

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.

Sunday March 27, 2022
10am Samuel United Church of Christ
The Fourth 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 – *Ode to Joy Performed by Liam French*

Announcements

Mission Moment - *Special Easter Offering: Emmaus Homes / Every Child's Hope*

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 altar. 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 Harlow*

***Opening Hymn – “Said Judas to Mary” #210 NCH (Black)**

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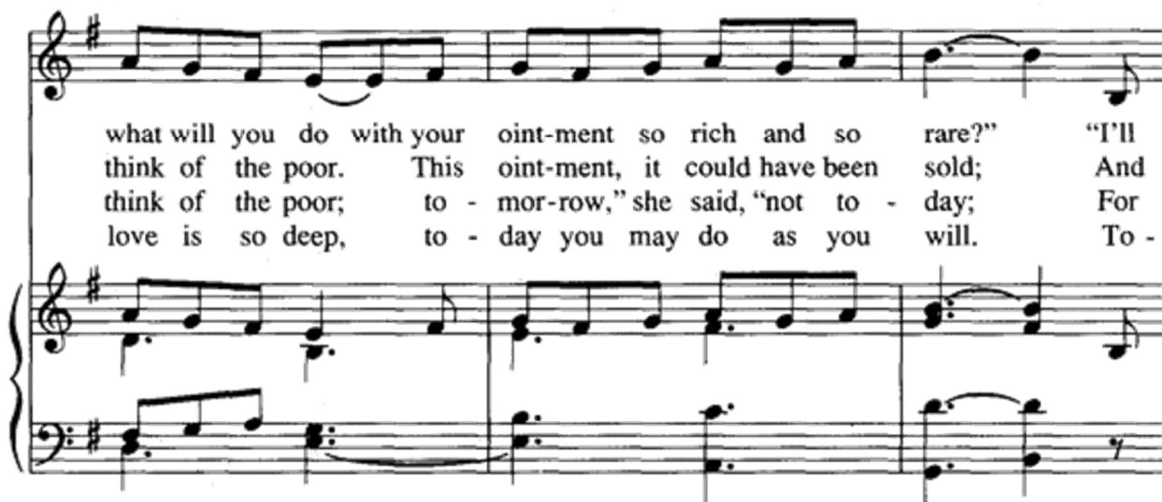
Said Judas to Mary

John 12:1-8

Sydney Carter, 1964; alt.



1 Said Ju - das to Mar - y, "Now
2 "O Mar - y, O Mar - y, O
3 "To - mor-row, to - mor-row, I'll
4 Said Je - sus to Mar - y, "Your



what will you do with your oint-ment so rich and so rare?" "I'll
think of the poor. This oint-ment, it could have been sold; And
think of the poor; to - mor-row," she said, "not to - day; For
love is so deep, to - day you may do as you will. To -



pour it all o - ver the feet of the Christ, and I'll wipe it a-way with my
think of the blan-kets and think of the bread you could buy with the sil - ver and
dear-er than all of the poor in the world is my love who is go - ing a -
mor-row, you say, I am go - ing a - way, but my bod - y I leave with you

Sydney Carter has enjoyed a varied career as a schoolteacher, journalist, and songwriter, and was a leader of the folk-song renaissance in English church music in the early 1960s. This hymn imagines the dialogue between Mary of Bethany, Judas Iscariot, and Jesus.

Tune: JUDAS AND MARY Irr.
Sydney Carter, 1964

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hair," she said, "I'll wipe it a-way with my hair." (2 "O
gold," he said, "you could buy with the sil - ver and gold." (3 "To-
way," she said, "my love who is go - ing a - way." (4 Said)
still," he said, "my bo - dy I leave with you still." (5 "The
(6 -way.")

5 "The poor of the world are my bod-y,"
he said,
"to the end of the world they shall be.
The bread and the blan-kets you give
to the poor
you will know you have giv-en to me,"
he said,
"you'll know you have giv-en to me."

6 "My bod-y will hang on the cross
of the world
to-mor-row," he said, "not to-day.
And Mar-tha and Mar-y will find me
a-gain
and wash all my sor-row a-way,"
he said,
"and wash all my sor-row a-way."

***A Prayer of Transformation**

(Adapted from Worship Design Studio “Enough” Resources)

One: Let us pray together...

All: Holy One, Lover of Souls, we call out to you. You know our tears and sorrows, and you bear the seeds of grief with us. Open us this day to your comfort that nurtures these seeds into sheaves of joy—the 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 – *John 12: 1-8*

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

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 Groene*

Special Music

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.”

Holy Communion

Anyone who seeks the presence of Christ and the community of God's people is welcome at the Lord's Table. We welcome children to share in this sacred meal and recognize this as a decision of each family. Today we are returning to passing bread and cup.

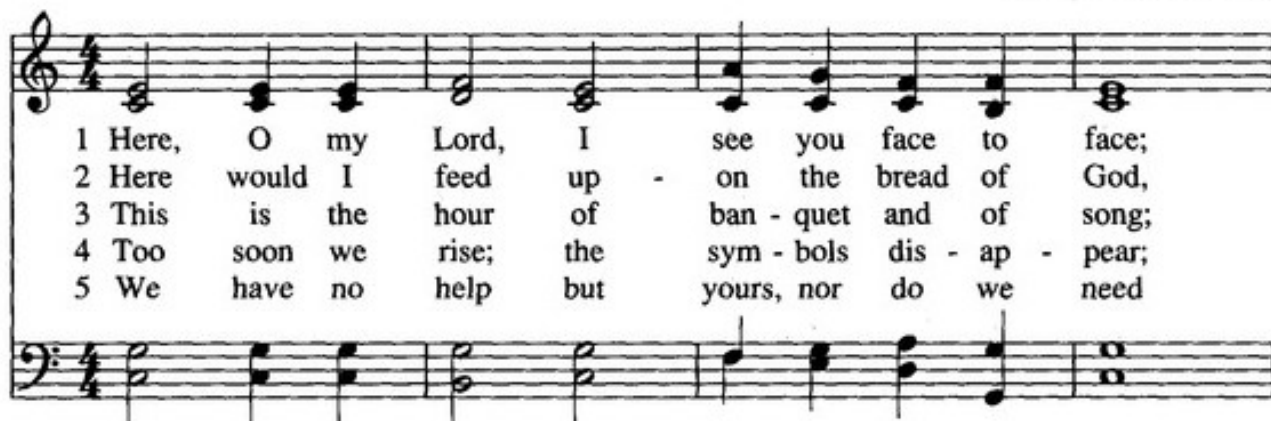
As the trays of bread are passed, the server will also have a basket with a sealed gluten free water and juice. Choose whichever you are more comfortable with. When the cup is served, you will find a red wine or a white grape juice. You are invited to hold the bread and the cup until everyone is served, so that we may all commune together.

***A Hymn Of Approach**

“Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face”

#336 NCH (black)


Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

Horatius Bonar, 1855; alt.


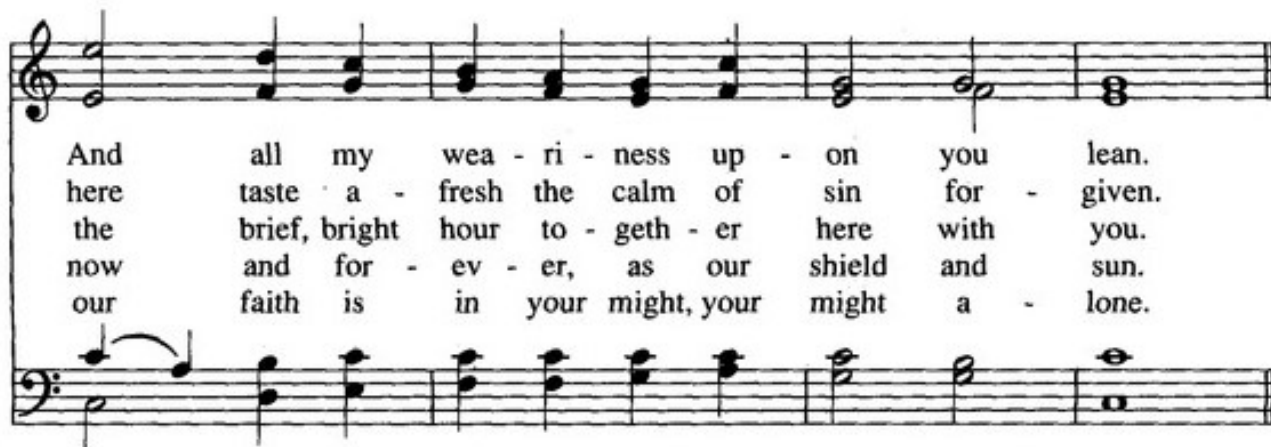
1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear;
 5 We have no help but yours, nor do we need



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 here share the cup, the gra - cious gift of heaven;
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread a - new;
 the meal, but not your love, is past and gone.
 an - oth - er strength than yours to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let me feast, and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 This joy - ful feast con - firms that you are here,
 It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 the brief, bright hour to - geth - er here with you.
 now and for - ev - er, as our shield and sun.
 our faith is in your might, your might a - lone.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer & Act Of Institution

Hymn *“Let us Break Bread Together” (Vs. 1)*
#330 NCH (Black)

**Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.**

Refrain:

**When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.**

The Sharing of the Bread

Hymn *“Let us Break Bread Together” (Vs. 2)*
#330 NCH (Black)

**Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.**

Refrain:

**When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.**

The Sharing of the Cup

Hymn

“Let us Break Bread Together” (Vs. 3)

#330 NCH (Black)

**Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.**

Refrain:

**When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.**

The Challenge and Blessing

***The Postlude**

Liturgist: Chris Trousdale

Altar Flowers are placed by John Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Conversation on Race and Justice TONIGHT at 7:00pm
Meeting number 852 0786 6939

LAST CHANCE to Sign Up to Sponsor Easter Flowers on the clipboard or at samuelucc.org

Spring is around the corner and so is Easter. Decorate our Sanctuary for Easter Sunday with your choice of Tulips or Daffodils - \$13 each.

Confirmation News: April 9 12-1pm with Faith Partners

We are inviting Faith partners to our next confirmation meeting. This will be Saturday, April 9th from 12-1pm at Samuel, lunch and childcare provided. If you are not able to join us on Saturday, we are also having a make-up meeting on Sunday, April 10 immediately following worship.

Palm / Passion Sunday, April 10 at 10am

Join us on Sunday, April 10 as we gather to travel with Jesus from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his last breath. Service will be at 10am in person or on zoom. This service the traditional palm parade through the sanctuary.

Tenebrae Service Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7pm

Join us on Maundy Thursday as we gather in a traditional Tenebrae Service to remember the Last Supper and celebrate Communion together. Service will at 7pm in person or on zoom.

Parent / Guardian Egg Filling Friday, Apr 15th from 6:30-whenever:

We are having a Parent/Guardian's Night at the church. If you are like me, you might need some adult time! So, I thought Friday would be a great night to gather together, pack some of those Easter Eggs, bring some munchies, and hang out! We will have a movie going in another room for anyone that needs childcare that night.

Hiding Easter Eggs Saturday, April 16th at 9am:

Now that we have those Easter Eggs packed, we need our 6-12th graders help in hiding them!!! Samuel teens can join us at 9am to help hide eggs and cheer for the kiddos on their hunt! (I'm sure we will have a few coveted harder to find eggs for our teens as well.)

EASTER EGG HUNT!!! Saturday, April 16th at 10am:

5th grade and under are invited to grab their baskets and join us at 10am for an Easter Egg hunt! Be sure to get there a little early because the hunt will happen FAST! The little ones will hunt in the playground area and the older ones will hunt on the rest of the church grounds. We will move indoors if the weather calls for rain.



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.