

Sunday July 24, 2022

10am Samuel United Church of Christ

The Seventh 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 Yellow Room.
- Join us after the service for a time of Fellowship in the Ziercher Room.

Ways you can
SERVE

Scan the QR
code here to
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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

Ringling of the Bells

Call to Worship

One: We gather to rejoice in the Holy One.

All: Renew us, O God, make us alive in Christ!

One: We assemble as people called to community by and with the Redeemer.

All: Restore us, O God, make us alive in Christ!

One: We come, open to the possibilities made new by the Creator.

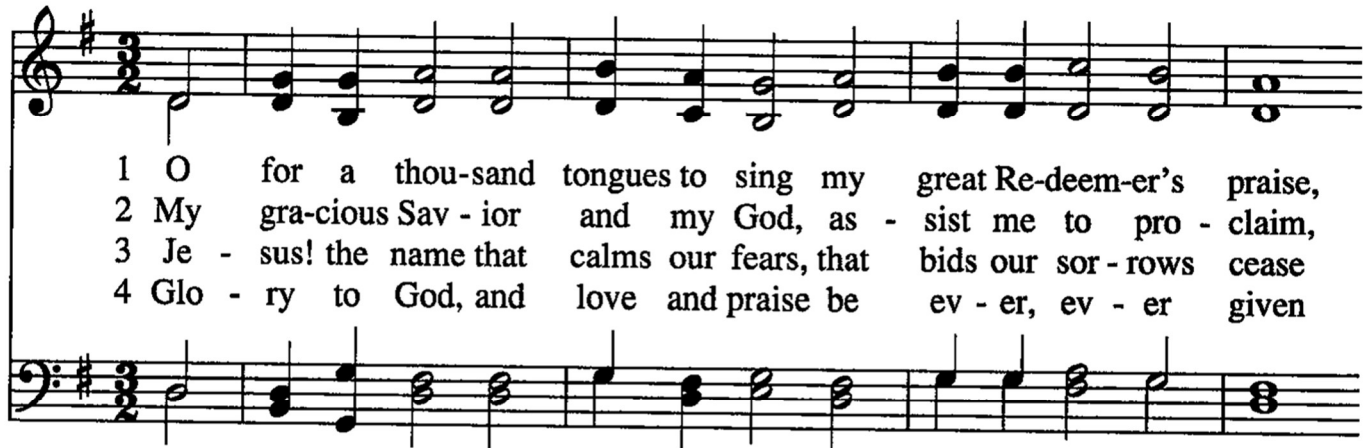
All: Revive us, O God, make us alive in Christ!

***Opening Hymn** *“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*
 #42 NCH (black)

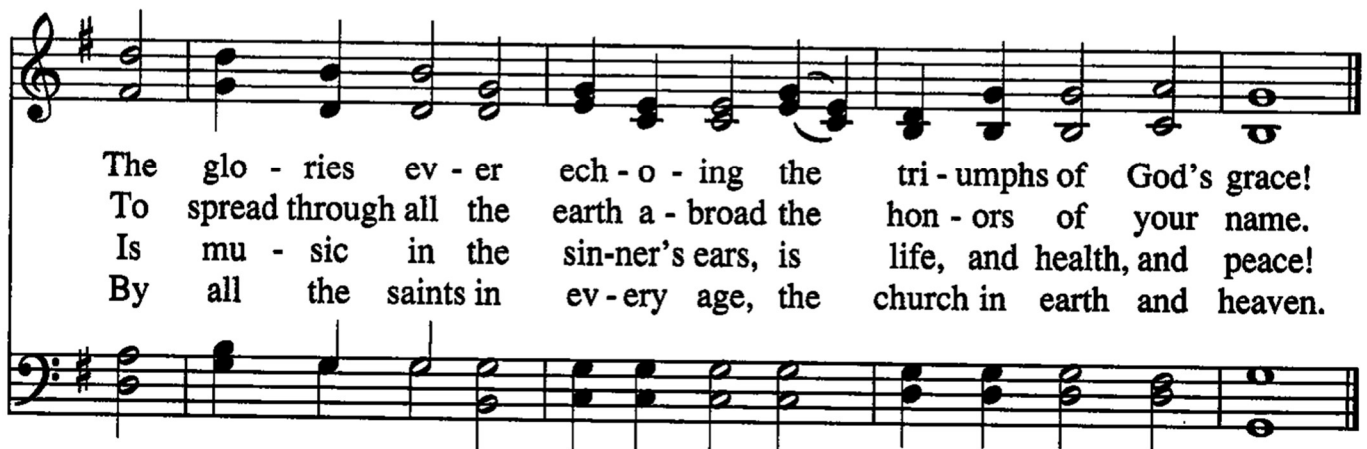
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.



1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease
4 Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given



The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!
To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
Is mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

A Prayer of Transformation

All: Compassionate One, your love sustains us, molds us, and empowers us. May we dwell in that love as you dwell in us—faithfully, joyfully, and abundantly. Reform us in your image we pray. 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.

*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 - *Luke 11:1-4*

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” 2 He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

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

Breath on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure

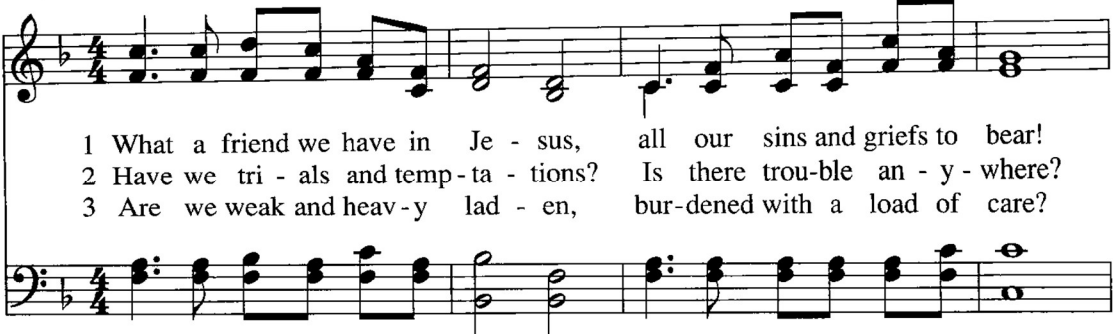
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.

A Story for All Ages *(Children’s Time with Pastor Jeff and Claire Minnis)*

Hymn: *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #506 NCH (black)*

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

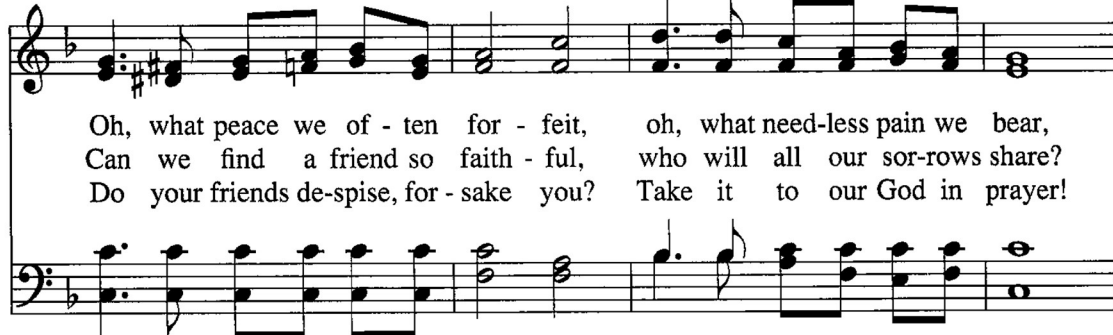
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*Joseph Scriven, 1855; alt.**Phil. 4:6-7*


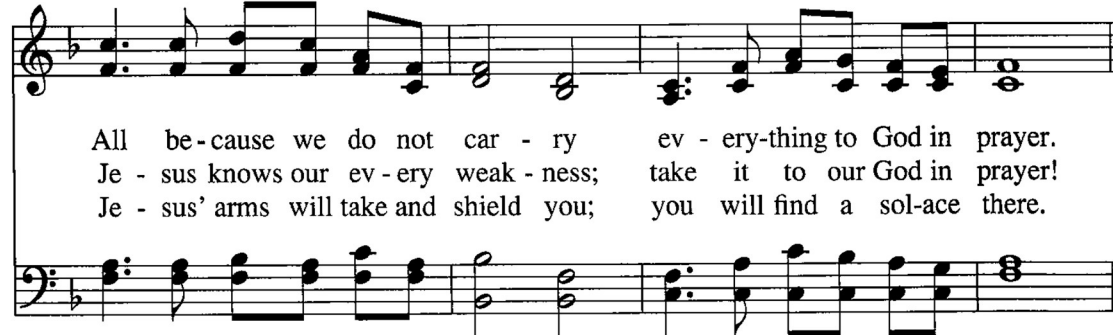
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!



All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer.
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!
 Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

The Message – *Pastor Jeff Groene*

Special Music *Shared by Samuel Singers*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*An inclusive Version from the New Zealand Prayer Book*)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**


**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the
world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**



**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**


***Closing Hymn:** *‘Renew Your Church’* #311 NCH (*black*)

*Matt. 5:13-16; Luke 11:1-4; Mark 12:28-34**Kenneth L. Cober, 1960; alt*



1 Re - new your church, its min - is - tries re - store: both to serve
 2 Teach us your word, re - veal its truth di - vine; on our path
 3 Teach us to pray, for you are ev - er near; your still voice
 4 Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all—

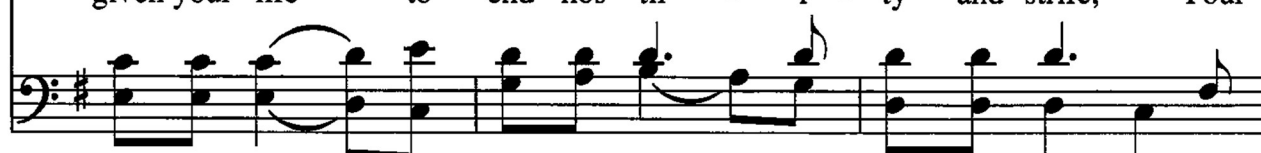
and a - dore. Make us a - gain as salt through-out the land,
 let it shine. Tell of your works, your might - y acts of grace;
 let us hear. Our souls are rest - less till they rest in you;
 hu - man-kind! Break down old walls of prej - u - dice and hate;

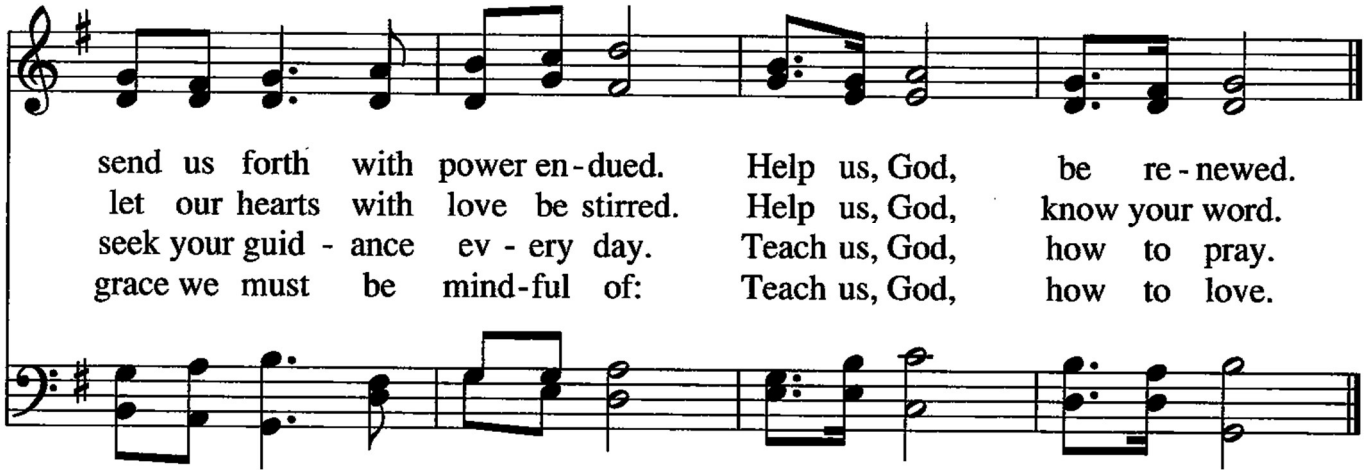



and as light from a stand. 'Mid som-ber shad - ows
 from each page show your face. As you have sent your
 this is life, full and true. Be - fore your pres - ence
 leave us not to our fate. As you have loved and

of the night, where greed and ha - tred spread their blight, O
 Christ to save, in love to tri - umph o'er the grave, O
 keep us still that we may find for us your will And
 given your life to end hos - til - i - ty and strife, Your





send us forth with power en-dued. Help us, God, be re-newed.
 let our hearts with love be stirred. Help us, God, know your word.
 seek your guid - ance ev - ery day. Teach us, God, how to pray.
 grace we must be mind-ful of: Teach us, God, how to love.

The Challenge and Blessing

*The Postlude

Immediately following worship, we will have a short Special Congregational meeting today to discuss consistory recommendations for elevator repairs. Childcare will be provided by Leslie French. See information below in announcements about the elevator recommendation.

Following the Special Meeting we will have fellowship time to welcome our new Director of Music Ministries, Claire Minnis.

Liturgist: Tim Weaver
Music Leader: Claire Minnis
Hymn Leader: Teresa Groene
Ushers: Anne Rossi
Alex Miller & Tim Weaver
Sunday School: Doni Driemeier - Showers
Altar Flowers are placed by: Carolyn Hileman
Fellowship Time Hosts: Hugh & Penny Chou

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Special Congregational Meeting following Worship

The Consistory is calling for a special congregational meeting on July 24th after worship to discuss repairs to the elevator. Our elevator has given us good service since it was installed in 1991, but the last inspection revealed some parts will need to be replaced for it to continue to meet code. The consistory is recommending an expenditure of \$17,000 to replace valves and power unit. This money would come from our Living Memorial Fund. We will also discuss starting a campaign to fund modernizing the elevator. This modernization will be needed in the next 5 years.

Next Conversation on Race and Justice TONIGHT Sunday, July 24 at 6:00pm IN PERSON

This month, we are meeting in person at 6pm in the Ziercher Room at church. We will view a movie, "Driving While Black" and share conversation.

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.

We welcome Claire Minnis as our new Director of Music Ministries

On recommendation of the Search Team, the Consistory approved the hiring of Claire Minnis as our new Director of Music Ministries. Claire has a Bachelor of Music degree from Millikin University, a Master of Science in Nonprofit Administration from Louisiana State University, and a decade of experience leading choirs of all ages in public schools, communities, and faith-based organizations. She is a passionate advocate of community singing;

leading and founding community choruses and faith-based or justice-minded choirs. We are excited about the music and leadership that Claire will bring to Samuel. She will start July 18. For more information, please check out Claire's website at <https://www.claireminnis.com/>.

We welcome Kyle Reaka as our new Children, Youth, and Mission Minister.

On recommendation of the Search Team, the Consistory approved the hiring of Kyle Reaka as our New Children, Youth, and Mission Minister. Kyle is from Freeburg, Illinois and completed his Master of Divinity Degree at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. He has been approved by the Indiana/Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ for ordination pending a call. Kyle has a passion for justice issues, has served as a chaplain in national parks, and has been involved in leading a youth group while in seminary. The Search Team interviewed three candidates through zoom and in-person interviews and invited the youth to participate in the interview process as well. We are excited about what Kyle will bring to our church and to our youth. He will start August 1st.

SAMUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Ministers	All the Members of Samuel Church
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Jeff Groene
Children, Youth, and Missions Minister	Kyle Reaka
Director of Music Ministries	Claire Minnis
Office Administrator	Anna Muhm
Nursery Caregiver	Leslie French
Preschool Director	Jane Strauss
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Dr. Hale Schroer



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.