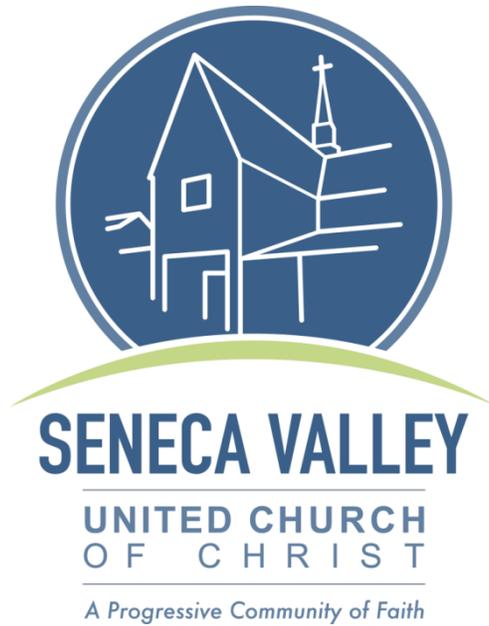


You Are Welcome Here!



**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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October 18, 2020

God on the Move in Faith and Democracy: Voting for Our Neighbors

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: Asher Beckwitt

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 calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves and how that might affect how we vote.

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: In a world that cries out, “Fear me!”

People: We will listen to Jesus’ words, “Don’t be afraid!”

Liturgist: In a world that wants us to hate the other,

People: we will live Jesus’ call to, “Love God. Love your neighbor, as you love yourself.”

Liturgist: In a world that radicalizes,

People: we, too, will be radical. Radical with our hospitality. Radical with our hope. Radical with our love.

Liturgist: When come to this place, bring your whole self.

People: Let us gather together and worship God.

Opening Prayer

Liturgist: God of compassion and justice, the worship you choose for us is to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless poor. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your healing shall spring up quickly. So in praise and wonder, we come to worship you not just with our words but with our hearts and our lives. Glory and honor be to you, O God, Creator of a new heaven and a new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

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

“Say Her Name”

Offertory Invitation

Liturgist: Beloveds, God’s teaching surrounds us. If we wish to know love, to understand justice, or to embody wisdom we must only pay attention. The gospel is always coming alive somewhere. For every new way God reaches to us, takes on flesh and manifests within and around, let us bring our offerings with gratitude.

Offertory Prayer

People: Incarnate One, especially in these times of uncertainty, we hope to be companions of righteousness. We hope to divest from all that destroys. We hope to live into the Spirit of Christ that sets the captives free. With these offerings, we pray that our gratitude will manifest in acts of radical love where and when they are needed most. Amen.

Closing Music

“We Are Called”

<https://bit.ly/3j19YOf>

Music from Gather and GIA Publications. Performed by musicians of St. David's Episcopal Church in Ashburn, VA.

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/Rjicc2idMmzCgCFh8>

**UCCSV Intergenerational Halloween Party on Zoom,
Friday, October 30th at 6:30pm**

All are welcome (including people of all ages) to join us for our first ever Zoom Halloween Party! Costumes are highly encouraged but not required. We will admire costumes, play games, eat goodies together, and more! Bring dinner or your Halloween candy or other treats, and your sense of fun and be a part of community!

Topic: UCCSV Halloween Party

Time: Oct 30, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81911388780?pwd=ZDM0WWtRTlIBcmdVQnJpcFpQd0hKZz09>

Meeting ID: 819 1138 8780

Passcode: 20874

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 819 1138 8780

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Baby Gender Reveal Party

Bryan and Camila Young are delighted to share with UCCSV the news that their family is growing, and that their baby is due in February 2021! They know that between political turmoil, the pandemic, and other situations, these are hard times for some. In these trying times, they'd like to share their joy with friends and family by celebrating their baby's gender reveal party. Folks are welcome to join them Saturday, October 31st from 1 to 2 p.m. for a Zoom costume party! Anyone who is interested should send an email to Camila at cespinapr@gmail.com so she can send a Zoom invite and link.

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>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89655025431>

Ballot Box Drop Off Locations

- 1. Germantown Recreation Center**, 18905 Kingsview Road (off Clopper Rd), Germantown, 20874
- 2. Activity Center at Bohrer Park**, 506 South Frederick Avenue (Rt 355), Gaithersburg, 20877
- 3. Watkins Mill High School**, 10301 Apple Ridge Road, Gaithersburg, 20879
- 4. 18753 N Frederick Ave (Rt 355 near Toyota Service Center)**, Gaithersburg 20879
- 5. Clarksburg High School**, 22500 Wims Road, Clarksburg, 20871
- 6. Community Recreation Center**, 13850 Travilah Road, Rockville, 20850 or 11315 Falls Road, Potomac, 20854
- 7. Poolesville High School**, West Willard Road, Poolesville, 20837

Simply place your completed ballot in the return envelope, sign the oath on the envelope, seal the return envelope and take it to a drop off box in the county. Ballot drop off boxes will be delivered at different times. The drop boxes will be available through Tuesday, November 3rd. Your ballot must be dropped off by 8 pm on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Please make sure your oath is signed on the return envelope or the ballot will not count. Ballot drop off boxes are monitored and secured by trusted election officials. Ballots are retrieved from the boxes at least twice daily by election officials. The drop off boxes are not property of the United States Postal Service. If you have any questions, please contact your local election office. This list may be updated to include new drop box locations as they become available. For location up dates, go to elections.maryland.gov/2020. *This list is subject to change.*

Social Action Committee

Voting Task Force

Fire Pit Fridays

Our Fire Pit Friday scheduled for **October 16th** **has been cancelled** and is rescheduled for October 23rd.

Enjoy the chance to connect with others with social distant fellowshiping around a fire.

BYOB&SS (bring your own beverage and smores stuff).

Chat and Chew Lunch Bunch

Friday, October 23rd

12:15-1:15 at Black Hills Regional Park

Picnic pavilion nearest the playground/bring your own chair if you prefer.

Social distancing protocols required. Contact Jeannie Springmann with questions

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