

St. Vincent United Church of Christ

Trinity Sunday – May 31, 2026

Pastor – Rev. Susan Hanson

Church Musician – Deb Rick



Musical Interlude
Ring of the Bell
Pastor's Welcome

Prelude Music

*** Call To Worship:**

Pastor: Let us gather our hearts and minds together now and worship our God, who calls us to live in the world as if we were already living in his kingdom.

All: Creator, Spirit, hear us now and breathe new life into our worship and praise. May the mighty wind of Pentecost still blow among us and fill us with your power.

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

*** Affirmation of Faith:**

We are the people of God – his hands and heart and voices on the earth in this time and place. We are brothers and sisters in Christ - evidence of God's continued presence in the world. We believe in our God, we believe in God's goodness, and the power of God's love. We believe in Christ and his presence in our lives, and that we will recognize Christ in one another.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who moves among God's people and inspires us to bring God's reign more fully into our world. We are the people of God and we believe that our church is part of God's eternal plan. May all that we say and do help to fulfill God's hopes and dreams for us and the world in which we live. Amen.

Now, let us sing together our first hymn.

*** Hymn: # 277 "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

Please Be Seated.

Call to Prayer: Because of Jesus, we know that God's love, mercy, and grace have no bounds. Let us, then, turn to God and offer to him our whole hearts as we join our voices in prayer ...

Unison Prayer:

Loving God, we give thanks that you have called us and that we belong to you. We come now, longing to know the touch of your Spirit and become more like you. Meet us here and commission us to serve you in the world in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance: Through Christ, we are empowered to begin life anew every day. Let us praise God as we sing 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: Brenda McFadden

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 28. We'll be reading verses 16-20 where we hear the final words of Jesus to his disciples as he commissioned them to continue his ministry.

Let us pray: Living God, we thank you that you have called us and that we belong to you. We come, longing to know the touch of your Spirit through your words, that we might be encouraged to serve you in the world. Come to us now as we hear this Scripture so that we may recognize you and sing your praise, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.
Amen.

Read Scripture Lesson (found on page 34 of the NT in Pew Bible)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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, # 386, “The Church's One Foundation”.

Hymn: # 386, “The Church's One Foundation”

Message: “The Great Commission”

An Anointing for Service to God

“Help us, O God, to use whatever gifts of the Spirit we have received from you to serve others in your name. Help us to always be faithful stewards of your grace in all that we say and do. As we anoint ourselves once more into your care, bless us with all that we need to fulfill our purpose and serve you with joy to your greater glory. Amen.”

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.

3 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 people should give as they are able, according to the blessings which God has given us. Let us, then, show our praise of God 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:** Holy God, all that we have is first a gift from you. We thank you for blessing us and we now give back a portion of those blessings. May your Spirit go forth along with this offering, so that it will help make our church strong and effective in the world. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

* **Hymn: # 2191, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"**

* **Benediction:** May goodness and joy be yours this day. And may you share it with others so that you will all be transformed by it. And be happy because God goes with you – blessing you and all those you meet along the way. 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**