

# 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.

**Ways you can**  
**SERVE**

Scan the QR  
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Online Sign ups!



Sunday May 22, 2022

*10am Samuel United Church of Christ*

**The Sixth Sunday After Easter**

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

**Prelude** *"Prelude on 'Wondrous Love'" by John G. Barr*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Ringing of the Bells**

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

One: Come, listen to stories of faith from long ago.

**All: Come, celebrate Christ with us in the here and now.**

One: Come, help create holy possibilities for the future.

**All: Come, younger and older, first-time visitor and long-time member.**

One: We come as we are open to God's leading us to where we need to be.

**\*Opening Hymn**

*"To You, O God, All Creatures Sing" (Vs 1-4)*


*#17 NCH (black)*

## To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

Ps. 148


St. Francis of Assisi, 1225  
Adapt. Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

*Descant*





4 To you, God, day af-ter day, earth in

*Unison*




1 To you, O God, all crea-tures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery -  
 2 Your wind that blows the tem-pest by, your clouds that sail a - cross the  
 3 Your flow-ing wa - ters, crys - tal clear, make mel - o - dies for you to  
 4 To you, O God, day af - ter day, your plan - et earth in ev - ery





ev-ery way sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! As fruit, fra - grant

*(Harmony)* *(Unison)*



thing sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your burn-ing sun with gold-en  
 sky sing your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your morn-ing ris - es with a  
 hear, sing your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your fire, . . . boun-ti - ful and  
 way, sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia, As sa - vory fruit and fra-grant



flower show forth glo - ry and power, sing - ing prais - es, al - le -

*(Harmony)*

beam, your sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam sing your prais - es,  
 song, and lights of eve - ning sing a - long, sing your prais - es, al - le -  
 bright, re - mem - bering your warmth and light, sings your prais - es,  
 flower show forth your glo - ry and your power, sing - ing prais - es,

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

*(Unison)*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

5 Now we who are of ten - der heart,  
 for - giv - ing oth - ers, take our part,  
 sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia!  
 To you we lift our pain and care,  
 re - ceive the bur - dens that we bear,  
 sing - ing prais - es, al - le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

6 In you, a kind and gen - tle death  
 pre - pares to hush our fi - nal breath,  
 sing - ing prais - es, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ goes be - fore us to re - new  
 the way that leads us home to you.  
 Hear our prais - es, al - le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **A Prayer of Transformation**

*(Adapted from Seasons of the Spirit)*

One: Let us pray together...

**All: The song of God's love spreads abroad in all the earth – to every land and nation. It dances through barriers of history and prejudice. It rises among the silenced and rejected, the suffering and the longing ones. This song of love can be heard on the road of life and it brings us joy to hear it and add our voices to it. Let us sing with all of creation...**

### **\* Hymn Response**

*“To You, O God, All Creatures Sing” (Vs 5) #17 NCH (black)*

**5 Now we who are of tender heart Forgiving others, take our part,  
Sings your praises, alleluia! To you we lift our pain and care,  
Receive the burdens that we bear,  
Sing your praises: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### **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.*

### **\*The Response**

*“Halleluja”*

*#236 NCH (black)*

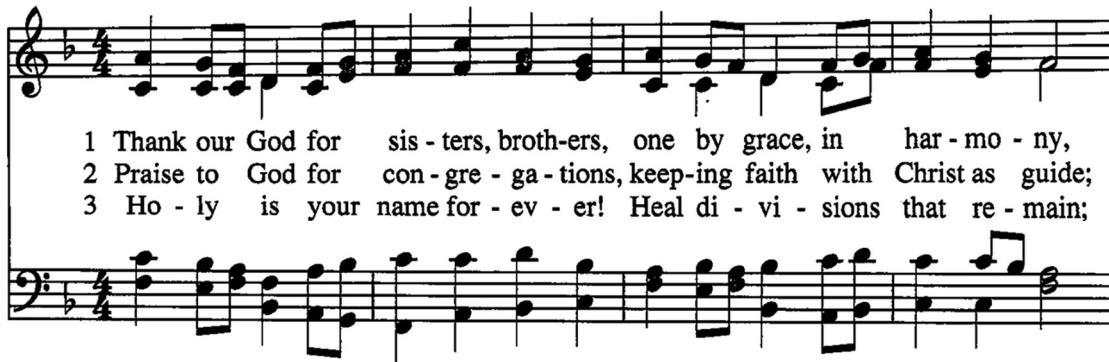
**Halle, Halle Halle-lu-ja. Halle, Halle Halle-lu-ja.  
Halle, Halle Halle-lu-ja. Halle-lu-ja, Halle-lu-ja.**

# A Time to Say Good-Bye and Celebrate the Ministry of Melissa Harlow

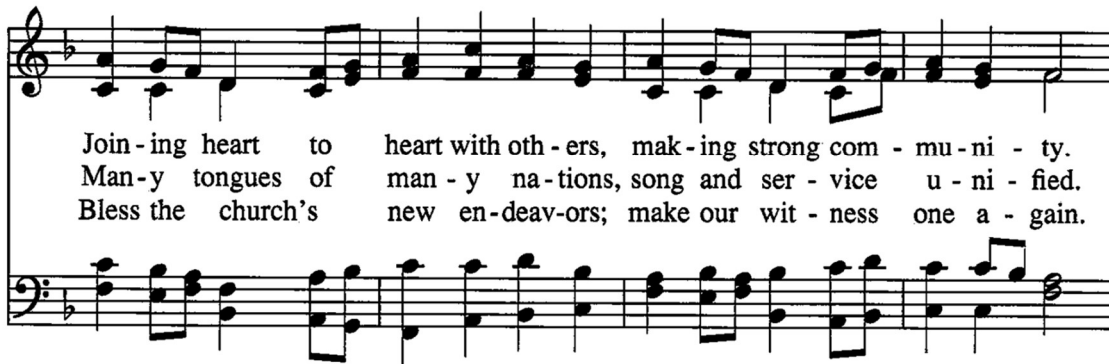
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## Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers

*Roger Powell, 1948; alt.*



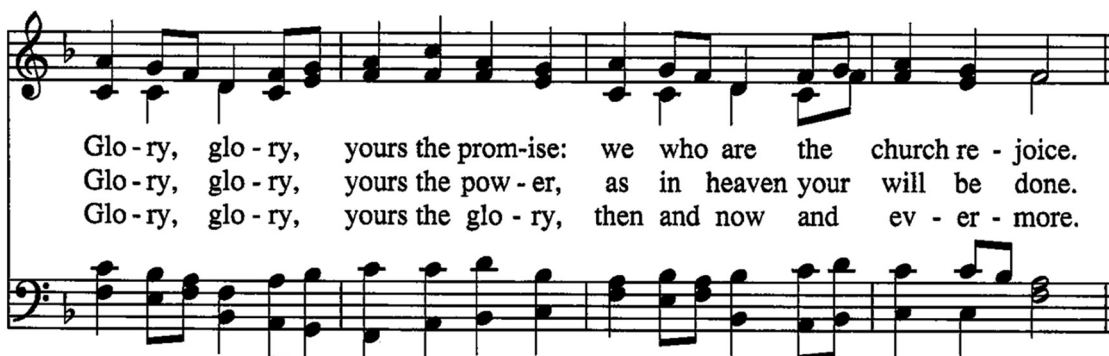
1 Thank our God for sis - ters, broth - ers, one by grace, in har - mo - ny,  
2 Praise to God for con - gre - ga - tions, keep - ing faith with Christ as guide;  
3 Ho - ly is your name for - ev - er! Heal di - vi - sions that re - main;



Join - ing heart to heart with oth - ers, mak - ing strong com - mu - ni - ty.  
Man - y tongues of man - y na - tions, song and ser - vice u - ni - fied.  
Bless the church's new en - deav - ors; make our wit - ness one a - gain.



With the cross of Christ our stan - dard, let us sing as with one voice,  
Sweet the psalm and sweet the car - ol, when our song is raised as one.  
One in Christ and in Christ's gos - pel, make us one we now im - plore.



Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the prom - ise: we who are the church re - joice.  
Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the pow - er, as in heaven your will be done.  
Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the glo - ry, then and now and ev - er - more.

## **A Story for the Ages** - *Acts 16:9-15*

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup> We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

**Response** *“Easter People” (St. 1) # 304 UMH (purple)*

**Easter people, raise your voices,  
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven’s choices;  
heavenly music let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people let us sing.**

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

**Special Music** *“Big House” by Stuart, Blair, Herdman, and McGinniss*  
*Hugh Chou, Soloist Penny Chou, Accompanist*

**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.”**

**\*Closing Hymn:** *“May the Sending One Defend You” #79 NCH*  
*(black)*

**The Challenge and Blessing**



# May the Sending One Defend You

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Brian Wren, 1989; rev. 1993

*Unison*

1 May the Send - ing One de - fend you, may the Seek - ing One a - mend you,  
2 May the Giv - en One re - trieve you, may the Gift - ed One re - lieve you,  
3 May the Bind - ing One u - nite you—may the One Be-loved in - vite you—

May the Keep - ing One be - friend you, in your glad - ness and in your griev - ing.  
May the Giv - ing One re - ceive you, in your fall - ing and your re - stor - ing.  
May the Lov - ing One de - light you— Three-in - One, joy in life un - end - ing.

**\*The Postlude**      *"Shout to the Lord" by Zschech, arr. by Tornquist*

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**Liturgist:** Brent Tetri

**Music Leader:** Penny Chou

**Altar Flowers are placed by** Carolyn Hileman

**Fellowship Time is hosted by** The Children and Youth of Samuel in honor of Melissa

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Confirmation NEXT Sunday, May 29 with Fellowship Time after service.**

### **Graduates of 2022**

Please let us know of anyone who is graduating this spring – from school, college, or program. We will share a list of all graduates at the end of the month.

### **Music for Service**

If you are interested in playing special music for an upcoming Sunday, or in leading the hymns, please use the sign up on the connection clipboard or online to let us know of your interest.

### **Children, Youth, and Missions Minister Search**

The job description for the Children, Youth, and Missions Minister has been posted and circulated to various outlets. Copies are available outside the church office and it is posted on the church website. 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.

## **Director of Music Search**

The job description for the Director of Music has been posted and circulated to various outlets. Copies are available outside the church office and it is posted on the church website. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this part-time position please contact a committee member: Deni Bouillon, Penny Chou, Scott Driemeier-Showers, Keith Karau, or Pastor Jeff.

## **HELP! Volunteers Needed for Sundays!**

We need your help. Since the pandemic, we have all gotten out of our old routines – sometimes this is a good thing, other times it presents challenges. There are many ways you can serve – by being a Liturgist, Usher, Hymn Leader, play Special Music, sponsor Alter Flowers, lead Sunday School, or prepare Communion. You can sign up on the Connections Clipboard where you will find a detailed description of each role or you can scan the QR code at the front of the bulletin to be taken directly to the online sign ups. We can't do this alone – we need you!

## **Summer Children's Helpers Needed!**

With just a few weeks of Sunday School left and the job search continuing for a new Children, Youth, and Missions Director, we wanted to make sure something was in place for the Samuel children this summer. We will be offering one class with two adults: Leslie French and a volunteer. If you haven't helped here before, that is ok! Summer Sundays are easy and fun! We will not

have a summer curriculum, so feel free to bring an activity for the kids if you like or you can just spend the time hanging out! Youth volunteers are welcome as needed and as they express interest, but do not need to sign up.

Thank you to Leslie who will be our go to person for these Summer Sundays. Please sign up by May 25th, knowing you can swap later if needed. Thank you so much! Scan the QR Code or sign up on the Connections Clipboard.

## **Major Website Updates!**

Take a moment to check out the major updates to our website at [samuelucc.org](http://samuelucc.org)!

## **Looking Ahead**

Here are some important upcoming dates:

May 29: Confirmation and Melissa's Last Day

May 30: Memorial Day

June 5: Pentecost / Communion / Food Collection

June 19: Father's Day / Juneteenth