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**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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Faces of Our Faith:

Daughters of Zelophehad – Demanding Justice and Change

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: Jeanne Springmann

Pastor: Rev. Holly R. Jackson

Deacon: John Bartkowiak

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). 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: We gather to worship!

People: We have come to claim our inheritance as the people of God!

Liturgist: We gather to encounter God.

People: We have come to experience the beautiful mix of Spirit and humanity.

Liturgist: We gather to explore faith in community.

People: We are ready to worship in new ways!

Opening Prayer

Liturgist: Guiding Spirit, we are hoping to hear you in today's story of Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah, faces of our faith from our ancient scriptures. We pray for our comfort, our encouragement, our inspiration, and our commitment, so that when we hear your call, we will answer it. May we be inspired by these women to lift up the voices from outside our own tents as they speak their truth. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"His Eye is On the Sparrow"

Invitation to Confession

Liturgist: Now, in the silence of our confession, when we struggle to control our lives, may we, once again, empty ourselves of our pride and fears, to be filled with your hope. Now, in these moments, when we find it so hard to let go of our worries and doubts, may we, once again, open our hands to hold your faith. Now, on this day which is only and always your gift to us, may we, once again, find grace and follow the example of our ancestors in faith by living into your kin-dom. *(A chime calls us to a moment of silence.)*

Prayer of Confession

People: Holy God, we want to have a faith expression that reflects you and reflects our true selves, but so often we fall short. We don't speak up. We force people into boxes, even at church. Heal us and encourage us to see ourselves as you see us. Encourage us both to speak and to hear your truth. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: In Christ, we find true liberation – liberation for ourselves, for our community, and for our world. Be assured that you are seen, you are loved, and you are forgiven. Rest in that sure knowledge.

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

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Children's Message**Scripture**

Numbers 27:1-11

Art Reflection

"They Stood" By Lauren Wright Pittman

Sermon

Rev. Holly R. Jackson

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

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Offertory Invitation

Liturgist: Our ancestors in faith taught us that when we give of ourselves - of our time, of our energy, of our gifts, of our treasure - amazing things are possible. In their honor and keeping in mind all that they taught us, we pause now to give back to God and to this community that nurtures and sustains us. We give to help transform lives and to do justice in the hope that someday those who come after us will remember our faithful actions and seek to do the same.

Offertory Prayer

People: Gracious God, you give us many gifts. Sometimes those gifts are material provisions and sometimes they are the assurances that you truly see us. We ask that you bless all that we share, so that no-one will feel outside of your church or outside of your love. Amen.

Closing Music

“Rise Up”

The Many

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 ASAP

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