

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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Pentecost:

Children and Youth Sunday

10:00 a.m.

In-Person & Livestreamed through Zoom

Our Mission

UCC of 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:	Rev. Holly R. Jackson & UCCSV's Children & Youth
Usher(s):	TBD
In-Person Deacon:	John Bartkowiak & Bethany Fuss
Zoom Deacon:	TBD
Pastor:	Rev. Holly R. Jackson
Music Support:	Beth Lauriat, Bethany Fuss
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. Use the chat box for the passing of the peace and prayer requests or other worship responses. Chat directly to individuals as appropriate.

Welcome & Announcements

Welcoming the Light into Worship – Light your candle at home

Prelude

(*Stand in Body or Spirit)

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Come and worship,
everyone on earth,
everywhere the sun shines,
People: let's praise God together!
Liturgist: For listening when we call,
answering our prayers,
forgiving our mistakes,
and providing what we need:
People: let's praise God together!
Liturgist: Come and worship,
everyone on earth,
everywhere the sun shines,
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*Opening Prayer

Liturgist: Holy One,
For all of the ways you speak to us –
in rushing wind,
in dancing flames,
in words we understand,
and in all that transcends language,
we give thanks.
Give us courage to speak your love,
everywhere we go,
to everyone we meet.
Amen.

*Opening Hymn

“Little Children Welcome”

#323 v. 1-3

Invitation to Confession

Liturgist: Sometimes we make mistakes. Sometimes we do things we shouldn't do. Sometimes we even forget or fail to do some things we know we should do. In those moments we may feel guilty or sad or angry at others or ourselves. When we come to church, we get to admit our mistakes. Not to feel badly about them, but to be forgiven and to learn from them. God loves us and wants to help us make the world a better place and to be happy ourselves. In this time, we are honest with God and know we are forgiven. We start with quiet when we hear the sound of the chime.

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

Prayer of Confession

Pastor and Helpers: God you created our hands beautiful and capable but...

Too often we use them to grab what we want
We ball them up into fists to hit.
We use them to hug only ourselves.
We hide them behind our backs
pretending there is nothing we could do to help when we know there is.

So, we turn our hands up to you asking for forgiveness.
Forgive all the bad we have done with our hands.
Wash our hands and make them clean.
Lead us to use our hands well.
Teach us to open our hands to share with others.
Give us the power to fist bump our neighbors.
Show us how to join hands with our neighbors to build your kingdom of love.
We pray in Jesus' name and remembering his loving hands.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: You know what?!! You're forgiven. And you're forgiven. And you're forgiven. God says you are loved. Start again and find joy in God's mercy.
Let's raise our hands to God in praise.

***Passing of the Peace**

***Sung Response**

"There's a Spirit of Love in this Place"

***There's a spirit of love in this place,
there's a spirit of love in this place.
You can't see it but it's there,
just as precious as the air.
There's a spirit of love in this place.***

***O alleluia, sing alleluia!
We bless your holy name.
O alleluia, sing alleluia!
There's a spirit of love in this place.***

Dramatic Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Contemporary Reading

Prayer for the Calling of the Young
Rev Marjory McPherson

Reflections

Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me"

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Community Life and Concerns

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

"Here Are Our Hearts"

Here are our hearts, here are our hands

Here are our lives, use them as you can.

Show us those who hurt. Show us those in need.

Show us how to serve. Teach us how to see.

Offertory Invitation

Liturgist: We invite you at this time to share God's abundance—in person in the offering plates at the doors or online or in any way that you feel called to do so. We offer what we have and share our gifts because God can take what little we have and multiply it to do so much more. This morning's offering will now be received.

Offering Song

"Gifts of the Spirit"

UCCSV Choir

Offertory Prayer

God of Amazement and Wonder, you have been preparing the way for us throughout time. On this day of Pentecost, we celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit. All things are possible with you, O God. We trust that this offering will foster the miracles and the possibilities that you have in store for this church community. We await with hearts already filled in amazement and wonder at your ways. Come Holy Spirit, come! Amen.

Communion Invitation

Child: Who can come to this table?

People: All are invited to this table.

Child: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Child: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Child: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Questions and Prayers

Child: Why do we give thanks at this table?

Leader: We give thanks for God's creation for making us in God's image. We give thanks because God never gives up on us, no matter what. We give thanks because when it was time, God sent Jesus, God's child, to show God's love for us.

Child: What do we remember at this table?

Leader: We remember Jesus, God's child: Jesus healed the sick and restored sight to the blind; Jesus welcomed children and ate with outcasts. Jesus fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and treated strangers as friends. Jesus said love was stronger than fear and life was stronger than death. On Easter Jesus rose again so we could too.

Child: Why do we eat bread at this table?

Leader: On the night that he gave himself up for love and justice, Jesus was having dinner with his friends as he usually did but this time something was different. Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." For those at home take your bread lift it up in front of you and break it in remembrance of Jesus, now put it back down on your plate.

Child: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

Leader: After supper Jesus gave them the cup as the promise of our relationship with God. "Take and drink," he said. "This is the cup of the new covenant poured out for you and for all people. Whenever you drink of it, do this in remembrance of me." For those at home take your cup and lift it in front of you to bless it then put it back down next to the bread.

Child: But this is just everyday bread and grape juice and wine.

Leader: God is especially good at making simple everyday things really meaningful and holy. Let us pray that God will do that with this bread and juice and wine right now. Put your blessing hands out over the bread and cup: Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit to be with us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup that the bread we break and the cup we bless may bring us closer to Jesus and Jesus closer to us. Amen.

Come now because the table is set for everyone, and God is eager to share it with us.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Those in the pews are invited to come forward and get the communion elements and then return to your seats. We will bring the elements to those who cannot come forward for any reason. Please wait to consume the elements until all are once again seated. Those at home can ready themselves until we all eat the bread and drink the juice/wine together.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

People: Thank you God for this special meal. Let us remember how it felt to be close to you and to each other in this moment. Be with us always as we go back out into the world. Amen.

***Closing Music**

“Sweet, Sweet, Spirit”

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***Extinguish the Light**

***Benediction**

Postlude

(*Stand in Body or Spirit)

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Fellowship Time - Each week after worship we will share in snacks, coffee/tea, and conversation in the Gathering Room or on the side portico (weather permitting) immediately after worship.

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/WorshipSupport)

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