

Welcome to Samuel UCC
No matter where you are on life's journey,
YOU
are welcome here!

- We are **REQUIRING** everyone wear a facemask. (*Children 3 years and younger would be exempt from the mask requirement.*)
- You may move about and greet one another during “The Passing of the Peace.” As always, be respectful of other’s comfort levels regarding touching.
- The offering plate will be at each entrance to the sanctuary.
- Congregational singing of hymns is permitted for those who have been fully vaccinated.
- At this time, we will not be having a formal indoor fellowship time after church, but you are invited to talk with each other after worship in the sanctuary or outside.
- Children are invited to stay in service for Children’s Time and then join Sunday School.
- Children aged 3 and under are welcome to join our staffed and vaccinated Nursery in the fellowship hall.

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camera app to be taken to the
Members Only Website for Sign ups,
news and more!**



Sunday January 16, 2021

10am Samuel United Church of Christ

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and hearing assistance devices are available.

**indicates all who are comfortably able, please rise in body or spirit*

Welcome and Gathering Music

Announcements

Ringling of the Bells

Call to Worship

(Adapted from Seasons of the Spirit)

One: God's faithfulness is as high as the clouds.

All: God's love stretches everywhere.

One: God's righteousness is as tall as the biggest mountains.

All: God's love stretches everywhere.

One: God's justice is as deep as the ocean.

All: God's love stretches everywhere.

One: God's love is big enough for everyone.

All: God's love stretches everywhere.

One: Come, let us worship the God whose gifts overflow.

Opening Hymn:

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#43 NCH (black)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27

Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;
 3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;
 4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;

Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;
 Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;
 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.
 Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;

Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.
 Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-mega be;
 You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,
 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,

Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.
 Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.

The Passing of the Peace

If you are worshipping with us on Zoom, we invite you to wave your hands to those around you. You may also want to unmute yourself and greet one another with the “Peace of Christ be with you.” For those who are in person, we invite you to greet one another, but be attentive to those who may not want to shake hands. If someone waves that is a cue for a wave back.

Response: *“Shine, Jesus, Shine”*

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory

Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy

Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light.

A Story for the Ages – John 2:1-11

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” 4 And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” 5 His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” 6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it.

9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Response *“Thy Word is a Lamp” (Refrain)* #601 UMH (*purple*)
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

A Story for the Ages – *Children’s Time with Melissa*

Hymn: *“O For a World”* #579 NCH (*black*)

O for a World

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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32–35; 1 Cor. 1:26–31; 1 Pet. 3:8–12

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

Message – *Pastor Jeff*

Special Music – *“Total Praise” by Richard Smallwood*
 Performed by Nic Valdez

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

***Closing Hymn:** *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*
 #593 NCH (black)

The Challenge and Blessing

***The Postlude**

Liturgist: Doni Driemeier-Showers

Altar Flowers are placed by John Price

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Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1921; alt.

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has

har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing
 days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y
 brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your

rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the
 beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our
 might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
 peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the
 way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our
 plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the
 wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white
 neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our

on till vic - to - ry is won.
 gleam of our bright star is cast.
 God, true to our na - tive land.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conversations on Race and Justice Moved to TONIGHT

Our every other week conversation on Race and Justice has been moved from this week to next - Jan 16 at 7pm.

Consistory, Association, and Conference Delegates

The nominating committee is looking for a person to serve on consistory, a person to serve as delegate to conference and association meetings, and nominations for elders. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else please contact Tim Poor, Teresa Groene, or Alex Miller.

Sponsoring Juan Luis through the A. Jean Brugger Foundation

Today we will be receiving a special offering to support the non-profit organization of A. Jean Brugger in San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua which supports community services and education opportunities for high school and college students. The last few years we have sponsored, Juan Luis, who is studying to be a teacher of deaf students. We have a goal of **\$1,790** that would pay his tuition, texts and materials, transportation, and meals for the year. Please consider helping him this year. Mark your envelope or memo on your check “Brugger Foundation” or scan the QR code to give online.

Save the Date: Annual Meeting: Sunday, Feb 20

Habitat for Humanity Virtual Auction: Items Needed

Due to COVID, we are holding a virtual auction instead of the usual dinner. Think about things you might donate and watch for more info!

Looking for Liturgist, Ushers, Flower Sponsors

It takes many people to make our services run smoothly and we need your help. Please sign up on the clipboard to be a Liturgist, Usher, or Flower Sponsor or scan the QR code on the first page to sign up online.

Intergenerational Mission Trip June 12-17, 2022

In conjunction with First Congregational UCC, we are participating in an Intergenerational Mission Trip to Hinton Center in North Carolina. The final date to confirm the number of participants is **Feb 1, 2022** Email Melissa at cyfoutreach@samuelucc.org to RSVP.

Confirmation news: Class Scheduled for Jan 15th class moved to Feb 5

Because of the rise in covid cases, confirmation class scheduled for this Saturday January 15th is being **rescheduled** to February 5th Sunday, January 23 1-3pm Service Project Centennial Christian Pantry Saturday, Feb 12 10am-2pm Class at TBA

CANCELED: Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

For many years, Troop 493 has made a wonderful spaghetti dinner around Valentine's Day. It makes the whole building smell like a restaurant for a week. Sadly, due to Covid, the dinner is canceled this year. We hope to bring it back next year. In the meantime, mask, wash your hands, and social distance.

Upcoming Youth Events:

Sunday, January 16

Hybrid Sunday School during Worship

Tuesday, January 18, 6:30-8:15pm

Zoom: Watch Paper and Glue

(NOTE EARLY START/LATE END!)

Friday, January 21, 7-9pm

In Person: Squirrel Party!

Sunday, January 23, 1-3pm

In Person: Confirmation Service Project at Centennial Christian

Tuesday, January 25, 6:45-8pm

Zoom: Last chapters of *This Book is Antiracist*

Sunday, January 30

In Person: All ages Sunday School Project during Worship

Tuesday, February 1, 6:45-8pm

Zoom: Youth Group

Saturday, February 5, 10am-2pm

In Person: Confirmation Class

Sunday, February 6, 11am-3pm

In Person: Black History Driving Tour (limited space)

Tuesday, February 8, 6:45-8pm

Zoom: Youth Group

Saturday, February 12, 10am-2pm

In Person: Confirmation Class

Sunday, February 13

In Person: Confirmand and Faith Partner Meeting after
Worship

Tuesday, February 15

No Youth Group

February 19-21

In Person: High school Conference Youth Event at Camp
Wyman (No Sunday School that week)



The Mission Statement of Samuel Church

Samuel Church, gathered by Grace,
Nourished by the Word,
and Renewed by the Holy Spirit,
is a welcoming, caring community of faith.

In response to the gift of grace and in affirmation of the inclusive love of Christ, we welcome all persons into our fellowship. We seek to be a congregation that includes persons of any race, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital status, faith understanding, mental and physical ability, and socio-economic background. We welcome all to share fully in the life and leadership, ministry and fellowship, worship, rites and sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of the community called Samuel Church.