

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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Living Into Our Calling- Mentoring and Leaving a Legacy

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

Deacon: Tim 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: Gathering in this sacred place we anticipate new wonders each week.

People: Wherever two or three are gathered to worship, a holy spirit is present.

Liturgist: Open our eyes to witness the fantastic love and wondrous joy waiting to be revealed, even this day, even in this place.

People: We will want to linger and camp in this space but when we leave today may our hearts be open to all the wonders of God's beautiful world.

Opening Prayer

Liturgist: O Holy One, on mountaintops and valley floors you reveal to us the light of your love. Our hearts desire is to bask in the amazing glory of the divine presence. With each encounter we are changed and transformed. Draw us ever nearer that we might receive a double portion of your Holy Spirit. Help us, O Holy One, to live our lives as a reflection of divine glory. Help us to learn from each other. To mentor others even as we are mentored by others. May we walk among our siblings and friends as a blessing, bearing light into shadowy places, hope to displace despair, and love that casts out hate. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

***Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.***

***Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)***

***Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
who, if you ask for knowledge, will never fail to lend. (Refrain)***

***If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, who died to save us all. (Refrain)***

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: God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as your disciples. Keep pushing us to share our wisdom with others and to listen and learn from each other. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray. 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

"I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"

*I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
Jesus lifted me, singing glory hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.*

*When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
Jesus lifted me, singing glory hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.*

Children's Message

Scripture

2 Kings 2:1-12, Mark 9:2-10

Contemporary Reading

Quotes from Maya Angelou and Denzel Washington

Sermon

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

"I Love My God, Who Heard My Cry"

***I love my God, who heard my cry
and chased my every grief away.
O let my heart no more despair
while I have breath to pray.***

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 Kin-dom 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: With these gifts we proclaim not ourselves but Jesus and commit ourselves to follow a way that leads to love and life. May our sacrifice be witness to our love for each other and the God who loves us all. Amen

Closing Music

"I Got You"

The Many

Lyrics by Lenora Rand, Music by Hannah Rand, © Plural Guild Music 2020

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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 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

<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>

Valentine's Cards to Help Us Connect

Send Valentine's Day Greetings to those in the church who may be in need of an extra note or card full of joy this month. And if you can't get to it this week, never fear, love can be shared all of February! For our address directory or a separate list of names and addresses of the children and youth in our community along with some of our members

who might be more isolated and in need of connection please email HollyRJackson@gmail.com with your request.

Ash Wednesday

Join us on Wednesday, February 17th for a joint Zoom Ash Wednesday service at 7:30pm with Trinity United Methodist Church. In preparation for this service we invite you to have with you a small bowl of soil. The link for this service will be in the Weekly Summary page and also sent out by separate email.

Virtual Farkle/Yahtzee Game Night

Sign up on Sign-up Genius to play Farkle or Yahtzee. Game nights this month will be held on Tuesday, February 23 from 7 - 8ish. This time around, we will try offering break our rooms for Farkle and Yahtzee (keep your fingers crossed). If you're playing Farkle, please make sure you have 6 dice, a pencil, and a copy of the score sheet. If you are playing Yahtzee, please have 5 dice, a pencil, and score sheet. I will send score sheets with the Zoom link next week. Contact Beth at balauiat@aol.com if you have questions.

Lenten Soupers

Please plan to join us for Lenten Soupers Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. We'll begin at 6:30pm for a half hour of conversation and eating together. (If we were in person this is when we would enjoy a common simple meal of soup, salad, bread, and dessert. However, as we will come together over Zoom you can bring whatever kind of meal you want!) Then at 7pm we will watch a short video together. Afterwards we will discuss the video and its implications. We'll close between 8 and 8:15 by sharing in prayer and simple spiritual disciplines. Over the course of our five weeks together we'll explore issues of healing and health that will echo and amplify the themes we're exploring in Sunday worship. You can come to one Wednesday or all five. We'd love to break bread and learn together. More details to come!