

Columbia United Church Of Christ

January 17, 2021
MLK Sunday



CUCC

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CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
No matter where you are on your faith journey;
No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;
You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

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10:30 Worship

"MLK Sunday"

**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

*"...O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You discern my thoughts from far away..."
-Psalm 139:1-3*

Gathering Music	Amy Crousore
Welcome and Greetings	Pastor Rick
Prelude	Amy Crousore
	<i>"There is a Balm in Gilead"</i>
	Mark Hayes

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 139)* Mahree Skala

God searches us and knows us;
God knows us when we sit down and rise up.
God knows our thoughts even from far away.
God searches out our path and shows us the way.
God is acquainted with all our ways.
Even before a word is on our tongue, God knows us completely.

**Praise God with all your heart!
We are wonderfully made, created to know God.**

**Search us, O God and know us;
Lead us in the ways of everlasting life!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing" NCH #593

*Opening Prayer Mahree Skala

God of liberation; you challenge your people to embrace true freedom; yet we often find ourselves bound by the allegiances we fail to disavow. Systems of poverty, racism and aggression envelop us and blind us to your gift of liberation. Forgive us when we fail to shake those bonds. Teach us the principles of nonviolence, as embodied by your servants, that we may effect social change in your world and bring about your vision of the beloved community. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

- *Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick
 God's intention for humanity is lived out when every voice lifts up the harmonies of liberty for all; and God is well pleased. But even when we fail to live into God's Vision of Beloved Community, God blesses and forgives us. We are forgiven! We are God's beloved! Praise be to God!
- *Prayer Response "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
**Turn your eyes upon Jesus;
 Look full in his wonderful face;
 And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim
 In the light of his glory and grace!**
- Sharing God's Gift of Peace Pastor Rick
- Children's Time
- Response "This Little Light of Mine" *(traditional)*
**This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
 This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
 This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**
- Living our Mission "Habitat for Humanity" Mahree Skala
- Anthem "I Dream of a World" Ed Rollins
Mark Miller
- Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Mahree Skala
The boy Samuel, dedicated to God by his mother, Hannah, is serving in the Temple when he hears God's voice calling him. He does not know it is God. He relies upon Eli, under whom he is serving, to interpret and discern God's call in his life. After Eli's interpretation, Samuel is ready to drop everything and follow God.
- Gospel Lesson John 1:43-51 Mahree Skala
The author of the Gospel attributed to John gives his take on Jesus calling the disciples; a narrative that is distinctly more divine in aspects than the other Gospel authors. Here Jesus calls Phillip and Nathaniel and speaks of the divine experience they will witness.
- Hymn "There is a Balm in Gilead" NCH #553
- Sermon: "What is a Disciple?" Pastor Rick
- *Hymn: "We Shall Overcome" (verses 1-4) NCH #570
- Community Prayer
- Silent Prayer

The LORD's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response "Grant Us Peace"

**Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
Hear our prayer, O Lord!
Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
And Grant us Thy Peace! A-men!**

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Presenting our Gifts

"Minuet"

Lucy Smith
Telemann

To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041

and follow the prompts

You can also give online by visiting our website:

www.columbiaucc.com

*Response "We Praise You, O God" NCH #420

**We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring!
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
We praise your holy name, glad praises we sing!**

*Prayer of Dedication Mahree Skala

Take these gifts, O God, and let them be instruments of your peace. Let them sow unity where there is division, hope where there is hopelessness, and love where there is conflict. May they alleviate poverty, racism and aggression in our world; and be used to bring about your Beloved Community. Amen.

*Benediction Pastor Rick

*Response: "Let There be Peace on Earth"

**Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, Children all are we!
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!**

*Postlude "God is Here!" Amy Crousore
Mark Sedio

THE KING CENTER

Established in 1968 by Mrs. Coretta Scott King, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change ("The King Center") has been a global destination, resource center and community institution for over fifty years. The King Center is a 501(c)3. Nearly a million people each year make pilgrimage to the National Historic Site to learn, be inspired and pay their respects to Dr. King's legacy.

Both a traditional memorial and programmatic nonprofit, the King Center was envisioned by its founder to be "no dead monument, but a living memorial filled with all the vitality that was his, a center of human endeavor, committed to the causes for which he lived and died." That vision was carried out through educational and community programs until Mrs. King's retirement in the mid-1990's, and today it is being revitalized.

Our Positioning Statement

In accordance with Dr. King's nonviolent philosophy and methodology, we provide education and training, support advocacy, formulate policy and foster research.

Our Vision

A world that reflects the Beloved Community where all people are valued, respected and treated with dignity.

Our Mission

We prepare global citizens to create a more just, humane and peaceful world using Dr. King's nonviolent philosophy and methodology (Nonviolence365®).

The King Center
449 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30312
www.thekingcenter.org



The Triple Evils articulated by Dr. King

- **Poverty**– unemployment, homelessness, hunger, malnutrition, illiteracy, infant mortality, slums. Compassion for the "least of these"
- **Racism**– prejudice, apartheid, ethnic conflict, anti-Semitism, sexism, colonialism, homophobia, ageism, ableism, stereotyping
- **Aggression**- war, imperialism, domestic violence, rape, terrorism, human trafficking, media violence, drugs, child abuse, violent crime, nationalism

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Mahree Skala
Acolyte:
Ushers:
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson/James Melton
Hospitality:
Council Stewards:



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Seth Smith
Acolyte: Lil Smith
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Technology Booth: Mike Pierson/James Melton
Hospitality:
Council Stewards:

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ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

If you are a ministry team leader and have not turned in your Annual Report yet, please do so! April and Pastor Rick will be working on these this week. We plan to have the Annual Report ready for distribution by Sunday, January 24.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2021 giving envelopes are ready. Those that usually receive envelopes can pick them up at the church office during normal office hours (Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm) or coordinate with Brent Marcks to get them. If you aren't currently receiving envelopes but you would like to please contact Brent Marcks. You can reach Brent by phone at (573) 819-5145 or by email at brentmarcks@gmail.com

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BREAKFAST ALTERNATIVE

Due to the ongoing struggle with the COVID pandemic, the Men's Fellowship is canceling the annual Uel Blank Habitat for Humanity benefit breakfast this year. We still want to help Habitat for Humanity as best we are able, so we are sponsoring an online fund raiser for them. We normally raise about \$1500. We are setting a goal of \$2000. We would appreciate it if you could help us with this goal. Please make checks out to "Men's Fellowship" and bring it by or mail it to the Church Office; or you can give through Kindrid on the church website. Just select "Habitat for Humanity" from the dropdown menu on the "Give to CUCC" tab. We are collecting through the end of February. Thank you for your consideration.

CUCC COVID RESPONSE

The CUCC COVID Response Team met on 1/4, and decided to continue our practice of online-only worship for the next few Sundays, with the possibility of beginning a phased-in resumption of in-person worship starting January 31. We will be meeting again on January 19 to discuss this further, and decide if that plan is feasible. Keep the leadership of CUCC in your prayers as we go thru this discernment time together!

TECHNOLOGY BOOTH TRAINING

James Melton and Mike Pearson will lead Technology Booth Training in the next few weeks. If you are interested in being part of this team, let them know!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	1/17	MLK DAY Worship (online only)	10:30am
Mon	1/18	Staff Meeting Loaves and Fishes Confirmation	10:15am 4:30pm 6:00pm
Tue	1/19	Council COVID Response Team meets Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	6:00pm 6:30pm
Thu	1/21	LODO Minsitry Team	5:30pm
Fri	1/22	Pastor Rick's day off	
Sun	1/24	Worship (online only)	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The United States of America... for unity and recovery

Capitol Hill Police... 60 wounded, 4 killed in armed insurrection 1/6
Officer Sarah Skala... Called to Washington DC to help protect the inauguration
All police and law enforcement, dealing with escalated tensions this month

Mariann Bullerd... health issues recovering from COVID

Jan Barry... health issues

Ardith Wilson... on hospice (Mark Wilson's mother)

Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothwieler's Aunt)

Ken Duermeyer & Family... recovering from COVID

Paul Plaspohl... health issues (Ann Stone Meyer's friend)

Karen Wittich... recovering from knee replacement 1/8 (Kim Oberle's mother)

Andrew Hill... challenges in life (April Rothweiler's son) and April, too..

All who are suffering from COVID-19 virus and other viruses

All who are on the front lines, serving those with COVID-19

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Zimny, Lasley, Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,

Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);

Riley Gregg (Alisa Lau-Sieckmann's neighbor); Christine Mseke,

Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)

Dennis Froeschner... anticipating knee replacement surgery

Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson

James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)

Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);

Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Ricardo Mayol... serving in Guatemala

Pregnancies in our church family:

Ed Rollins & Jess Wolfe

2020 Confirmation Class (Confirmation on delay until...?):

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly

2021 Confirmation Class:

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,

Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1921; alt.

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has

har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing
 days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y
 brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your

rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the
 beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our
 might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
 peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

Poet James Weldon Johnson was the first African-American to pass the bar examination in the state of Florida, and served as U.S. consul in Venezuela and Nicaragua. He collaborated with his composer brother, John Rosamond Johnson, to write Broadway operettas and edit song collections. John appeared in vaudeville, directed London musicals, and headed the Music School Settlement in New York.

Tune: LIFT EVERY VOICE Irr.
 J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

CITIZENSHIP

faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the
 way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our
 plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the
 wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white
 neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our

on till vic - to - ry is won.
 gleam of our bright star is cast.
 God, true to our na - tive land.

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*Jer. 8:18-22; 46:11; Acts 10:34-43**African-American spiritual; alt.**Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole,

Last time, end

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend,
 3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

to Refrain

But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev - er fail to lend.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.

This is one of the most moving of the African-American spirituals because it illustrates the way in which the enslaved tried to encourage those who were feeling especially weighed down by the burden of their captivity.

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD Irr. with refrain
 African-American spiritual

We Shall Overcome

(vs. 1-4 only)

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United States traditional

John 8:31-32; Rom. 12:21; 2 Cor. 13:11

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -
 2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in
 3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -
 4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us

come, we shall o - ver - come some day;
 hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;
 fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;
 through, our God will see us through some day;

(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,

we shall o - ver - come some day.
 we'll go hand in hand some day.
 we are not a - fraid to - day.
 our God will see us through some day.

✂ The truth shall make us free . . . some day.
 ✂ We shall live in peace . . . some day.

This anthem of the 1960s civil rights movement was frequently sung at mass meetings and marches. Several sources have been cited as its origins, including the spiritual "No more auction block for me" based on the tune known as Sicilian Mariners; an old Baptist hymn "I'll Be All Right"; and part of the text from C. A. Tindley's gospel hymn "I'll Overcome Someday."

Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME Irr.
 United States traditional
 Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981