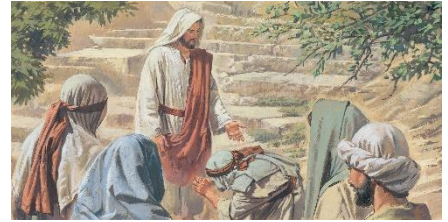


St. Vincent UCC Worship Service

Access Sunday October 12, 2025

Pastor – Rev. Susan Hanson

Church Musician – Deb Rick



Musical Interlude
Ring of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements
Prelude Music

*** Call To Worship:**

Pastor: Come, let us worship God ...

People: **our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer!**

Pastor: God's love is here among us.

People: **God's joy renews our hearts.**

Pastor: Let us lift our voices in praise...

People: **and celebrate God's presence with us!**

Pastor: And let us begin by joining our voices together in saying our Affirmation of Faith ...

Affirmation of Faith:

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God, who has created and is creating; who has come in Jesus the Word made flesh - to reconcile and make new. Who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church - to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Now, let us sing together our first hymn.

*** Hymn: # 551, "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"**

Please Be Seated.

Call To Prayer:

With hope in God's abundant mercy, let us turn to God and pray together ...

Unison Prayer:

Merciful God, too often we are shaped by the world – distracted by its clamor rather than your gentle call. Too often, we place ourselves first – chasing comfort and acclaim – forgetting the needs of our neighbors and the cries of your creation. Too often we fail to honor one another – letting fear build walls where your love should dwell. Awaken us, O God, to walk in your ways, listen to your voice, and live our lives fully in your call. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

We are God's beloved - and, in all things, he will guide us, strengthen us, empower us to fulfill our purpose. In gratitude, let us sing together our response ...

Sung Response: # 2007 Holy, Holy, Holy”

**Holy, holy, holy – my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you – you are holy, Lord!**

Scripture Reading: Liturgist: Suzi Clark

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 according to Luke, chapter 17. We are reading verses 11-19 where Jesus heals lepers and one returns to thank him.

Let us pray: Loving God, thank you for gathering us today. You renew us here with your spirit and then send us out to share it with the world. Open our hearts to you and to one another as we hear your message in our scripture reading this day. Amen.

Reading: Luke 17: 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’

When he saw them, he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were made clean.

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He threw himself down at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten made clean? But the other nine - where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ Then he said to him, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.’

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.

Hymn Intro: Let's now sing our hymn, #2036, “Give Thanks”

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Pastor’s Message: “Jesus and the Leper”

Sung Response: # 2224, “Make Us One”

**Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let you love flow so the world will know we are one in you.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Sung Response: # 769, “Hear Our Prayer”

**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God. Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace.
Amen.**

Offering Invitation:

In the story of God and his people, God is always good, always loving, all powerful and empowering to those who love him and follow his ways with hope, faith, and love. We can be everything God imagines is possible for us beginning here and now with our gifts to his work. Let us have our morning offering.

Offertory

*** Response: # 785, “We Give You But Your Own”**

**We give you but your own – whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone – we give it gratefully.**

*** Prayer of Dedication:**

Gracious God, through these gifts we continue our story with you. Bless what we have brought so that it may fulfill your purpose in the world. We dedicate them to your glory in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*** Hymn: # 249, “Peace I Leave With You My Friends”**

*** Benediction:**

May God bless you and keep you. May God’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace now and for evermore. Amen.

*** Sung Response: # 81, “God Be With You” (verse 1 & chorus)**

**God be with you till we meet again.
By good counsel guide uphold you.
With a shepherd’s care enfold you.
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet.
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you
till we meet again.**

*** Postlude Music**