

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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Sunday January 23, 2021
10am Samuel United Church of Christ

**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 "Before The Amen," Rochelle Stackhouse*)

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you!

One: God is with us.

All: The Spirit of God is upon us!

One: The Spirit of hope and joy.

All: The Spirit of challenge and truth.

One: God has anointed us to...

All: Bring good tidings to the poor,

One: To bind up the broken hearted,

All: To proclaim liberty to captives,

One: To afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted.

All: God has called us to this time and place.

One: Let us worship God together.

Opening Hymn: *"There's a Spirit in the Air"* (Vs. 1-5)

#294 NCH (*black*)

John 6:24-35, 51-58; 1 Cor. 2:9-16; 1 John 4

Brian Wren, 1969; rev. 1987

1 There's a spir - it in the air, tell - ing Chris - tians ev - ery - where:
 2 Lose your shy - ness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done:
 3 When be - liev - ers break the bread, when a hun - gry child is fed:
 4 Still the Spir - it gives us light, see - ing wrong and set - ting right:
 5 When a strang - er's not a - lone, where the home - less find a home:

“Praise the love that Christ re - vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world.”
 God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day.
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Prayer of Invocation

One: We give you thanks for the gift of this day and for this time together, loving God. Open our hearts to receive the good news of your gracious ways. Inspire us to be the people you call us to be and let your Spirit work within us. In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen.

Response: *“There's a Spirit in the Air” (Vs. 7) #294 NCH (black)*

There's a Spirit in the air, calling people everywhere:

Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

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 – *Luke 4:14–21*

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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*

Message – *Pastor Jeff*

Hymn: *“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”* #282 NCH (black)

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

2 Sam. 22:9; Ps. 18:8

African-American spiritual

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will

pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

Last time, end

in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and

spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

to Refrain

round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

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:**

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

#293 NCH

(black)

2 Cor. 3:17-5:5

Doris Akers, 1962; alt.

Slowly

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know that Spir - it's full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

to Refrain

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to stay with Je - sus all the way."

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

The Challenge and Blessing

***The Postlude**

Liturgist: Chris Trousdale

Altar Flowers are placed by John Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Discovery Night Wed, Feb 2 from 7-8pm

New Members Received Feb 13

Are you interested in finding out more about Samuel Church? Discovery Time is an opportunity for us to share information about Samuel Church and the United Church of Christ and for you to ask any questions that you may have. There is no expectation that you join the church if you attend Discovery Time, but we are planning to receive new members into the Samuel fellowship on Sunday, February 13, 2022. If you are interested in finding out

more about Discovery Time or becoming a part of Samuel Church please contact Pastor Jeff.

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!

Save the Date: Annual Meeting: Sunday, Feb 20

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.

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

“Caste” Book Seminar February 1 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm on Zoom

Join us for a three-session seminar exploring Pulitzer Prize-winning, bestselling author Isabel Wilkerson’s book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* (2020). Dr. David Greenhaw, president emeritus of Eden Theological Seminary, will lead the seminar on February 1, 8, 15 from 6:30pm-8pm. Participants can join virtually via Zoom or in-person at First Congregational Church of St. Louis (6501 Wydown Blvd, St Louis, MO 63105) (subject to change).

Find out mor info here:

<https://interfaithstl.org/calendar/caste-seminar/>

FREE Baby / Kid Stuff Available in the Choir Room

Anna Muhm, our Office Admin is moving! Although she will be staying on at Samuel Church, it's time to start packing things up and cleaning things out. And one huge source of stuff is all of the baby and little kid stuff. Where does it all come from? All items have been placed in the Choir Room and are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Upcoming Youth Events:

Tuesday, January 25, 6:45-8pm - Zoom: Last chapters of This Book is AntiRacist

Sunday, January 30 - All ages Sunday School Project during Worship

Tuesday, February 1, 6:45-8pm - Zoom

Saturday, February 5, 10am-2pm - In Person: Confirmation Class

Sunday, February 6, 11am-3pm - Black History Driving Tour (limited space)

Tuesday, February 8, 6:45-8pm - Zoom

Saturday, February 12, 10am-2pm - In person: Confirmation Class

Sunday, February 13, 1-3pm - In Person: Confirmation Service Project at Centennial Christian Church

Tuesday, February 15 - No Youth Group

February 19-21 - 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.