

You Are Welcome Here!



**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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God on the Move in Faith and Democracy: How Does God Want Us to Live?

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: John Bartkowiak

Liturgist: Terri Molaski

Pastor: Rev. Holly R. Jackson

Deacon: Jen Fuss

Director of Music Ministry: Stefan Petrov

Zoom Technical Support: Patrick Jackson

Instructions for Zoom Worship:

We invite you to come to worship with a candle to light. This can be a real flame or an electric candle. As you sit down to worship bring a candle with you (flame or electric). This morning we're considering how God wants us to live together in the world and how that might be changing or not. Is God on the move right now in our country? What does that mean for us?

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. Close all non-essential programs on your computer and silence all notifications so you don't become distracted. 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: Through prayer and practice, we pursue what is just, what is true, what is kind.

People: With each new day, we hope for Love to lead us.

Liturgist: With discernment, we wade bravely into the struggles of life together.

People: We yearn for wisdom that satisfies.

Liturgist: Persistently, faithfully, relentlessly, we keep our gaze set upon righteousness.

People: Determined in hope, may the Holy be our firm foundation.

Opening Prayer

Liturgist: Beloved One, in the midst of worrisome and troubled days, we seek refuge in your presence. In your care, we find a place to tend our fears and air our grief, to hold our anger, and to renew our passion for collective good. Draw us near to you, O God, and meet us as we are with your restorative love. Amen.

Opening Hymn “For the Healing of the Nations” #576 v.1&2

*For the healing of the nations, God we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of all the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.*

*Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.*

Invitation to Confession

Liturgist: God pours blessings upon us, even as we choose to go our own way. God is present and seeks to bring healing and wholeness to all. Therefore, you are invited to confess all that would separate you from God or one another. Let us pray. *(A chime calls us to a time of silence.)*

Prayer of Confession

People: Growing God, we confess that we cling to the comfortable, fall back on the familiar, and allow apathy to dull our hearts and our commitment. Forgive us, for callousness instead of compassion, for discouragement instead of determination, for selfishness instead of service. Allow us to grow into your ways and find favor in your sight. Give us the tools we need to advocate for the least among us so that just love may be realized for all your children. Daydream with us so that justice might be at the center of all we seek to do. Answer these prayers we pray in the name of your Beloved Child, the hope of the world. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: God speaks sweetly to you, saying, I will do the very thing you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name. You are forgiven. Go in peace and service and make your life count.

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 "Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls" #383 v. 2

*Faithful are all who love the truth
and perfect truth proclaim,
who steadfast stand at God's right hand
and glorify God's name.*

Children's Message

Scripture Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-17, 2 Corinthians 12:6-10

Contemporary Reading "The Pandemic is a Portal" by Arundhati Roy

Reflection Rev. Holly R. Jackson

Musical Response

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 “Not my Brother, Nor my Sister” #519 v. 1 & 4

***Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me O God,
standing in the need of prayer;
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me O God,
standing in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.***

***Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it's me O God,
standing in the need of prayer;
Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it's me O God,
standing in the need of prayer;***

***It's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.***

Mission Moment Access to Mental Health Care

Offertory Invitation

Liturgist: We grieve the broken and unjust economic systems that surround us.
We remember all who are left without needs met this day, and seek to be faithful, just, and generous in the stewardship of all our resources.
Renouncing all loyalties to wealth and power, let us bring our offerings to God and one another.

Offertory Prayer

People: God of Redemption, by your grace we learn to perceive differently.
Where we once justified our complicity with evil, you set us on a new path. With humility, we keep seeking to understand your truths more deeply. To refine our love. To release all that keeps us from the great re-ordering of things and the Kin-dom come on earth. With thanks and determination, we bring our gifts to you. Amen.

Closing Music “Canticle of the Turning” youtu.be/Wx-dejY9whI
Music by Rory Cooney. Performed by musicians of St. David's Episcopal Church in Ashburn, VA. Streamed with permission.

Extinguish The Light

Benediction

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

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New to our Congregation or have questions? Please consider leaving us your contact information at <https://forms.gle/Rjicc2jdMmzCgCFh8>

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 45 minutes 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.

-John (Chair of Deacons)

UCC Seneca Valley is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Congregational Check In/Happy Hour

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89655025431?pwd=V1k0bEQ4VTBGODJ3L2U1WHBFbzBnZz09>

Meeting ID: 896 5502 5431

Passcode: peeps

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 896 5502 5431

Passcode: 565927

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89655025431?pwd=V1k0bEQ4VTBGODJ3L2U1WHBFbzBnZz09>

Advent and Christmas Worship Planning Meeting

Planning for Advent and Christmas in any normal year is always a fun but complicated task. As you might imagine this year will be especially challenging. As such we really need partners in this process. There will be an Advent and Christmas Worship Planning Meeting on Wednesday, October 14th at 7pm via Zoom. We want your ideas on how to make this Advent season special even as we remain worshipping online. There are many things we will miss out on this year but maybe there are new traditions we can make together, and with our families, that will help us truly celebrate this special season. If you would like to join us please email Holly so she can send you some preparatory documents before the meeting.

Wednesday, October 14th, 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86055791061?pwd=L2pTZDBsTDBUcDVqUHZpZis0VnFkdz09>

Fox Chapel Donations

Thank you UCC Seneca Valley for your wonderful donations for our local Fox Chapel Elementary school! We know they will go to good use. Today we donated the following to the Linkages for Learning Program for students in need at Fox Chapel:

- 10 pair of headphones
- 25 digital timers
- 10 computer mice
- 5 desk lamps
- 17 student planners
- 21 flash drives
- 2 chairs

Social Action Committee Meeting

Day of Week-Sunday, 4-5:30 pm

Event Name-Social Action Team Meeting

Date and Time-Once a month, the 2nd Sunday of the month

Short Description: Monthly Social Action Team meeting, all who wish to learn about our church's commitment to Social Action are welcome. Location or virtual meeting information-By Zoom

Zoom Meeting Info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83855241117?pwd=ZXhuSWRXL0NuKyszSWJ0YTNBbFFSdz09>

Meeting ID: 838 5524 1117

Passcode: 352620

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Zoom Zoom Zoom... Who Are You?

When you log into Zoom on Sunday mornings or other times, we want to live out our mission to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation by welcoming you by name. Did you know that each Sunday a Deacon is scrolling through each of those "squares" that represents a device to check on our congregation and learn who is joining us each week? There is something you can do that not only helps the Deacon who is taking attendance, but also to help newer attendees to learn

who you are. We suggest that when you log on, you pay special attention to your Zoom log in name listed at the bottom of your square and make sure it clearly identifies you instead of a generic name or just your email handle or simply "ipad." If it does not please RENAME your Zoom user name by right clicking on your name at the lower left corner of your square or using the 3 dots in the upper right hand corner and clicking "rename". Then type in your name (or family name or the names of those watching). You can do this regardless of whether you have an official Zoom account. Using your name (whether just your first name or your whole name) not only helps the Deacon and members of our congregation to better identify and welcome you, but it also sends a message of welcome to someone who is a first time visitor. This is especially important if you choose to keep your camera off for all or most of the meeting as we may have no other way of identifying you. In addition to your name, you can also add your pronouns after your name. For example, John Bartkowiak (he/him/his). This provides a special inclusive welcome to people of all gender identities. Our Zoom names are the equivalent of using our nametags if we were in person at church, so let's wear them proudly!