

St. Vincent UCC Worship Service

Harvest Home Sunday – Oct. 18, 2026

Consistory Meeting After Church Today

Pastor – Rev. Susan Hanson

Church Musician – Deb Rick



Musical Interlude

Ringling of the Church Bell

Welcome

Prelude Music

*** Call To Worship:**

Pastor: Praise God and give thanks, for God is good. His steadfast love for us endures forever.

People: **Remember us, O God, when you show favor to your people, so that we might rejoice in your love and give glory to your name.**

Pastor: Now, let's join our voices together in saying our affirmation of faith for this day ...

*** Affirmation of Faith:**

With all Christians everywhere, we believe in one God, who made everything. The Father sent his Son, Jesus, to live among us and teach us his ways. He died on the cross, but rose again as Lord of all, that we might live forever with him. God sent his Holy Spirit to live inside each of us, that we might grow to become more like Jesus. And so that we can affirm for our own hearts and minds that always and forever, God will love us and be with us in all things – no matter what. Amen.

Now, let us sing together our first hymn.

*** Hymn: # 422 “Come, O Thankful People, Come**

Please Be Seated.

Call to Prayer:

God has created us and called us to this particular place and time so that we can become closer to him and to one another . Let us then turn to our bulletin and pray about that...

Prayer:

Holy God, come closer to us and help us to be like your son, Jesus – to act in kind ways, to share the gifts you have blessed us with, to show mercy to others and forgive them when they hurt us. Make us more like you in every moment so that your kingdom may reign among us. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance:

God's love and mercy are always with us – guiding us and inspiring us to be loving and merciful to ourselves and to one another. Let us follow his ways and do good to the glory of God. Now, let's sing our response.

Response: # 2164 Sanctuary (Praise Book)

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy,
tried and true. With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Scripture Reading:

Liturgist – Jen Kluge

Liturgist: We now turn our hearts and minds to the reading of God's Holy Scripture. Today's reading can be found in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 22, verses 15-22 where Jesus talks to people about taxes.

Let us pray: Holy One, bless us with understanding as we hear today's message about how we are to pay our taxes and in doing so, give glory to you. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Read Scripture Lesson (found on page 24 in the Pew Bible)

The Pharisees wanted to find a way to trap Jesus into saying something damaging in front of the crowds. So they sent their disciples, along with a few of Herod's followers, and they asked him,

"Teacher, we know you have integrity, teach the way of God accurately, are indifferent to popular opinion, and don't pander to your students. So tell us then what you think - Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

Jesus knew they were up to no good. He said, "Why are you playing these games with me? You are acting like hypocrites! Show me the coin used for paying taxes."

They handed him a silver piece. After looking at it and holding it out to them, he said, "Look at the engraving on this coin. Who does it look like? And whose name is written on it?"

They said, "Caesar." And he replied, "Then give to Caesar what is his, and give to God what belongs to God." They did not know what to say to that – and they went away, shaking their heads.

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 together our middle hymn, # 425, "For the Fruit of all Creation"

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Message: "Good For You!"

Sung Response: # 2080, "All I need is You" (vs. 1)

Focus on PACS and Blessing for Harvest Home

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Sung Response: # 2215, "Cares Chorus"

Offering Invitation: Everything we have was given to us by God with love. Let us, then, give back a portion of what we have so that God's love will spread through all that we say and do. With gratitude, let us have our morning offering.

Offertory / * Response: Tune "All That Dwell Below"

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

*** Prayer of Dedication:** Gracious God, receive these offerings with our gratitude for all that you have given us. We dedicate them to your use in the name of Jesus so that others may know your love as much as we do. Amen.

Stump the Pastor

*** Hymn: # 55, “Rejoice You Pure in Heart”** (vs. 1, 3, 5)

*** Benediction:** May God bless you and all whom you love in all times and in all places. May you live your lives as the great leaders of our people and to the glory of God. And may God hold in the palms of his hands now and forever. Amen.

Response: # 2162, “Grace Alone” (vs. 1)

Postlude Music

*Thank you to those who decorated our windowsills for
Harvest Home and also a special thanks to those
who donated shelf food items for PACS.
May God bless you for your generosity.*