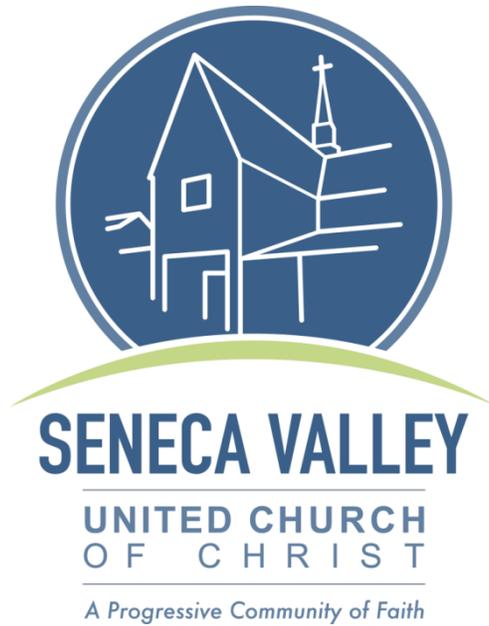


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**An “Open and Affirming” Congregation
of the United Church of Christ
in Germantown, MD**

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF SENECA VALLEY

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January 17, 2021

Living Into Our Calling- A Calling for Justice

10:00am Zoom

Our Mission

UCC Seneca Valley is an open and affirming, progressive and inclusive spiritual community that is centered in the belief that we are all beloved children of God. We seek to joyfully share Christ's message of hope through creative expression, deepening connections between people, advocating for justice, and serving our community.

Worship Participants

Greeter: To Be Determined

Liturgist: Heidi Harmon

Pastor: Rev. Holly R. Jackson

Deacon: Jen Fuss

Director of Music Ministry: Stefan Petrov

Zoom Technical Support: Patrick Jackson

Instructions for Zoom Worship:

As you sit down to worship bring a candle with you (flame or electric). Keep your microphone on mute during worship unless told otherwise. Words in bold are meant to be said aloud at home with the Pastor or Liturgist who will say them on the Zoom call. Sing along at home to the sung responses and hymns. Use the chat box for the passing of the peace and prayer requests or other worship responses. Chat directly to individuals as appropriate. If you are having technical issues please chat message Patrick Jackson for help. The Zoom room opens at 9:30am and worship begins at 10.

Welcome & Announcements

Welcoming the Light into Worship – Light your candle at home

Prelude

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Today we remember the words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that “freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.”

People: Therefore, in this hour of worship let us pray for the courage and determination of those who are oppressed.

Liturgist: We remember Dr. King’s warning that “a negative peace which is the absence of tension” is less than “a positive peace which is the presence of justice.”

People: Therefore, let us pray that all who work for peace in our world may cry out first for justice.

Liturgist: We remember Dr. King’s insight that “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.”

People: Therefore, let us pray that we may understand nothing in isolation, but may know ourselves bound to one another and to all people, and all creation under heaven.

Liturgist: We remember Dr. King’s lament that “the contemporary church is often a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound. It is so often the arch-supporter of the status quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the Church, the power structure of the average community is consoled by the Church’s silent and often vocal sanction of things as they are.”

People: Therefore, let us pray that neither this congregation nor any congregation of Christ’s people may be silent in the face of wrong, but that we may stir up “good trouble,” when that is God’s call to us.

Liturgist: We remember Dr. King’s “hope that the dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities and, in some not too distant tomorrow, the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty.”

People: Therefore, in faith, let us commend ourselves and our work for justice to the goodness of almighty God. Let us worship God together, in spirit and in truth, in word and in deed.

Opening Prayer

Liturgist: God of Righteousness, grant us your life-giving presence. Guide us in our time of worship, and remain with us as we step out into the world, that we may face injustice

with courage and love. May we come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience.

The timing may feel off; the end of the road might be out of sight,
yet we trust in your holy presence.

How long? Not long, because no lie can live forever.

How long? Not long, because you still reap what you sow.

How long? Not long. Because the arm of the moral universe is long,
but it bends toward justice.

How long? Not long, because you are our God,
and all may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. Amen.

Opening Hymn **“Jesus Calls Us, o’er the Tumult”**

*Jesus Calls Us, o’er the tumult of our life’s wild restless sea;
Day by day that still voice calls us, saying “Christian, follow me.”*

*As of old Saint Andrew heart it by the Galilean lake,
Turning from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus’ sake*

*Jesus calls us from the worship of the treasures we adore,
From each idol that would keep us, saying “Christian, love me more.”*

Invitation to Confession

Liturgist: People of God, we desire to be refreshed, renewed and changed. Let us listen again to God’s calling our names to encourage us and strengthen our resolve to be God’s people in faithfulness and peace-loving justice. *(A chime calls us to a moment of quiet.)*

Prayer of Confession

People: O God, we as broken creatures have fallen short of all that has been required of us. Whereas you looked at your beloved creation and said, “it is good”, we have at times looked at that same creation and rejected its beauty and inherent goodness. We have looked at the color of one another’s skin and assigned beauty and worth based on its hue. We have fallen short of being family and our sibling’s keeper. We have ignored the cries of others as they seek justice from the oppressor and we told them to wait a little while longer. We have hidden the wounds of the ghettos of our society in an attempt to showcase society’s beauty to the world. We have not fed the hungry, given drink to the thirsty, or shelter to the stranger because of how they looked or the inconvenience of their need. But today is a new day full of opportunities to try again. What was left undone yesterday can be completed today. We can turn from the sins of neglect and dishonesty, and prayerfully move towards reconciliation and mutual respect with your help. Let us hear you calling us to live with justice and love and make that our reality. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: Friends, God hears our prayers and sets before us the way of Jesus. God calls us and gives us enough grace and mercy to follow the way. Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

(We will drop out of the powerpoint and unmute you. You are encouraged to wave, say Christ's peace aloud, and/or write your offering of peace to all in the chat.)

Peace Response **"Arise, Your Light Is Come"**

*Arise your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.*

Children's Moment

Scripture 1 Samuel 3:1-20, John 1:43-51

Contemporary Reading "The King Lives" by Joe Davis

Sermon

Musical Response "Precious Lord" Church Anew

Community Life and Concerns

(We will drop out of the Powerpoint here. Please feel free to write your prayer concerns in the chat box.)

God is good, **all the time.**
All the time, **God is good!**

Moment of Silence

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

(You are welcome to pray using the words below, or whatever words or version of this prayer is the most meaningful to you.)

**Our Creator in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.
Your realm come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer Response

“Be Now My Vision”

*Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
nothing surpasses the love you impart
You my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping your presence my light.*

Offertory Invitation

Liturgist: Part of our calling is to share what we have been given with others. Abundance is not created to be hoarded or hidden, but to be used to create a more just and joyful world that reflects the Kingdom of God. Let us give what we have and what we have been gifted with back to God for use in the ministries of this church.

Offertory Prayer

People: God, we have acknowledged our weaknesses and our failed attempts at creating a just world for all, even with the best of intentions. We are ever cognizant of our limitations but continue to dream the impossible because of our faith in your power. And so, we dedicate our lives to changing the “normalcy” that continues to plague our communities and society. The only normalcy that we will settle for is the normalcy that recognizes the dignity and worth of all of God’s children. The only normalcy that we will settle for is the normalcy that allows your love to run down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream. The only normalcy that we will settle for is the normalcy of true peace, the normalcy of justice. Let these offerings of our time, talent and money, be dedicated to this effort. Amen.

Closing Music

“Break Every Chain”

Church Anew

Extinguish The Light

Benediction

*“Call to Worship” attributed to St. John’s UCC in Raleigh, NC. “Opening Prayer” written by Rev. Eliza Tweedy, adapted from “Our God is Marching On!” (speech delivered at the Alabama State House by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, March 25, 1965) “Prayer of Confession” and “Offertory Prayer” adapted from **I Still have a Dream: Service Prayers for Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend 2020**, written by the Rev. Trayce Potter, Minister for Youth and Young Adult Engagement, Faith Education, Innovation and Formation Team (Faith INFO) UCC. Hymns and lyrics reprinted and streamed under ONE LICENSE # 724117-A. All Rights Reserved.*

Fellowship Time - Those who wish to stay and chat with others will be broken into small group breakouts to allow for more sustained conversation.

New to our Congregation or have questions? Please consider leaving us your contact information at <https://forms.gle/Rjicc2idMmzCgCFh8>

Greeters and Liturgists Needed

If you are available on Sundays, please consider signing up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849a4a722a02-uccsv>
As always, thank you very much.

Congregational Check In/Happy Hour - Fridays at 7 PM

Connecting nowadays can be difficult. Do you sometimes just want to see your fellow UCCSV members and friends for a quick chat? Your wish is granted! There will be a Congregational Check In/Happy Hour every Friday at 7 PM. It will only run for **1 hour** and is a good way to say "hi" and catch up with others. Different Deacons will be hosting each Friday and it is open to all. It will be very casual with no obligations... stop by when you feel the need and stay as long or short as you want. Take care and we will see you when we see you.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Lent Worship Team Meeting

Anyone interested in helping to plan and organize worship for Lent (which starts February 17th) is invited to join the Lent Worship Team Meeting on Wednesday, January 20th at 7pm. At that meeting we will go through the theme for Lent, organize Lent activities and practices, and move through planning for several Sundays. There will be a second follow up planning meeting to work on Holy Week specifically. We need your creativity, your logistic planning, your ideas, and your feedback to continue to create meaningful worship experiences for our congregation. Please join us! You don't need to be a church member, or a member of any committee to be a part of this group

January 20th at 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83305030659?pwd=anhOYXJRek8zUINtWHQvS3dpdGJ2QT09>

Orientation to UCCSV

New to our congregation? Want to know more about who we are? We will have two orientation sessions in January (times to be announced soon) for those who might like to go deeper in relationship with our community. At the end of the sessions those who are interested in formally joining the congregation will be able to do so in worship on Sunday, January 31st. Watch for more information on dates and times!

Save the Date - UCCSV Congregational Meeting January 31st

Our next Congregational Meeting will be after worship on Sunday, January 31st. We will get an update on finances and general church operations and also approve the budget for 2021. Be a part of guiding this community into the coming year. Join us for this important part of the life of a congregational church.

Topic: Wade In The Water

Time: Jan 17, 2021 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Christ Congregational Church, UCC with host, Rev. Aubra Love, Member Care and Fellowship, with guests Rev. Darryl! Moch and Chester Burke, Jr ., honoring MLK Day with an exploration of African American Spirituals that served as codes to bring hope, inspiration, and messages for liberation to enslaved people and how these songs still give us hope, inspiration, and messages of liberation in the fight for social justice in modern times.

These are our guests:

Guests:

Rev. Darryl! LC Moch, serves as senior associate minister at Inner Light Ministries, UCC in SE Washington, DC and serves as the Dean of the Communities of Practice for the Central Atlantic Conference, UCC. Rev. Darryl! is also the Director of the Charm City Labor Chorus. He also works as a consultant, life coach, performing artists, mental health specialist, and does work in social justice and politics. Chester Burke, Jr., (accompanist) is an accomplished musician, a graduate of the prestigious Peabody Conservatory of Music, he is the Founder and Director of the gospel recording ensemble Chester Burke and Company. He has served in music ministries for churches in the DC and Maryland area and is currently on the staff in the music department of the Duke Ellington performing arts high school in Washington, DC.

Zoom link and description:

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