wonderful words of life; sinner, wake to the loving call, wonderful words of life.
All so freely given, our sure hope of heaven – Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.*

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life.
Jesus, only Savior, keep me with you forever - Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Pastor's Message: "Grrrrreat!"

Sung Response (Open Our Eyes, # 2086, Praise Book)

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus – to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord – we want to see Jesus.

Prayer List Update / Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer / Offering Invitation

Offering Dedication: Almighty God, thank you for your love and kindness for us. With our gratitude, accept our gifts this day. Use them to do good and use us to share your love with all those whom we meet. Amen.

Sung Response – 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.

Hymn: "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" (Verses 1,2, & 4) (# 77, UCC Hymnal)

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each your love possessing triumph in redeeming grace – Oh, refresh us, oh refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

We give thanks and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound; may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound – Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

So that when your love shall call us, Savior, from the world away, fear of death shall not appall us, glad your summons to obey - May we ever, may we ever live with you in endless day.

Benediction and Sung Response (Shine, Jesus Shine # 2173, Praise Book)

Shine, Jesus, Shine - fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, Blaze – set our hearts on fire!
Flow, River, Flow – flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord and let there be light!!