

St. Vincent United Church of Christ

Mental Health Sunday – May 17, 2026

Consistory Meeting Following Worship

Pastor – Rev. Susan Hanson

Church Musician – Deb Rick



**Musical Interlude
Ringing of the Bell
Pastor's Welcome
Prelude Music**

*** Call To Worship:**

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, let us gather our hearts together and sing praises to our God.

People: **We have gathered to worship God, who gives us all that we need to be his people in the world.**

Pastor: Let us now join our voices as we affirm our faith ...

*** Affirmation of Faith:**

Pastor: May you always feel loved. Even when you find it hard to see the beauty and peace in the world that God envisions for us. Even when the pain you have known and the conflict you have experienced make hope seem too elusive.

People: **When you feel most alone – remember that you are loved by a gracious and merciful God. And there will always be sunshine, even when the storm seems unending. May you always feel God's love for you.**

Pastor: God created all life and declared it “good” - and as part of that creation God has declared that you are good, as well. May your life abound in goodness – let kind words, a reassuring touch, a warm smile be yours to give and receive every day. **People:** **May you discover enough good in the world to believe that things can be better and that you are part of God's plan to make it so.**

Pastor: May we each go forth to be a beacon of God's love to those who have known too much hate. May you bring God's light into places where others have known too much darkness.

People: **And may we live in confidence that we have each been called and empowered to help others feel loved too. In the name of God – creator, redeemer, and sustainer – may we always feel loved.**

Now, let us sing together our first hymn.

*** Hymn: # 459, “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”**

Please Be Seated.

Call to Prayer: As we prepare our hearts and minds to receive God's Spirit more fully this day, let us be mindful of what lies within us as we join our voices in prayer ...

Unison Prayer: **Precious God, you have loved us from the very beginning. You created us and we are your children. Help us to be good to each other and to remember that all people belong to you and that makes us all brothers and sisters in your name. Amen.**

Assurance: Because God loves us more than we could ever imagine, we are blessed more than we can ever know. Rejoice, for God's tender care is ours forever. Rejoice and sing praises to our God. Join me in singing 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: Eric Hanson

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 John - chapter 17. We'll be reading verses 1-11 where Jesus prays for his disciples.

Let us pray. Holy One, you provide us with everything we need to be good and loving disciples in this world. Help us now to hear your message for us in the midst of today's scripture reading, for we long to know you more fully and follow you more completely. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Read Scripture Lesson (found on page 111 of the NT in Pew Bible)

After Jesus finished speaking to his disciples, he looked up to heaven and began to pray, saying, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you - since you have given him authority over all people - to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life - that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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 middle hymn, # 488, "Be Still My Soul".

Hymn: # 488, "Be Still My Soul"

Message: "Dump It !"

Sung Response: # 2025, "As the Deer"

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield – to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

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

In your time, in your time; you make all things beautiful in your time. Lord, my life to you I bring; may each song I have to sing be to you a lovely thing in your time.

Offering Invitation: All that we have is a gift from God. As the children of God, we are asked to share what we have with others for the sake of his work in the world. Let us do so now 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:** Gracious God, we present these offerings for the work of the church out of love and gratitude for your generosity toward us. Use them and us, so that we might each be part of your answer to the needs of the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*** Hymn: # 474, "I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"**

*** Benediction / 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**