

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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Dear Church:
Who's Got Spiritual Gifts?
10:00 a.m. 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

Online Greeter:	Terri Molaski
Liturgist:	Laura Lineberger
Pastor:	Rev. Holly R. Jackson
Deacon:	Deb Anderson
Director of Music Ministry:	Stefan Petrov
Zoom Technical Support:	Patrick Jackson

Instructions for Zoom Worship:

As you sit down to worship, we encourage you to bring a candle (flame or electric). For Communion Sunday please have bread or a cracker and juice or wine with you as you sit down to worship. 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 send a 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: There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given by God.

People: But there is only one Spirit.

Liturgist: There are a variety of things we can do to serve the Lord.

People: But it is the same Lord we all serve.

Liturgist: There are many activities we can do to serve God:
teach, sing, clean, preach, play, work...

People: But all these are activated by God.

Liturgist: There are many manifestations of God's Spirit in the world.

People: It is impossible to list them all.

Liturgist: To say that one is better than another is foolish.

People: God gives to each as God chooses. Thanks be to God!

Opening Prayer

Liturgist: God of all good gifts, we thank you and praise you. Your Spirit has touched our lives, bringing wisdom, ability, strength, courage, and passion. Enable us to use our gifts in service to you and to others. In this hour of worship, help us to see the gifts that you have given us and challenge ourselves to truly live into them. Let us not imagine that others are spiritual, but we are not, or others are gifted but we are not, or others are better equipped to do this work and so we should leave it to them. Instead, empower us to be the church in this community, in this time, in every way you need us to be. To the glory of your Realm of love and justice. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"You Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"

Invitation to Confession

Liturgist: To come before God with the truth of our lives is itself an act of faith: we trust that the Holy One is interested in us, interested in our minds and hearts and souls. We trust that God's mercy and grace are intended for us, too. With faith and in trust, let us make our confession to God, first in silent prayer.

(A chime calls us to a moment of silence.)

Prayer of Confession

People: God you have given each of us many gifts, but sometimes we cannot recognize what gift we have to share, so we hide it under a bushel. You remind us that all gifts are needed, but sometimes we let ourselves be convinced that some gifts are more special than others. You call us to work, to live, to love together as parts of one body, but sometimes we decide that membership in the body is limited by our understandings. God, for the times we have ignored or mislabeled your gifts, for those times we

have cut another off from the body, we offer words of repentance, we ask for forgiveness and grace. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: God is the giver of MANY gifts. God is the Creator of the ONE body. God is slow to anger and quick to forgive. God helps us to share and honor the gifts of all, God helps us to heal the wounds and reunite the body. We are forgiven, loved, and accepted.

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.)

Sung response to the Peace

"Arise Your Light Has Come"

Message For All Ages

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Contemporary Reading

Sermon

Rev. Holly Jackson

Meditative Music

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 Thou My Vision”

Offertory Invitation

Liturgist: As God has poured generosity out over us, we are called to give back out of our abundance. The gifts we offer here today are but a small measure of our gratitude and hope for a better world. Let us give with joyful hearts in acknowledgement that we are fully known as beloved of God.

Offertory Prayer

People: Holy One, sometimes, we believe the gifts we offer are too small to matter. But when they are combined with all the other gifts – of healing, of hope, of compassion, of your heart – they can become rivers of grace and justice flowing through the lives of everyone around us. We offer our gifts to you in this hope, as we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Closing Music

“Renew Your Church”

Extinguish the Light

Benediction

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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? Have questions?

Please consider leaving us your contact information at
<https://forms.gle/Rjicc2jdMmzCgCFh8>

Greeters and Liturgists are needed always!

If you are available on Sundays, please consider signing up at
[UCC of Seneca Valley: UCCSV Worship Support \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/UCCofSenecaValley/UCCSVWorshipSupport)

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- **Online via PayPal:**

[United Church of Christ of Seneca Valley - Donate \(uccsenecavalley.org\)](https://uccsenecavalley.org)

- **Text “Give” to 301-720-1980** (first time givers will need to input credit card information).