

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 March 13, 2022

10am Samuel United Church of Christ

The Second Sunday of Lent

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and hearing assistance devices are available.

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

Welcome & Gathering Music

Announcements

Mission Moment - *Special Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing*

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 Pastor Jeff*

***Opening Hymn – *“Take Time to Be Holy”*
 *#395 UMH (purple)***

Take Time to Be Holy

1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord;
 2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on;
 3. Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide,
 4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul,

a - bide in him al - ways, and feed on his word.
 spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone.
 and run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide.
 each thought and each mo - tive be - neath his con - trol.

Make friends of God's chil - dren, help those who are weak,
 By look - ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt be;
 In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low the Lord,
 Thus led by his spir - it to foun - tains of love,

for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.
 thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.
 and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his word.
 thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

***A Prayer of Transformation**

(Adapted from Worship Design Studio "Enough" Resources)

One: Let us pray together...

**All: Holy One, Our Light and Salvation, we call out to you, sometimes afraid of the adversaries in life. Shelter us in days of trouble, lead us on level paths. Open us this day to your grace and peace, transform our frustrations into simple and good enough moments that fill our days.
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 13: 31-35*

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."

He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Response

"Doxology"

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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 –

The Warrior is a Child

Twila Paris

Performed by Hugh & Penny Chou

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.”

*Hymn

“O Jesus, Christ, May Grateful Hymns”

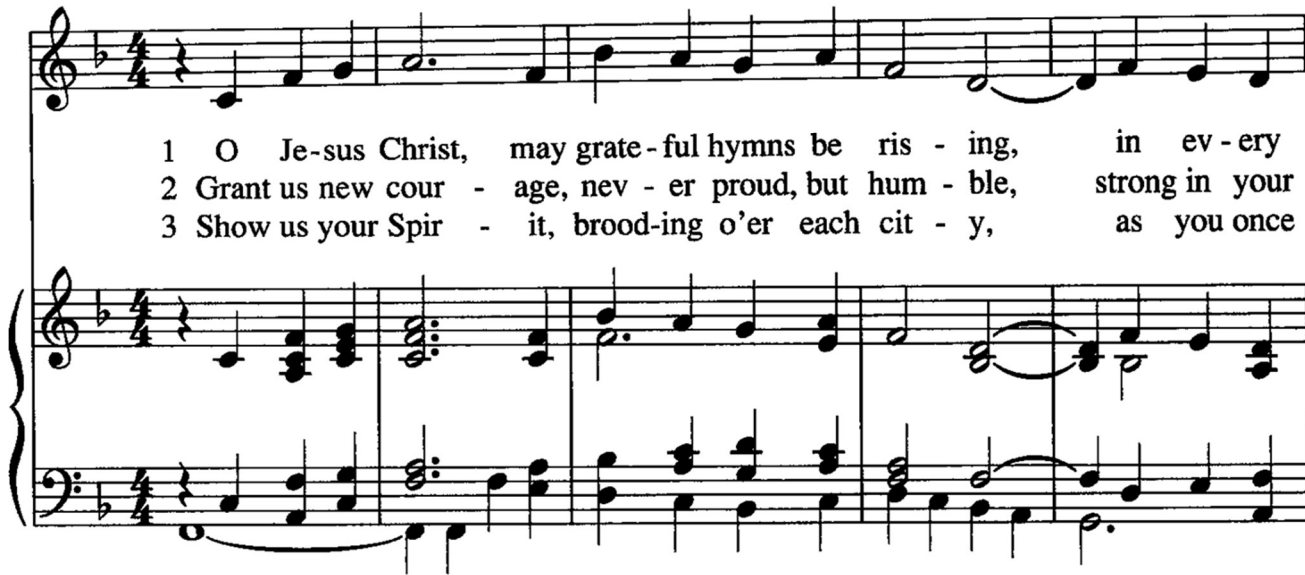
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The Challenge and Blessing

*The Postlude

Liturgist: Chris Trousdale

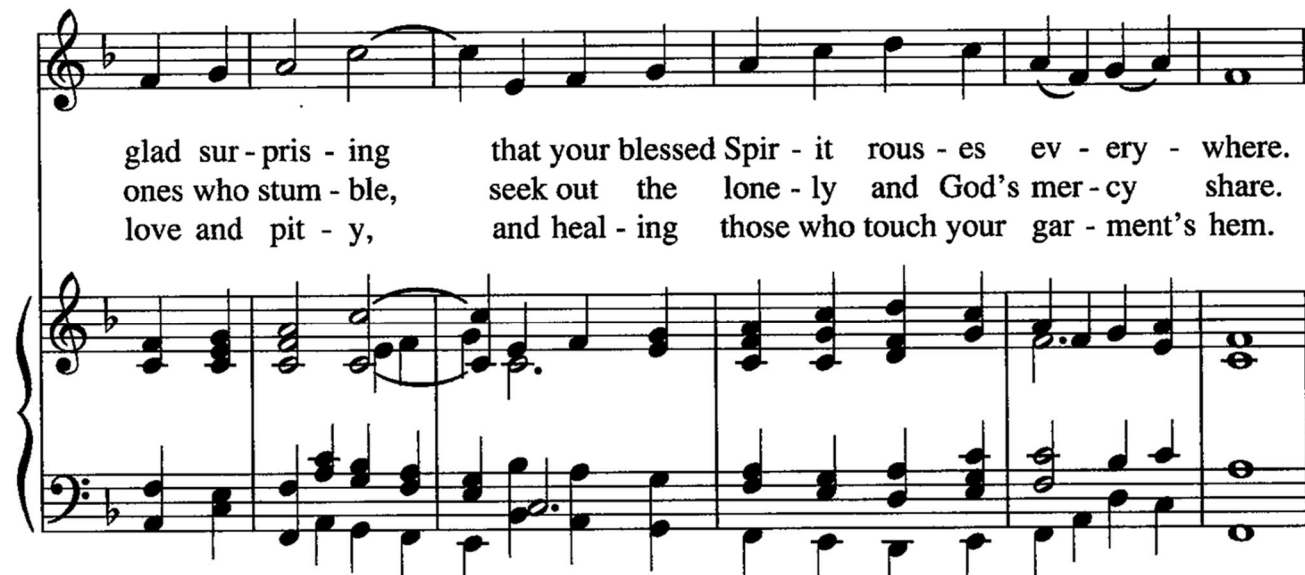
Altar Flowers are placed by Linnie Morgan

*Matt. 23:37-39; Luke 13:34-35**Bradford Gray Webster, 1954; alt.*


1 O Je-sus Christ, may grate-ful hymns be ris-ing, in ev-ery
 2 Grant us new cour-age, nev-er proud, but hum-ble, strong in your
 3 Show us your Spir-it, brood-ing o'er each cit-y, as you once



cit-y for your love and care; In-spire our wor-ship, grant the
 strength to ven-ture and to dare; To lift the fall-en, guide the
 wept a-bove Je-ru-sa-lem, Seek-ing to gath-er all in



glad sur-pris-ing that your blessed Spir-it rous-es ev-ery-where.
 ones who stum-ble, seek out the lone-ly and God's mer-cy share.
 love and pit-y, and heal-ing those who touch your gar-ment's hem.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St Pat's Day Virtual Auction: Just 4 days Left!!!

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.

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.

We're on Instagram! @samuelucc

Find us on Instagram with our name: @samuelucc

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

Meeting ID: 814 2630 7845

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.

2022 Consistory Officers

At their meeting on Wednesday, March 9 the Consistory voted to elect:

Tim Poor, President

Erin Linnenbringer, Vice President

Chris Greenberg - Secretary

Tim Weaver - Treasurer

Art of Caring – Meeting Monday, Mar 14 7pm on Zoom

Meeting Number: 878 8123 1245

The Art of Caring team will be meeting on Monday, March 14 from 7-8pm on Zoom. If you are interested in being a part of the planning for this new Samuel event that will showcase nonprofits during the Clayton Art Fair, please join us!

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Special Offering

Received on Sunday, March 27

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Church's Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.



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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