

Sunday July 3, 2022

10am Samuel United Church of Christ

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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.
- 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.
- Join us after the service for a time of Fellowship

Ways you can
SERVE

Scan the QR code here to be taken to the Online Sign ups!



LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and hearing assistance devices are available.

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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.

Ringling of the Bells

***Call to Worship**

One: The God of the Past invites us to listen for God in sacred stories passed down.

All: Come and listen for God.

One: The God of the Present invites us to hear God's voice in unexpected moments.

All: Come and hear God's voice.

One: The God of the Future invites us to speak God's name in unexpected places.

All: Come let us speak God's name.

One: The God of the Ages invites us to follow God into every nook and cranny where the unexpected is hidden in the yet-to-be.

All: Come and Worship God.

***Opening Hymn**

"God of the Ages"

#592 NCH (*black*)

God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command

592

Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876; alt.

1 God of the a - ges, who with sure com-mand
2 Your pur - pose, just, en - vi - sions mor-tals free;
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on life's toil-some way;

brought forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
God, set our path toward hu - man lib - er - ty.
with stead - fast care be ev - er our de - fense;
lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen-dor through the skies,
Still be our rul - er, guard-ian, guide, and stay—
Your love and faith with - in our hearts in - crease;
With truth and love guide us through er - ror's maze,

our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
with boun-teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
and we shall give you glo - ry, laud, and praise.

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*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.

Halleluja

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Traditional

A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: A, E, A, D, Bm, and E.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, and A.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu-ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

This joyous response may be used following readings of scripture, or as a processional or recessional, especially during Easter.

Tune: HALLELUJA
Caribbean melody

A Story for the Ages - 2 Kings 5:1–14

5 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. 2 Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." 4 So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. 5 And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. 6 He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." 7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. 10 Elisha

sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.” 11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. 13 But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” 14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Edwin Hatch, 1886; alt.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de - sire:
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.
Un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.
But live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

The Message – *Pastor Jeff Groene*

Sermon Hymn

“This is My Song”

#591 NCH (black)

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
 2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
 beams on clo - ver-leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
 sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
 where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

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.”

***Hymn**

“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.

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.

The Invitation and 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.

793 Text and music: Anon., Argentina

C G7 C F C

¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

F C Am F G7 C

cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, 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

***The Prayer Of Thanksgiving**

All: Eternal God, you have called your people from the east and west, from the north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence with us and within us. Go with us now we pray - to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure so that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** *"How Beautiful Our Spacious Skies"*
 #594 NCH (*black*)

The Challenge and Blessing

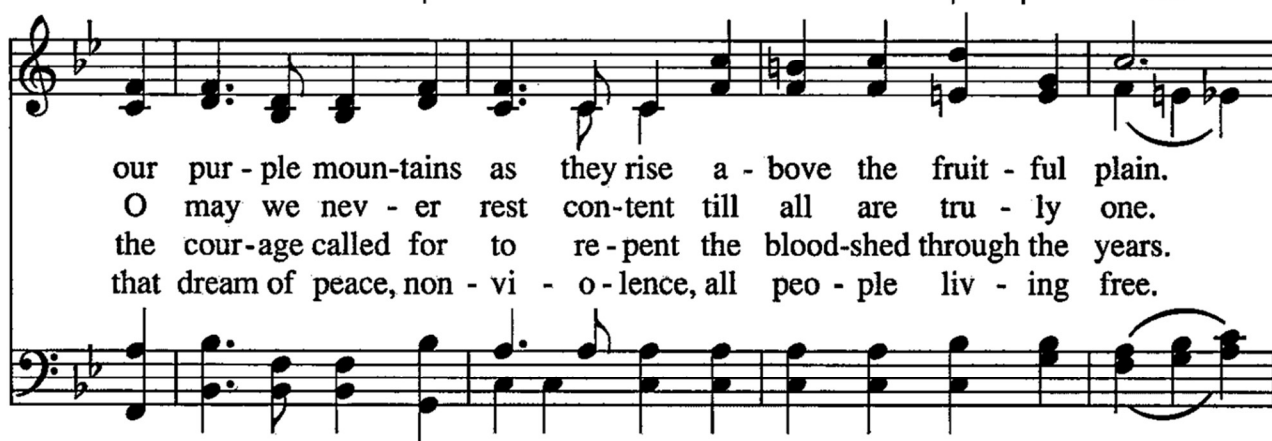
***The Postlude**

How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies

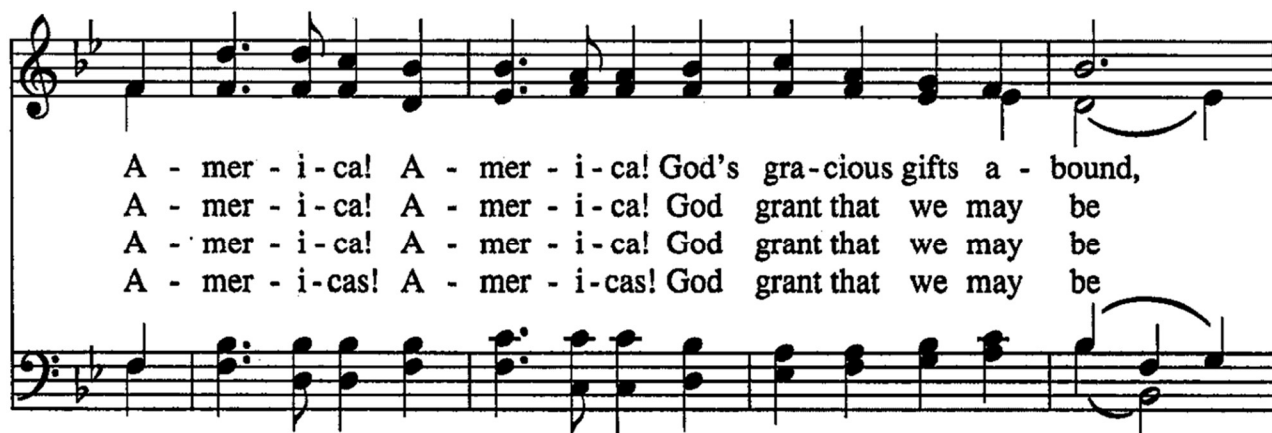
St. 1, Katharine Lee Bates, 1893; alt.
St. 2, 3, 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993



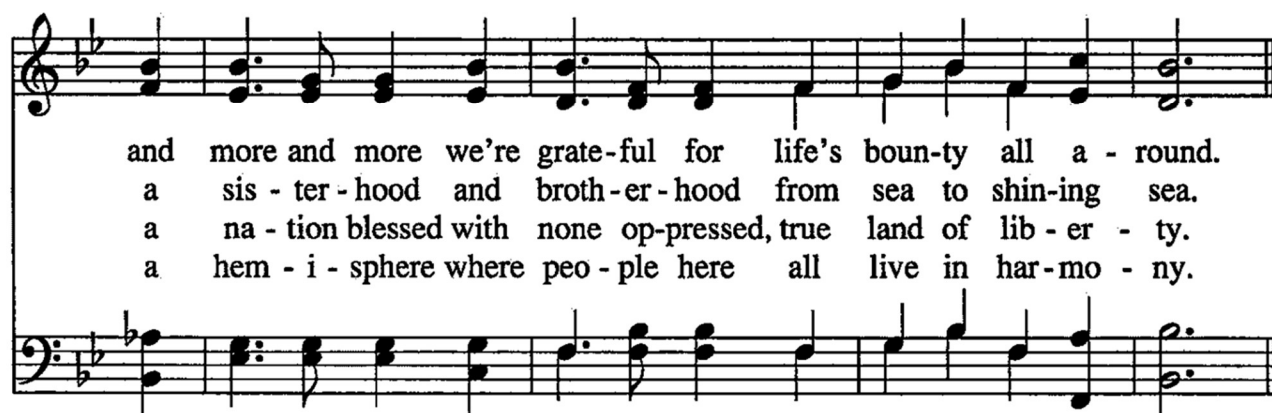
1 How beau-ti-ful, our spa-cious skies, our am - ber waves of grain;
 2 In - dig - e-nous and im - mi - grant, our daugh-ters and our sons:
 3 How beau-ti-ful, sin - cere la - ment, the wis - dom born of tears,
 4 How beau-ti-ful, two con - ti - nents, and is - lands in the sea



our pur - ple moun-tains as they rise a - bove the fruit - ful plain.
 O may we nev - er rest con-tent till all are tru - ly one.
 the cour-age called for to re-pent the blood-shed through the years.
 that dream of peace, non - vi - o - lence, all peo - ple liv - ing free.



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God's gra-cious gifts a - bound,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God grant that we may be
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God grant that we may be
 A - mer - i - cas! A - mer - i - cas! God grant that we may be



and more and more we're grate-ful for life's boun-ty all a - round.
 a sis - ter - hood and broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 a na - tion blessed with none op - pressed, true land of lib - er - ty.
 a hem - i - sphere where peo - ple here all live in har - mo - ny.

Liturgist: Chris Greenberg

Music Leader: Katie Kopff

Hymn Leader: Anne Grothe

Ushers: Peggy Newman

Sunday School:

Altar Flowers are Peggy Newman in honor of
placed by: the birthdays of loved ones

Fellowship Time
Hosts: The Groene Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Conversation on Race and Justice Sunday, July 24 at 7:00pm

Check your email for the Zoom meeting link.

Discovery Time: Learn about Samuel Church will be in Late July

Interested in learning more about Samuel Church? We are planning a Discovery Time toward the end of July. Discovery Time is an hour-long opportunity ask questions and learn more about the United Church of Christ and Samuel Church in particular. There is no expectation to join the church, if you attend Discovery Time, but we will schedule a time to receive new members in the weeks that follow if there are folk who would like to join the church.

Let us know if you are interested either by emailing Pastor Jeff at Pastor@samuelucc.org or using the Connection Clipboard on Sunday morning in worship. We will schedule the Discovery Night based on the availability of those interested.

Save the Dates:

CROP Walk: Sun Oct 2

Habitat Build Day Sat Nov 5, 2022

Our workday for Habitat for Humanity has been set for Saturday, Nov 5, 2022. We will be working with Eden UCC, Afton on our UCC House Build. While we don't know what we will be doing yet, we know it will be a full day of work from 8am to 3pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Keith Karau at keith.karau@gmail.com.

2022 Directory: REVIEW TIME

<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK Here if INFO IS CORRECT <u>LAST NAME</u>	Street Address			
	City	State	Zip	
	Home phone			
	First Name	Pronoun	Status	
	Cell Phone			
	Email			
	First Name	Pronoun	Status	
	Cell Phone			
	Email			
	Children			
First Name	Pronoun	Status		

Our 2022 Directory is ready for your review! All of the entries will look like this:

Here's what you need to do:

1. Look over your family's entry on the copy of the directory passed around the congregation.
2. If the information is correct, put a check mark in the green box above your last name.
3. If the information is **not** correct, please correct it right there on the page.
4. Hey, where's my cell / email? If there is information missing, please provide it. Missing information means we do not have it.
5. Did we miss you? If you aren't listed, the last few pages of the directory have space for you to provide your info.
6. I want to provide a photo! Do you have a photo of your family? Send it to pictures@samuelucc.org and we will put it next to your image.