

St. Vincent UCC Worship Service

Ecumenical Sunday – January 18, 2026

Includes Installation of Consistory and Treasurer

Pastor – Rev. Susan Hanson

Church Musician – Deb Rick



Musical Interlude
Ring of the Bell
Pastor's Welcome
Prelude Music

*** Call To Worship:**

Pastor: The God of creation makes us one in our common love.

People: **Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord.**

Pastor: The God of love makes us one in our common spirit.

People: **Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord.**

Pastor: The God of blessings makes us one now and always.

People: **Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord.**

Pastor: In gratitude, let us join our hearts and voices in saying our Affirmation of Faith.

*** Affirmation:**

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: # 495, "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**

Let us Pause for a Time of Prayer

Call to Prayer: Because of the faithful witness of God's people down through the generations, we know the story of God's gracious love and power. In response, we gather here together to answer the call to follow Jesus. Let us turn to God and ask for his help in living into that call, using our prayer printed in our bulletin.

Unison Prayer: O Lord of grace and light and hope, help us to follow Jesus and his ways, for we cannot do so alone. We could choose our own way instead of being led into the ways of love and compassion. But, with your guidance and strength, we will choose the right way and let your light shine through us in all that we say and do. We pray for all this in the name of Jesus. Amen

Words of Assurance: When we seek God and his help, God will find us, forgive us, and bless us with his love and joy. Because he promises to always be here with us, we can begin this day as new people – blessed and a blessing for the glory of God. Amen.

Now, let's sing our response ...

Sung Response: # 2069, “All Hail King Jesus” (Praise Book)

All hail King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel. King of kings, Lord of lords, bright Morning Star. And throughout eternity, I'll sing your praises - and I'll reign with you throughout eternity.

Scripture Reading: Liturgist: Kathy Strahan

Liturgist: We now turn our hearts and minds to the reading of God's Holy Scripture. Our reading today comes from the Gospel according to John, chapter 1, verses 29-42 where we hear Jesus called the Lamb of God.

Let us pray: God of all, you give us everything we need to be happy and healthy and whole people, and we are grateful for your faithfulness to us. Bless us now as we read this scripture lesson and help us to follow your ways. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Read John 1: 29-42 (found on page 92 of the NT in the Pew Bible)

The next day John – the one they called the Baptist – saw Jesus coming toward him. He turned to the people gathered around him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I told you about that, after me, comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

Then John told them, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

Then the next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples who heard him decided to follow Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day.

Later, at about four o'clock that afternoon, one of the two who was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, went to find his brother Simon. He said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed One). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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, # 472, “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”.

Hymn: # 472, “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Message: “All That We Are”

Sung Response: # 2108, “O How He Loves” (verse one)

O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me! He gave his life. What more could he give? O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

Installation of 2026 Consistory and New Treasurer

Congregational Prayer: Spirit of God, we pause now to pray for these leaders. Give them faith so that they may feel your presence around us. Give them courage, so that they may not fear the

challenges of their work. Give them hope that they will see your light and let it shine brightly through them in all things. And help us to always support them so that together we will be the church you want us to be. Amen

Sung Response: # 2172, “We Are Called”

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Offering Invitation: In gratitude for all that God has given to us, let us present our offerings with joy in the form of our morning offering.

Offertory / * 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 One, accept these offerings and our good intentions to serve you the name of Jesus. We dedicate them in his name. Amen.

*** Hymn: # 493, “O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

*** Benediction**

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

*** Postlude Music**