

**St. Vincent UCC Worship Service**  
**Reformation Sunday October 27, 2024**  
Pastor – Rev. Susan Hanson  
Church Musician – Deb Rick

**Musical Interlude**  
**Ringling of the Bell**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude Music**



*Let us rise for our Call to Worship*

**\* Call To Worship:**

**Pastor:** Blessed be the name of our God from this time forth and for evermore!

**People:** **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of God is to be praised!**

**Pastor:** It is good to give thanks to God and praise his holy name. Let us now join our voices together in saying our Affirmation of Faith ...

**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: # 522, “I Love to Tell the Story”**

*Please Be Seated*

**Call to Prayer:**

God is great and God is good. In the light of God’s love, we long to become more fully what God intends for us and act in ways that reflect that love. Let us then join our voices together to pray about that ...

**Unison Prayer:**

**O God, your light shines into the world, but we are often more comfortable staying in the dark. Help us to have the faith and strength we need to join in the work of your light. Give us hope that we can make a difference. Help us to trust that you will be with us in all things. Guide us in all that we say and do for the benefit of the people you love and for your greater glory. Amen.**

**Assurance:**

Hear this promise that if you believe in God’s mercy and hope for good things, a new life awaits you in each new day that you put your trust in God. Let us sing our response together ...

## Response: # 2016 “Glorify Thy Name”

**Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
glorify thy name in all the earth. Glorify thy name,  
glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.**

### Scripture Reading:

**Liturgist: Brenda McFadden**

**Liturgist:** We now turn our hearts and minds to the reading of God’s Holy Scripture. Our reading today comes from the Gospel of Mark, chapter 10. We are reading verses 46-52 where Jesus heals a blind man.

**Let us pray:** Holy Jesus, you heard the cry of the blind beggar when others would have ignored him. Teach us to be attentive to your wisdom found in Holy Scripture. Guide us so that we can understand what you want to teach us through these readings. Amen.

### Reading:

Jesus and his disciples had come to a town called Jericho. There they spread the message of love through their teaching and healing. And a large crowd of people followed them about.

Then, as they were leaving Jericho with the crowd following them, they saw a blind beggar sitting by the side of the road. His name was Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus.

When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth passing by, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many of the people tried to silence him, but that made him yell all the more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So, throwing off his cloak, he sprang to his feet at once and came to Jesus.

Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go then; your faith has made you well.”

Immediately the blind man regained his sight and joined the crowd that followed Jesus down the road.

**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.

Now, let’s sing our hymn # 562, “Take My Gifts”

### Hymn: # 562, “Take My Gifts”

#### **Dressed to Be Blessed – St. V. Parade of Costumes**

*Halloween will soon be here and everyone loves to “Trick & Treat” – especially the treat part. So, let’s take this time to show off our costumes.*



**Message:** "The Blind Leading the Blind"

**Response: # 2176 Make Me A Servant**

**Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be - Make me a servant,  
make me a servant, make me a servant today.**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Offering Invitation:**

God's mercy works in us to enable us to do and be more than we could imagine without it. May all that we are reveal God's generosity to us and may what we offer now reflect that benevolence in the form of our morning offering.

**Offertory**

\* **Response: # 370 "What Gift Can"** (vs. 4)

**This gift we now bring, this present, this token,  
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
this song we now offer in honor and praise!**

\* **Prayer of Dedication:**

**O God, we now place our offerings before you and ask you to accept them with your blessing. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

\* **Hymn: # 531, "God, Speak to Me"**

\* **Benediction:**

Go forth into the world to share the love of God and may the peace of God, the power of Jesus, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

\* **Response: # 2241 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth"** (vs. 4)

**Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus's name.**

\* **Postlude Music**