

**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 February 13, 2022

*10am Samuel United Church of Christ*

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

## **Welcome**

**Gathering Music** – *There is a Savior by Sandi Patty*

## **Announcements**

**Mission Moment** – *On A Covenant/ Mission Statement Updating (Alex Miller)*

## **Ringling of the Bells**

**\*Call to Worship** *(Adapted from Worship Ways)*

One: Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

**All: We are each a child of God. No matter who we are, or where we are on life's journey, we are blessed.**

One: Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

**All: We come to worship the God who feeds us, who fills us, and who blesses us.**

One: Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

**All: Let us rejoice in the love of God, who calls us together to be the Church of Jesus Christ in this time and this place.**

One: Blessed and gathered we worship God together in prayer, song, and praise.

**Opening Hymn:**                    *“The Church in Every Age”*  
  #306 NCH (black)

## **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 All Ages –** *(Children’s Time with Melissa)*

**Hymn:**                                *“We Shall Overcome”*                    #570 NCH (black)

## **A Story for the Ages – *Luke 6:17-26***

<sup>17</sup> He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you<sup>[a]</sup> on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their  
ancestors did to the false prophets.

**Response**                      *“Thy Word is a Lamp” (Refrain)*                      #601 UMH  
*(purple)*

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

**Message –** *Pastor Jeff Groene*

## **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.**

## **Reception of New Members**

**The Invitation and Introductions**

**Questions of the Candidates**

## **Affirmation of Mutual Ministry**

One: Let us, the members of Samuel United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ. Will all those who are able please stand and join in the printed affirmation of mutual ministry.

**All: We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers, as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

## **Welcome and Prayer**

**Closing Hymn**  
*(purple)*

*"We are the Church"*

#598 UMH

# The Challenge and Blessing

## \*The Postlude

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**Liturgist: Brent Tetri**

**Altar Flowers are placed by Linnie Morgan**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to our New Members!**

**Josie Champion (They/Them)**

*Sponsored by Melissa Harlow*

**Sean Duncan (He/His)**

*Sponsored by Kerry Cissell*

**Betty Edelmann (She/Her)**

*Sponsored by Anne Rossi*

**Judy Fox (She/Her)**

*Sponsored by Carolyn Hileman*

**Don Ronken (He/His) & Maureen Ronken (She/Her)**

*Sponsored by John Ramsey & Bea Meyer*

**Our Annual Meeting is NEXT Sunday, Feb 20**

## **Habitat for Humanity Virtual Auction: Items Needed**

Due to Covid, we are holding a virtual auction instead of the usual dinner. The list of possibilities has only just begun. What might you offer to be auctioned off to support Habitat for Humanity?

- Something you can make - a craft or food
- Something you can teach - knit, cooking, knot tying, writing, music, etc
- An antique or a special piece of art - something unique
- A themed basket - ethnic meal, movie night, game night, etc
- An experience - boat ride, picnic, star gazing, bonfire, etc.
- Keep it local - Magic House, City Museum, game / event tickets, paint & sip, escape rooms, etc

Your creative items might just raise a bunch of cash to support this favorite mission of Samuel UCC. Look for the sign up on the QR code or the connection clipboard. We'll collect items in February and put the auction up live about March 1.

## **Conversations on Race and Justice on Feb 20 at 6:30pm**

Due to the Super Bowl, we will meet next week, Feb 20 on zoom.  
Meeting number 852 0786 6939



## YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Tuesday, February 15 - Zoom

February 19-21 - High school Conference Youth Event at Camp Wyman (No Sunday School for 6-12th grade that week)

Tuesday, February 22 - No Youth Group meeting

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

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

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

Saturday, Feb. 12: Class

Confirmation Class from 10am-2pm. Location TBD.

Sunday, Feb. 13: Class

Parent/Guardian, Confirmand, and Faith Partners Meeting following Worship.

### Sunday, Feb. 27: Service Project

Unfortunately, Centennial Christian Church has asked that we reschedule our service project trip one more time. Third times a charm and I hope you can make it to our newly scheduled date and time, Sunday, February 27 from 1-3pm. Confirmation Class and our Faith Partner/Guardian meeting is still on, so we will see you then!

Saturday, March 12: Class

Confirmation Class from 10am-2pm. Location TBD

## **RAI Family Found a home!**

A ROOM AT THE INN client and her 3 children have just obtained housing! This family has been in our shelter since July. They are so excited to be moving to their home sweet home.

### **Items we are trying to assist her with:**

furniture: living room furniture, 4 beds and bedroom furniture, kitchen table and chairs

kitchen items: microwave, blender, mixer, dishes, glasses, pots and pans, tableware

cleaning supplies, paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins)

lamps, kitchen towels, potholders.

**If you can help with her transition to housing please contact  
our client coordinator, Angie Hamilton  
at [ahamilton@roomstl.org](mailto:ahamilton@roomstl.org) or 314-209-9181**



## **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.*