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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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God on the Move: What's going on, Mercy Mercy Me!

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: Terri Molaski

Liturgist: John Bartkowiak

Pastor: Rev. Holly R. Jackson

Guest Preacher: Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

Deacon: Bryan Young, Tim Fuss and John Bartkowiak

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).

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: O come let us worship and lift our hearts,
not because the world is good and last week was awesome,

**People: but because the earth is the Lord's and everything in it,
the God of the whole Earth.**

Liturgist: O come let us worship and raise our hands,
not because our lives are all sweetness and light,

**People: but because even those who walk in darkness can see a
great light, the Bright and Morning Star.**

Liturgist: O come let us worship and bow down,
not because God gives us what we want,

**People: but because God gives us what we need –
love, presence and hope.**

Opening Prayer

Liturgist: Eternal Wisdom, in the midst of all of life's noise, we long to recognize your voice. Where we have been led astray by the loudest and most visible, the power-hungry, and the greedy, you call us back. Back to your way that nourishes. Back to the dreams of your prophets. Back to what grounds and sustains. Today and always, may we be open to your Spirit whose truth leads us home. 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 moment of silence.)*

Prayer of Confession

People: Holy One, we confess that we have failed to remember your covenant with us. We turn from your ways to the ways of this world we created, seeking selfish gain. We forget to love our neighbors and simply tolerate them, if that. We complain and quarrel and are bitter. We at times fail to believe that you are still at work in our world. Forgive us for our faithlessness. Forgive us for not trusting in you. Forgive us for not living into your ways of love, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Call us back into repentance, into your way, your truth, and your life for us, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: Listen! God is calling your name. God knows the hairs on your head. God knows your heart. Listen! Hear the Good News: God's love endures forever. There is nothing you can do to separate you from God's love. There is nowhere you can go where God cannot find you! Listen! Turn back to God, and know God's love has always been with you, is with you now, and will lead you home. Amen.

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 #526

"We are Marching in the Light of God"

*We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, ooh
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, ooh,
we are marching in the light of God.*

*We are dancing in the light of God
We are dancing in the light of God
We are dancing in the light of God
We are dancing in the light of God
We are dancing, we are dancing, ooh
we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing, we are dancing, ooh,
we are dancing in the light of God.*

Children's Message

Scripture

Habakkuk 1:1-5 and 2: 1- 3

Contemporary Reading

Sermon

"What's going on, Mercy Mercy Me!" Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

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.*

Stewardship Moment

Luz Granada

Offertory Invitation

Liturgist: The prophets are all around us. Calling us to lay down our love for power. Inviting us to come and learn from those we have turned away. Telling the truths we need to hear. With thanks for God's grace that reaches to us even before we know we need it, let us bring our offerings together.

Offertory Prayer

People: Faithful One, as we give thanks for your prophets and their words of freedom, we grieve the ways injustice takes its toll on them. We acknowledge their labors come at a great cost. With these offerings, we pray that we may be a community that listens, responds, and offers support and solidarity to all your sacred truth-tellers and holy rabble-rousers. Until the Kin-dom come, may it be so. Amen.

Closing Music

“Listening”

By Lea Morris

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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.

“Call to Worship” adapted from a prayer by Leonard Sweet, “Opening Prayer,” and “Offertory Invitation and Prayer” adapted from enfleshed. “Prayer of Confession” and “Assurance of Pardon” written by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org. Hymns and lyrics reprinted and streamed under ONE LICENSE # 724117-A. All Rights Reserved.

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Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

Our Guest Preacher today is Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett. Dr. Tippett is Afro German. She received her master’s and doctorate degrees in ministry from Howard University. While matriculating at Howard University School of Divinity, she received the Gandy Award in ministry. She worked in many fields most of them serving the inner-city community. She has served on the Board of Directors, for the Dinner Program for Homeless Women, worked with Planned Parenthood as a consultant on a Teenage Pregnancy Program for inner-city youth and parents in the local church; taught bible study classes for adults and senior high students. She has ministered to the HIV/AIDs community, the elderly and the under-served in Washington Metropolitan area. She lectured on the Practical Application of Ministry to university students, church groups and special interest groups. Dr. Tippett is certified by the National Association of Human Rights Workers. As a Professional Human Rights Worker, she volunteered over three hundred hours in that field.

Dr. Baskett-Tippett is currently a Member-In-Discernment working through the UCC ordination process. She has worked and preached in several churches throughout the Washington Metropolitan area including Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Alfred Street Baptist Church, Faith Temple, Northeastern Presbyterian Church, here at UCC Seneca Valley, and at her own church, Peoples Congregational UCC Church. It is her firm belief that, “The only degree that matters in life is the one that allows others to feel the love, mercy and grace of God, who is always calling us to God’s self.”

**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)

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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>

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>

Honoring Sally Duncan for All Saint's Day

As we approach All Saint's Day on November 1st we want to have a special honoring of Saints we have lost this year. For our congregation we lost Sally Duncan, one of the great Matriarchs of our congregation, back in February. Because of the move to online worship we were really never able to honor Sally before this. So on November 1st we'd love to share your photos and maybe a story or two about Sally. If you have pictures of Sally or a story you'd like to share about her please email them to HollyRJackson@gmail.com.

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.*

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Voting Task Force