

**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 April 17, 2022

*10am Samuel United Church of Christ*

**Easter Sunday – The Festival of the Resurrection**

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

## **Welcome & Gathering Music**

## **Announcements**

## **Ringling of the Bells**

**Opening Words**      *(Adapted from Worship Design Studio “Enough” Resources)*

**Song and Procession**      *“Because You Live, O Christ” (Vs 1 & 2)*  
#231 NCH *(black)*

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

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

**\*Opening Hymn**      *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” (Sts. 1-3)*  
#233 NCH *(black)*

Luke 24:1-10

Shirley Erena Murray, 1987

1 Be - cause you live, O Christ, the gar - den of the  
 2 Be - cause you live, O Christ, the spir - it bird of  
 3 Be - cause you live, O Christ, the rain - bow of your

world has come to flow - er, the shad - ows of the tomb  
 hope is freed for fly - ing, our ca - ges of de - spair  
 peace will span cre - a - tion, the col - ors of your love

are flood - ed with your res - ur - rec - tion pow - er.  
 no long - er keep us closed and life - de - ny - ing.  
 will draw all hu - man - kind to ad - o - ra - tion.

The stone has rolled a - way and death can - not im - pris - on! O

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!



## **A Story for the Ages - *John 20: 1-18***

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### **Special Music**

*“In the Garden Medley”*

*Performed by Deni Boullion, Teresa Groene, Anne Grothe*

### **The Message – Pastor Jeff Groene**

### **Special Music**

*“Rise Again”*

*Performed by Hugh Chou, Allen Grothe, 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, for ever. Amen.”**

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **The Invitation**

**Response**                      *“This is the Day” (St. 1)*                      #84 NCH(*black*)

**This is the day, this is the day**

**that our God has made, that our God has made.**

**We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that our God has made,**

**we will rejoice and be glad in it;**

**This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.**

### **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

**Response**                    *“This is the Day” (St. 2)*                    #84 NCH(*black*)

**This is the day, this is the day**

**Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again.**

**We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it and be glad in it.**

**This is the day Jesus rose again,**

**we will rejoice and be glad in it;**

**This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again!**

## The Act Of Institution & Consecration

### The Call to the Lord’s Supper

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come for all things are ready.

### The 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.*

*During the Serving of the Bread & Cup, the congregation is invited to sing:*

*“Let us Talents and Tongues Employ” #347 NCH (black)*

HOLY COMMUNION

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain (first time p, second time f)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

## **\*The Prayer Of Thanksgiving**

**All:** This has been no ordinary meal. It has been one in which we have been fed and nourished with the life of Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord. May we go from here, refreshed and eager, to share that life with others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## **\*Hallelujah Chorus**

*Handel*

*The congregation is invited to remain standing. We invite everyone to stay in their pews for the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus. If you would like the music, come forward and pick up a music book.*

**Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom  
of our Lord, and of His Christ:  
And He shall reign for ever and ever.  
King of King, and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah.**

## **The Challenge and Blessing**

## **\*The Postlude**

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**Liturgist: Brent Tetri**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Easter Offering benefiting ECH and Emmaus Homes**

The Evangelical Children's Home on St. Charles Rock Road has a long record of offering badly needed residential and counseling services to troubled youth who have suffered severe abuse and neglect in their home environment. It provides a caring education and living environment to promote healing and establish a new course in life. It has the staff to address a variety of serious learning and emotional challenges.

Emmaus Homes provide over 350 developmentally challenged adults with faith-inspired residential, rehabilitative, and recreational programs. A wide variety of caring interactions with staff foster personal growth and responsibility, which in turn make possible both higher self-esteem and more self-care.

### **Fellowship Time and Good Bye to Nic - NEXT Sunday April 24**

Next Sunday, April 24 we will be saying good-bye to Nic Valdez and sending him off with a fellowship time after worship. Our hope is that we will be able to be outside for fellowship, but we will have plans for indoor, if the weather doesn't cooperate.

### **Guest Preacher Emma Landowski-Sancomb - NEXT Sunday April 24**

Rev. Emma Landowski-Sancomb will be our guest preacher next Sunday. Emma was a recent student minister at Samuel and we are excited to welcome Emma back to share the Word with us.

### **Director of Music Search Committee Forming**

With the news of Nic Valdez's leaving his position at Samuel Church to allow more time to pursue his other professional endeavors, we are assembling a search committee who will work at writing a job description, identifying and interviewing candidates, and making a recommendation to the Consistory. If you are interested in serving on this Search Committee, please let Pastor Jeff or Tim Poor know.

### **Children and Youth Minister Search Committee – Job Posted**

We have worked on the job description and will be posting it. If you know of anyone interested, please contact someone from the Search Committee: Susan Craig, Leslie French, Pastor Jeff, Christine Krysowaty, Danielle Lindsey, and Alex Miller.

### **Children and Youth trip to Mauhaus Cafe! Friday, April 29 at 6pm**

Friday, April 29th from 6-8pm. Some of you asked for it, and we delivered! We have the Mauhaus Cafe reserved for our group! Come pet cats, drink hot chocolate, and hang out with us! All ages welcome. \$10 per person. 12 and under are \$5. I do need a head count, so please RSVP by April 26th. Per Mauhaus Cafe rules, 1 adult must be present for every 2 children that are 12 and under, so drop offs are only allowed for ages 13 and up. More information about the Mauhaus Cafe here: <https://mauhauscafe.com/>

### **Saturday, May 14 - Confirmation Class 10am-12pm**

Confirmation Class with Possible Confirmation Rehearsal and lunch after class. We will tidy up unanswered questions, work on a group statement of faith, and talk about where we go from here.