

**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 (called “*A Story for All Ages*”) 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 27, 2022

*10am Samuel United Church of Christ*

## **Transfiguration Sunday**

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

### **Welcome & Gathering Music**

### **Announcements**

### **Mission Moment – “The Art of Caring”**

*A New Event coming this September (Erin Linnenbringer)*

### **Ringling of the Bells**

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

One: We come into this ordinary place...

**All: Expecting the extraordinary.**

One: Through clouds of wonderment, uncertainty, and apprehension...

**All: We listen for your voice, O God.**

One: We pause to become more mindful.

**All: We pause to be encouraged and inspired.**

One: We pause to give thanks and worship.

**All: In the midst of the ordinary.**

One: We encounter your extraordinary grace.

**All: Transformed, and drawn closer to you.**

### **\*Opening Hymn:** *“From All That Dwell below the Skies”*

# From All That Dwell below the Skies

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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 117

*Unison*



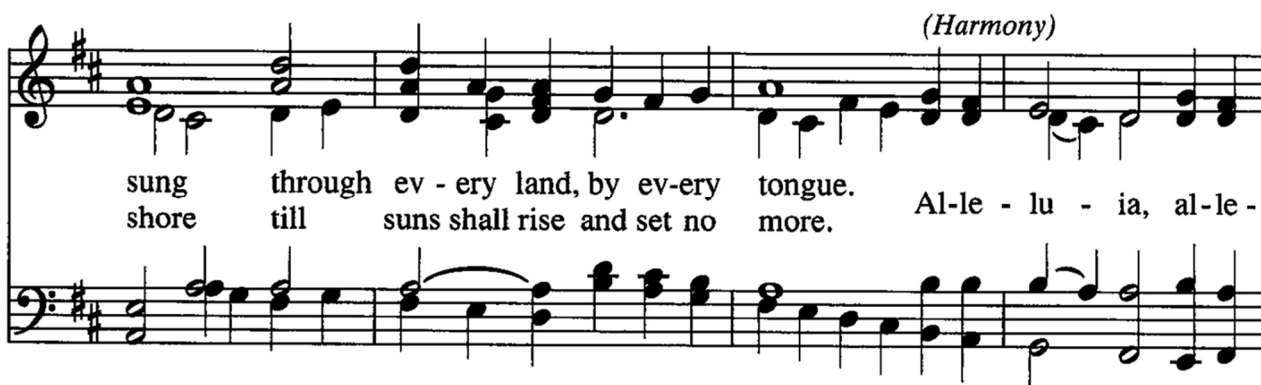
1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -  
2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, God; your truth stands ev - er high and

*(Harmony)* *(Unison)*



rise; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Let the Re - deem - er's name be  
broad: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Your praise shall sound from shore to

*(Harmony)*



sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

*(Unison)*



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## **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:** *“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”*

*#400 NCH (black)*

## Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7**Latin, 6th-8th century**Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.**St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992*

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!  
 3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain

chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;  
 With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.  
 peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.  
 Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

## **A Story for the Ages – *Luke 9:28-36***

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

**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 with Video from Bea Meyer & John Ramsey***

**Installation of Consistory and Elders**

## **Special Music**

*“Steal Away To Heaven”*

*Arr. by Mark Hayes 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:** *“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”*

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## **The Challenge and Blessing**

## **\*The Postlude**

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**Liturgist: Peggy Newman**

**Altar Flowers are placed by Peggy Newman in memory of her cousin, Ethel Currie**

## We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and  
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the  
 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some  
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the  
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -  
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with  
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing  
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with  
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.  
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.  
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Ash Wednesday Service: Wed, Mar 2 at 7pm**

Join us this week for communion and the imposition of ashes at our service to start our Lenten journey.

## **At our Congregational Annual Meeting last Sunday we:**

- Voted to update our OnA Covenant/Mission Statement to make sure that folk of all gender identities know they are welcome here.
- Approved a Budget for 2022.
- Elected Consistory Members (Anne Rossi will be joining Consistory) and elected Betty Burnett as our newest Elder.
- Approved funds for concrete work on the north side of the church to prevent water from entering the building.
- Announced a New Event we are calling “*The Art of Caring*” that will sponsored by Samuel Church to promote non-profit organizations that share our values. Funded by a gift from Peggy and Andy Newman.

## **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.

## **Here are the members of our 2020 Consistory.**

They will elect officers at their next regularly held meeting.

Craig Cook, Chris Greenberg, Erin Linnenbringer, Tim Poor, John Price, Anne Rossi, Brent Tetri, and Tim Weaver

## **Children Youth and Family Outreach Minister Search Committee Forming.**

In light of Melissa Harlow's move to Chicago this Spring, we are forming a search committee to work on a job description, seek and evaluate candidates, and make recommendations to the Consistory to fill this role on our Samuel Team. If you are interested, or would like to nominate someone else that may be interested in serving on this search committee, please contact Pastor Jeff or Tim Poor.

## **RAI Family In Need: FINAL week**

This is a family we have seen at RAI for months. The home in which their items were being stored caught fire and they have lost those items. This week is the final week to donate NEW items or funds to buy new items.

## **YOUTH GROUP EVENTS**

**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 TODAY 1-3pm**

Our service project is at Centennial Christian Churches Food Pantry. 4950 Fountain Ave, St. Louis, MO 63113.

### **Saturday, March 12: Class**

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 identity, 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.*

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<b>Ministers</b>	All the Members of Samuel Church
<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Dr. Jeff Groene
<b>Minister of Outreach to Children, Youth, &amp; Families</b>	Melissa Harlow
<b>Director of Music</b>	Nicolas Valdez
<b>Student Pastor</b>	Chris Trousdale
<b>Office Administrator</b>	Anna Muhm
<b>Nursery Caregiver</b>	Leslie French
<b>Preschool Director</b>	Jane Strauss
<b>Pastor Emeritus</b>	Rev. Dr. Hale Schroer