

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
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news and more!**



Sunday January 30, 2021

10am Samuel United Church of Christ

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

Welcome

Gathering Music - *Sonata No. 3 in F Major, Allegro by G.F. Handel*
Celina Boldrey Casado, Violin Nic Valdez, Piano

Announcements

Ringling of the Bells

Call to Worship

One: We gather to give thanks to God.

All: And learn how we might better serve as Christ's followers.

One: We come to hear God's message of love for us.

All: And carry that message to those who are not here.

One: We come to celebrate the moving of
God's Holy Spirit in our midst.

All: And let grace and mercy, justice and peace guide our words and actions.

Opening Hymn:

"God is Truly with Us"
#68 NCH (black)

Matt. 1:23; 2 Cor. 9:8; Rev. 4:8-11

Gerhard Tersteegen, 1729

Transl. Frederick W. Foster and others; alt.

1 God is tru-ly with us; sing we and a - dore now: praise the One we
 2 God is tru-ly with us; loud our praise re - sound - ing! Ech - oes of the
 3 Source of ev-ery bless - ing, bless the ones who name you, let our words and

come be - fore now. Here with-in this tem - ple, here in sound and
 saints sur - round - ing! "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," hear the hymn as -
 deeds pro - claim you. Like the saints and an - gels prais-ing you in

si - lence, wor-ship God in deep - est rev - erence. You a - lone,
 cend - ing, an - gels, saints, their voic - es blend - ing! Bow your ear
 glo - ry, may your ser - vants sing your sto - ry. And in all,

God, we own, you, our God and Sav - ior; praise to you for - ev - er.
 to us here; hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your Church now rais - es.
 great and small, may we do most near - ly what you love most dear - ly.

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 4:21-30*

²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³ He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.

²⁷ There were also many lepers^[a] in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Response *“Thy Word is a Lamp” (Refrain)*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Message – *Pastor Jeff*

Special Music: *Sonata No. 3 in F Major, Adagio by G. F. Handel*
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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:** *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*
#436 NCH (black)

God of Grace and God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

The Challenge and Blessing

***The Postlude**

Liturgist: Brent Tetri

Altar Flowers are placed by John Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Women's Salad Lunch & Valentine Making TODAY after Service
in Weise Hall**

**Conversations on Race and Justice TONIGHT at 6:30pm on Zoom
Meeting number 852 0786 6939**

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

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.

Discovery Night Wed, Feb 2 from 7-8pm

Meeting number 878 2438 8804

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.

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 someone please contact Tim Poor, Teresa Groene, or Alex Miller.

THANK YOU to all who sponsored Juan Luis!

We are so excited! We have reached our goal of \$1,790 to support Juan Luis at the A. Jean Brugger Foundation in San Juan del Sur. Thank you to everyone who gave to help him!

“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/>

Kids Golf Camp! Saturdays in April 10am-12pm

Concord Trinity UMC is partnering with the Payne Stewart Kids Golf Foundation to offer an outdoor children's golf camp this spring!

The camp will take place on Saturdays in April from 10am-12pm, and is open to kiddos of all genders and abilities age 4-9. The registration fee for campers is \$95* and no prior golf experience is needed. If you'd like to register visit concordtrinity.org/kids-ministry. *Scholarships available

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, February 15 - No Youth Group meeting

February 19-21 - High school Conference Youth Event at Camp Wyman (No Sunday School that week)

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

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Saturday, Feb. 5: Confirmation Class at First Congregational Church 10am-2pm.

Saturday, Feb. 12: Confirmation Class from 10am-2pm. Location TBD.

Sunday, Feb. 13: Parent/Guardian, Confirmand, and Faith Partners Meeting following Worship.

Sunday, Feb. 13: Confirmand and Faith Partner Service Project at Centennial Christian Churches Food Pantry from 1-3pm. Bring a sack lunch if you plan on staying at the church during the break between the Meeting and project. Let Melissa know if you would like to carpool. Otherwise go grab some lunch and we will meet you at Centennial!

Saturday, March 12: Confirmation Class from 10am-2pm. Location TBD.



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.