

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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news and more!**



Sunday March 6, 2022
10am Samuel United Church of Christ
The First Sunday of Lent

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

Welcome & Gathering Music

Announcements

Mission Moment – *The Food Pantry at Centennial Christian Church*

Ringling of the Bells

Opening Words

(Adapted from Worship Design Studio “Enough” Resources)

Song and Procession *“Good Enough”*

by Marcia McFee, Marsha Moors-Charles, and Chuck Bell

During the song, the children and youth will bring the flowers on the window boxes and place them on the ladder by the alter. They may take their place at the front for Children’s Time.

What in our lives do we dream about for tomorrow, void of sorrow?

**Time spent regretting decisions of our yesterdays,
mistakes we made?**

**Sometimes we get what we get, life disappoints us and yet,
God is still here and somehow, this faith is good enough.**

A Story for All Age – *Children’s Time with Melissa*

**Opening Hymn: “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”
#269 UMH (purple)**

A Prayer of Transformation

One: Let us pray together...

**All: Holy One, Our Refuge and Shelter, we call out to you,
sometimes in praise, sometimes in distress. Whether we
perceive it not, you are there. Open us this day to your
presence, in the smile of a friend, in the call of a bird, in
the simple and the good enough moments that fill our
days. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

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

“Come to Me”

by Christopher Grundy

**All who are weary, all who are burdened down,
Come to me, come to me, come to me and I will give you rest.**

**My yoke is easy, my burden feels so light,
Come to me, come to me, come to me and I will give you rest.**

A Story for the Ages – *Luke 4:1-13*

⁴ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Response *“Doxology” NCH #778 (black hymnal)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

Message – *Pastor Jeff*

Special Music – *“Panis Angelicus”*

Deni Bouillon and Anne Grothe

The angel's bread becomes the bread of all

The heavenly bread ends all symbols

Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish

The poor, poor, and humble servant

The poor, poor, and humble servant

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, for ever. Amen.”

Holy Communion

Invitation

One: Christ looks upon each one with love and says,

All: “You are welcome at my table.”

One: Christ looks upon each one with compassion and says,

All: “Whatever troubles you, bring it here.”

One: Christ looks upon each one with grace and says,

All: “Here you are nourished, fed, and renewed.”

Hymn *“I Come with Joy”* (Vs. 1-2) #349 NCH (*Black Hymnal*)

**I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.**

The Sharing of the Bread

One: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it. He gave it to his disciples, and said:

**All: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."**

One: Let us share the bread of blessing together, eating together the gluten free bread in your sealed cup, or bread-like element you have at home.

Hymn *"I Come with Joy"* (Vs. 3) #349 NCH (*Black Hymnal*)

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.**

**The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.**

The Sharing of the Bread

One: When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

All: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my love poured out for you and for many. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

One: Let us share the cup of blessing, drinking together the juice in your sealed cup, or juice-like element you have at home.

Hymn *“I Come with Joy”* (Vs. 4-5) #349 NCH (*Black Hymnal*)

**And thus we meet, and better know
the Presence, ever near,
And join our hearts and sing with joy
that Christ is risen here, that Christ is risen here.**

**Together met, together bound
in friendship we will stay,
And go with joy to love the world
and live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.**

The Challenge and Blessing

***The Postlude**

Liturgist:

Altar Flowers are placed by John Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conversations on Race and Justice TONIGHT on Zoom at 7:00pm

because of the difficulty getting the book "It's the little things" by Lena Williams, we will postpone the book discussion for two weeks.

St Pat's Day Virtual Auction: NOW OPEN!!!

Check out the online auction to benefit Habitat for Humanity by searching for "bidding owl Samuel ucc" in your favorite search engine to see what's on offer.

Food Collection is next Sunday, March 13!

Please bring your non perishable food to stock Centennial Christian Church's food pantry.

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.

Lent 2022: Good Enough

This Lenten Season we are using a resource from the Worship Design Studios to focus our attention on how we can affirm a faith that is blessed, regardless of where we find ourselves on the ladders the world wants us to climb. We will put away the lure of perfectionism and learn to lean into embracing the persons, the people, the community of faith as God has created us.

Three Ancient Contexts of the New Testament: A Lenten Series

March 16, 23, and 30th from 7-8:15pm on Zoom

Rev. Dr. Ron Serino is currently the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Memphis and holds a PhD in Biblical Interpretation from Brite Divinity School (Texas Christian University), a M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary (NYC), and a B.A. from Emory University. His research uses critical race theory (critical whiteness studies) to explore the role of biblical interpretation in constructing race and sanctifying racial whiteness in early modern Britain and its American colonies. He previously worked with people experiencing homelessness in Maryland and with First Congregational UCC, St. Louis.

