

Welcome to Samuel UCC
No matter where you are on life's journey,
YOU
are welcome here!

- Facemasks are now OPTIONAL.
- 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

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Sunday June 5, 2022
10am Samuel United Church of Christ
Pentecost Sunday

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

A Celebration of Graduates

Ringling of the Bells

Opening 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.**

Call to Worship

Based on the Pentecost Story in Acts 2:1-21

Our worship opens with the disciples gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot or Pentecost which falls on the fiftieth day after the celebration of Passover. Today, Christians celebrate Pentecost as the 50th day after Easter. It is often called the birthday of the church because we recognize the Holy Spirit's coming to the disciples – empowering them to carry on the ministry of Jesus. You are invited to listen, look, and feel the wonder of that day as we remember this same Spirit is with us today – leading us and guiding us as the church of Jesus Christ.

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

This is the day, this is the day

When the Spirit came; when the Spirit came;

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

This is the day that when the Spirit came,

We will rejoice and be glad in it;

This is the day, this is the day When the Spirit came.

First Sunday Food Collection

On the First Sunday of the month, we collect nonperishable food items and paper products to help stock some of the food pantries in the St. Louis area. You can hold onto your items until the children come around to collect them from you. After the children have collected the food, they will take it to the storage area and drop it off on their way to Sunday School Class. As the youth come around and collect the food let us sing together...

Hymn:

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

#272 NCH (black)

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as God in Christ they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us hearts to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

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 Story for the Ages - *Romans 8:22-27*

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in^[a] hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes^[b] with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God,^[c] who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit^[d] intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Response *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (St. 2) #292 NCH (black)*

**Breath on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.**

The Message – *Pastor Jeff*

Special Music: *“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”*

Hugh Chou and Allen Grothe

Mission Moment – *Strengthen the Church Special Offering*

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.”

***The Hymn of Approach**

“As We Gather At Your Table” #332 NCH (black)

Matt. 22:1-10; Luke 14:16-24

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

The Sacrament of 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.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord 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

Sanctus #793 NCH (*black*)

Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say these words: You are holy, God.

The Act of Institution & Consecration of the Elements

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

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

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" #286 NCH (black)

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Unison, brightly
Refrain

James K. Manley, 1978; alt.

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G D

Last time, end

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 *to Refrain*

bers and rise on your wings."
 ets to o - pen their eyes.
 ple on the rush of the wind.
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

***The Prayer Of Thanksgiving**

All: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of your presence in the simplicity and splendor of this meal. Unite us now with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood, strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** *"In the Midst of New Dimensions"* #391 NCH (black)

The Challenge and Blessing

Liturgist: Peggy Newman

Music Leader: Larry Pry

Hymn Leader: Anne Grothe

Usher: Chris Greenberg

Sunday School: Julie Nesvig

Altar Flowers are Centennial Christian Church

placed by: Food Pantry Derrick L.

Perkins, Sr., Pastor With

appreciation for the generosity

of Samuel Church

Fellowship Time Hugh & Penny Chou

Hosts:

In the Midst of New Dimensions

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Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2 Through the flood of star-ving peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with - draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil-grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

Refrain
 Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduates of 2022

Isaac Groene

Webster Groves High School

Katie McCormick

December 2021 as a Nurse Practitioner

St Louis University

Elizabeth Poor

Macalester College

St. Paul, Minnesota

Sophia Spencer

Marquette High School

Cora Stevens

Granddaughter of Bea Meyer & John Ramsay

Lincolnwood High School, Raymond, IL

Eli Stevens

Grandson of Bea Meyer & John Ramsay

Lincolnwood High School, Raymond, IL

Strengthen the Church Offering will be received this month

Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the United Church of Christ. Through the Strengthen the Church offering, they can become a reality. As God calls our congregations to be "church" in new ways, your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that "God is still speaking."

Conversations on Race and Justice: TONIGHT at 7pm

Meeting number 852 0786 6939

Scrip Card Fundraiser

Did you know you can order Scrip Cards at any time? If you are looking for gifts for Dad, Grads, or even just a few people to make smile, you can order them online at www.raiseright.com You can have the cards delivered to your door or you can have the cards emailed to you! If you have questions, contact Mark Busse.

Children and Youth Minister Search Committee – Job Posted

If you know of anyone interested, please contact someone from the Search Committee: Susan Craig, Leslie French, Pastor Jeff, Christine Kryswaty, Danielle Lindsey, and Alex Miller.

Director of Music Search – Job Posted

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, Celina Casado or Pastor Jeff.

Major Website Updates!

Take a moment to check out the major updates to our website at samuelucc.org!

Looking Ahead

June 15: Father's Day / Juneteenth