

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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Black History Month:
Celebrating Fierce Love
10:00 a.m. In-Person & Livestreamed to 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:	TBD
Liturgist:	Terri Molaski
Usher:	Dee Dee Molaski
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 9:45am and worship begins at 10.

Welcome & Announcements

Welcoming the Light into Worship – Light your candle at home

Prelude

Call to Worship

Liturgist: With what shall we come before our God?

People: God has already told us what is good.

Liturgist: Shall we come with gifts and offerings?

People: God wants us to do justice.

Liturgist: What does the Lord require of us?

People: God wants us to love kindness.

Liturgist: What does the Lord require of us?

People: God wants us to walk humbly with God.

Liturgist: Come then, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Liturgist: Holy One, you created all human beings in your image and likeness. You have stamped each human person with a unique specialness, and all persons bear your image. Through that image you call on us to reflect your goodness, justice, and love to all the world. Remind us that when we speak out for justice, mercy, and compassion we are displaying the attributes we find in you. Show us how to respect your image in all human beings. Help us to defend and protect your diverse and beautiful creation. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“I Want Jesus to Go With Me” (#490)

Invitation to Confession

Liturgist: All too often, we tell God we will do better, and be better, and then just go on living the same way we always have. Let this be the moment, when we admit to God and to ourselves, where we have fallen short, so that we can live and act differently as we work to create a just world for all. 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 all people and races, we pray that the Spirit will reorient us: challenging us to live by grace rather than entitlement, expecting us to be a blessing to the earth. We pray that by acknowledging our brokenness, we will be closer to becoming a church where the good news is lived out: faith nurtured and hearts comforted, gifts shared for the good of all, resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize, fierce love in the face of violence, human dignity defended, members of a diverse community held and inspired by God. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: God is our refuge and home. God is our strength and center. God is a very present help. God has always been, and always will be, with us. World without end. We are forgiven and loved. Be at peace.

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

"I Love My God Who Heard My Cry"

Message for All Ages**Scriptures**

Galatians 5:1, 13–15, Luke 4:14-21

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

Choral Anthem

"We Shall Walk Through the Valley"

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

"Standing in the Need of Prayer"

Offertory Invitation

Liturgist: Today is all we have. We will rejoice, we will be renewed, and we will give. We will learn from the past, cherish today, and welcome the future because God have given us a powerful and sacred history. We will teach and learn, speak and listen, and grow strong every day of every month. Let us give now to ensure our celebration continues and transforms us and the world around us.

Offertory Prayer

People: Your gifts to us are diverse and many. In gratitude for all you have given to us we offer these gifts of money. Yet not only our monies—we also offer to you our time and our abilities. Use these gifts to make your love known throughout the world. We dedicate ourselves and all that we are to your work. This we pray in your name. Amen.

Closing Music

“This is My Song” (#591)

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:**

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