

St. Vincent UCC Worship Service

Welcome Sunday June 28, 2026

Lay Minister – Brenda McFadden

Church Musician – Deborah Rick



Musical Interlude

Ringing of the Church Bell

Welcome

Prelude Music

*** Call To Worship:** *Please rise for the call to worship*

Pastor: We are here today not because we have found God – but because God found us and called us to gather together as brothers and sisters in Christ to worship him.

People: **We rejoice in being called and challenged to accept the cost and joy of discipleship as we strive to serve God and his people in the name of love.**

Pastor: Let us, then, join our voices in affirmation of our faith ...

*** Affirmation of Faith:** *The Apostles 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.

Let us Sing Together our First Hymn.

*** Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers"** (insert # 710, Methodist Hymnal)

Please Be Seated and Let us Pause for our Time of Prayer

Call to Prayer:

We worship a God of mercy and that means that, we too, are called to practice mercy – to show to others radical love, amazing kindness, and holy welcome for all people in all situations, at all times. Let's pray together that our hearts might be ready to do so...

Unison Prayer

Merciful God, we give you thanks for calling us to be like you and giving us Jesus to show us the way to do so. Help us to be merciful - to forgive, to repair, to heal, to love one another in powerful and wonderful ways. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Jesus shows us all the ways to practice being loving in radical ways, doing kindness in amazing ways, and showing holy welcome to people at times. Let us follow him – so that God's will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. With joy, let us sing together, our response...

Sung Response: # 2026, "Halleluja" (praise book)

Halle, Halle, Halle-luja! Halle, Halle, Halle-luja! Halle, Halle, Halle-luja! Halleluja!, Halleluja!

Scripture Reading:

Liturgist = Suzi Clark

Liturgist: We now turn our hearts and minds to the word of God found in the scriptures. Today's reading can be found in the Gospel of Matthew - chapter 10, verses 40-42 where Jesus calls us to practice mercy, love, and a holy way of welcome to all people.

Let us pray: God of mercy, love, and healing - be with us now in the reading of your holy word and may we take it to heart and show it in all that we say and do. Amen.

Read Scripture Lesson (found on page 11, NT in Pew Bible)

Jesus taught his disciples, saying, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous;

And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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 Into: Now, let us remain seated as we sing our middle hymn, # 591 "This Is My Song"

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Message: "Your Reward"

Prayer for the People

Lord's Prayer: We pray this in the name of Jesus, and now pray together as he taught us, saying:
Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sung Response: #2203, "In His Time" (verse 2)

Offering Invitation:

We bring with us today our good intentions and deepest desires to follow the ways of Jesus and the fulfillment of God's vision for our church. Let us present to God all this and more in the form of our morning offering.

Offertory / * Sung Response: # 785, "We Give You"

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:**

O God, we ask that you accept these offerings now placed on your altar. Grant that they may be symbols of our love and of ourselves now offered more fully to you. We dedicate them to your use, so that your realm may come and your will be done on earth, even as it is done in heaven. Amen.

* **Hymn: “We Have a Story to Tell”** (insert # 569, Methodist Hymnal)

* **Benediction:**

Let us go forth with the blessings of God upon us, knowing that no matter where we go, God goes with us. May our hearts be filled with love to overflowing, and may our hands be ever ready to serve in the name of Jesus. May this day be just the beginning of a lifetime of God’s blessings to sustain you all the days of your life. Amen.

* **Response: # 77, “Lord, Dismiss Us”** (vs 1)

**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 wilderness.**

Postlude Music