

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 20, 2022

10am Samuel United Church of Christ

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

Welcome & Gathering Music

Announcements

Mission Moment – *Room at the Inn House Warming Needs* (Susan Craig)

Ringling of the Bells

*** Call to Worship** *(Adapted from Seasons of the Spirit)*

One: We are love...

All: When we love one another.

One: We are rivals...

All: When we judge the other as less worthy as ourselves.

One: We are how we consider the other.

**All: As you meet us here, Gracious God,
help us to be so much more.**

One: More in who we are.

All: More in how we act.

One: More in what we dream.

All: More in how we love.

One: We come to worship to be renewed,

All: Transformed, and drawn closer to you.

***Opening Hymn:** *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

#23 NCH (black)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.



There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;



there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.



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.

Black Artists and Activists

(Researched by Betty Burnet, Read by JoAnn Mulcahy)

A Story for the Ages – *Luke 6:27-38*

²⁷ “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners

do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.^[a] Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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 All Ages – *(Children’s Time with Chris Trousdale, Student Minister)*

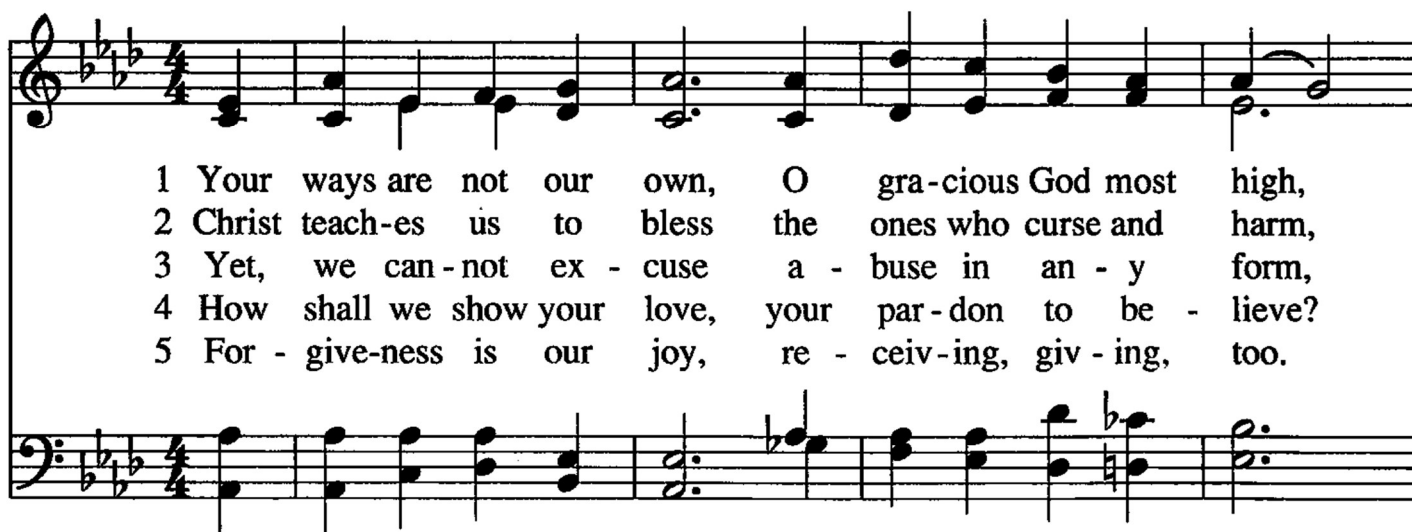
Hymn: *“Your Ways are not Our Own”*
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Your Ways Are Not Our Own

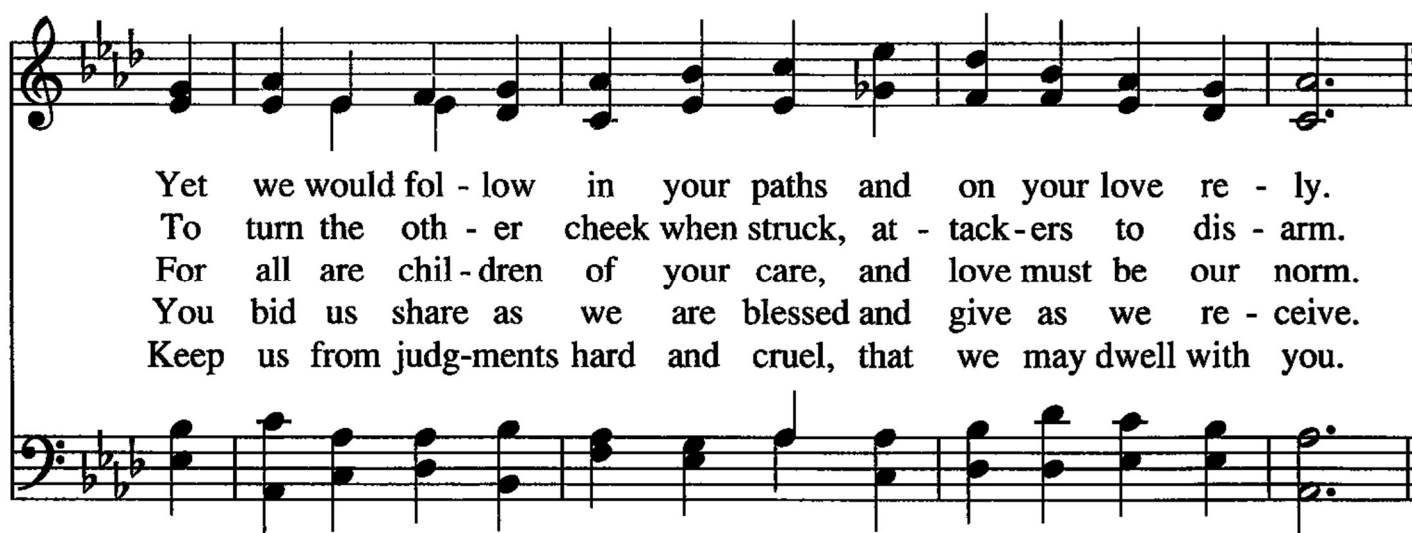
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Lavon Bayler, 1988, rev. 1993

Luke 6:17-38; Rom. 12:9-21



1 Your ways are not our own, O gra-cious God most high,
2 Christ teach-es us to bless the ones who curse and harm,
3 Yet, we can-not ex-cuse a-buse in an-y form,
4 How shall we show your love, your par-don to be-lieve?
5 For-give-ness is our joy, re-ceive-ing, giv-ing, too.



Yet we would fol-low in your paths and on your love re-ly.
To turn the oth-er cheek when struck, at-tack-ers to dis-arm.
For all are chil-dren of your care, and love must be our norm.
You bid us share as we are blessed and give as we re-ceive.
Keep us from judg-ments hard and cruel, that we may dwell with you.

Message – *Pastor Jeff Groene*

Special Music – *“Day by Day” (Allen & Anne Grothe)*

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:** *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*
 #432 UMH (purple)

The Challenge and Blessing

***The Postlude**

Liturgist: Susan Craig

Altar Flowers are placed by Erin Linnenbringer

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Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with

me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was

meant to be. *With God our cre - a - tor,

chil - dren all are we. Let us

walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

**Original words: With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let us walk with our brother in perfect harmony.*

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment

now. With ev - ery step I take, let

this be my sol - emn vow: to take each mo - ment and

live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Annual Meeting is TODAY after service.

Please stay seated after service for the annual meeting. Copies of the 2021 Annual Report are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

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

Meeting number 852 0786 6939

Habitat for Humanity Virtual Auction: Items Needed

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.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Tue, Feb 22 - No Youth Group meeting

Tue, Mar 1, 6:45-8pm - Zoom - Discussion about Cancel Culture and Chick-Fil-A

Tue, Mar 8, 6:45-8pm - Zoom - Discussion about Identity with guest speaker, Bianca Sanborn

Tue, Mar 8, 6:45-8pm - Zoom - Game Night

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Sun, Feb. 27: Service Project

Our newly scheduled date and time is Sunday, Feb 27 from 1-3pm.

Saturday, March 12: Class

Confirmation Class from 10am-2pm. Location TBD