

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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Sixth Sunday in Pentecost: Chosen Family

10:00 am 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 Announced

Liturgist: Shelley Moore

Pastor: Rev. Holly R. Jackson

Guest Preacher: Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath

Deacon: Deb Anderson

Director of Music Ministry: Stefan Petrov

Zoom Technical Support: Tim Fuss

Instructions for Zoom Worship:

As you sit down to worship we encourage you to bring a candle (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: Friends of God, believe this – God loved the world, God loves the world, we are the beloved!

People: May the truth of this great love story shine through our worship today and renew our sense of calling.

Liturgist: So come, with your tiredness, your frustrations and your discouragements; come with your doubts, your fears, and your longings; come, to discover yet again how Jesus reveals God's love and mercy.

People: We come, in friendship to God and to each other, and in friendship to the world, to listen for God's Word to us, to offer our prayers, and to renew our calling. Friends of God, let us worship!

Opening Prayer

Liturgist: God who made all things and is beyond our imagining, thank you for the gift of life, the gift of today, and the gift of this space. Jesus Christ who came into our world to be with us, thank you for your healing presence, your life, and your friendship. Spirit of God breathe on us, be in our midst and animate our worship. We're here. You're here. May that be enough. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"All Are Welcome"

Invitation to Confession

Liturgist: We'd like to imagine that we do what is right, both individually and as the church in general. However, we know that regardless of our best hopes or intentions, sometimes we fail at being just and loving. Sometimes the structures in which we find meaning have caused, and continue to cause, others pain. We confess not to wallow in shame, but to grow and learn from our mistakes and to find mercy and grace in God's mothering arms. Let us begin with a moment of silence.

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

Prayer of Confession

People: Holy God, hear our prayer:

For the mending of hearts, torn apart by unkindness; for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; for the forgiveness we seek for the sins we have allowed to persist; for the reconciliation of the world, whose injustice and inequality condemns us. We pray for the courage to admit our fault, the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: Beloved community, let us rest in the promise that God is faithful and we in turn can be too. Let us recognize that the wideness of God's mercy is for saints and sinners. Having received God's gift of forgiveness, let us welcome new ways of being faithful.

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

"Rejoice You Pure in Heart"

Children's Message

Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath

Scripture

Philippians 1:3-11

Sermon

Chosen Family

Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath

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

"More Love to You O Christ"

Offertory Invitation

Liturgist: It is a gift to be able to give something away. We are called to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. In this time we offer back to God what God has graciously given to us with a promise that we will use these gifts to make a difference in the world God loves and work to build God's Realm here on earth.

Offertory Prayer

People: Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives. Amen.

Closing Music

"The Lord Bless You"

Lutkin

Extinguish The Light

Benediction

Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath

At our virtual pulpit today is The Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath (she/her/hers) who is an ordained minister in the [United Church of Christ](#) (UCC). She holds a BA from [William Smith College](#) (the women's half of Hobart and William Smith Colleges). She has a Masters of Divinity from [Andover Newton](#) with a certificate in Spiritual Care and Counseling. Heidi also holds a professional diploma in Leading Spiritual Diversity in Higher Education from [NYU](#). Heidi is a public theologian and teller of hard truths, someone who holds pain and joy with the same breath. She is a Spiritual Director, writer, preacher, speaker, and activist. She is also a proud queer femme, the wife of Rev. Dr. Emily C. Heath, and slightly codependent cat mama to Atticus and Windsor.

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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/Rjicc2jdMmzCgCFh8>

Greeters and Liturgists Needed ASAP

If you are available on Sundays, please consider signing up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849a4a722a02-uccsv>

Pastor Holly on Vacation June 14th-June 27th

Holly will be on vacation for two weeks, including Sundays from June 14th - June 27th. She will not be checking email while she is away. If you have a pastoral concern you can contact your Deacon or John Barkowiak, Chair of Deacons if you don't know who your Deacon is. If you need to speak to a clergy person Rev. Bonnie Scott of Trinity UMC is covering for Holly while she's away. You can call her at 301-540-4300 or email her at revbonnie@trinity-germantown.org.

Upcoming Sunday Worship at UCCSV

July 4 – Faces of our Faith: The Daughters of Zelophehad – Standing up for Justice Together

July 11-Faces of our Faith: Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego – Courage in the Face of Fear

July 18 – Faces of our Faith: Queen Vashti – Standing Up for Ourselves

July 25 – Faces of our Faith: Deborah – Creating Space for God's Wisdom