

Columbia United Church Of Christ

July 21, 2019
Choosing God



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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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9:30 Worship**

“Devoted to God”

**Summer Schedule: 10:30 Worship resumes 9/8

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

“...you love evil more than good;
And lying more than speaking the truth
-Psalm 52:3

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

Amy Crousore

“Be Now My Vision”

Hal Hopson

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 52)

Llona Weiss

Many in our world boast
of mischief done against the kindness of God;
Loving evil more than good; lying more than speaking the truth.

**We are part of this world;
But we try to separate ourselves from it,
Relying on God and trusting in God’s grace.**

In this world of treachery and deceit,
We are called to take refuge in God, ,
Trusting in God’s righteousness and provision.

**We will trust the steadfast love of God forever and ever
We will praise God continually for what God has done.
In the presence of the faithful,
we will proclaim God’s Holy Name; for it is good.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #1

*Opening Prayer Llona Weiss

Forgive us, O God, when we allow the wicked deceit of the world to interfere with your plans for us. Forgive us when our tongues speak of treachery instead of good. We know that your Steadfast love offers renewal, forgiveness and justification. Help us to take refuge in your provision, that we may be renewed and live lives that are reflective of the blessings and provision you give us. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

The psalmist equates those who take refuge in God to green olive trees, growing and blooming in God's favor. Embracing God's Steadfast and Gracious love, this promise of renewal is ours as well. Trusting in God, we are all blessed and free. Praise God, from whom all Blessings flow!

*Prayer Response

“Spirit of the Living God”

#283

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

*At this time, you are invited to greet one another
with a hug or a handshake and the words,
“May God's Peace be with you!”*

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

“This Little Light of Mine”

#524

(Sung as children return to their seats)

Mission Moment

“VAC School Supply Drive”

Llona Weiss

Ebenezer UCC, Levasy

Mahree Skala

Anthem

Grace Harris & Linda Neale

“Amazing Grace”

John Newton

Gospel Lesson:

Luke 10:38-42

Llona Weiss

Jesus is welcomed into the home of Mary and Martha and, while there, speaks of the wisdom of self-care; putting aside the busyness of the world and focusing on what matters in life.

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Sermon

“CARA”

Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn

“Be Now My Vision”

#451

Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn

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

Pastor Rick

Commissioning our High School Mission Trip

Columbia UCC High School Youth Mission Trip 2019
(High School Youth and leaders will come forward at this time)

Commissioning

*Congregational Blessing

We, your family and friends, are honored to have you represent us, serving God this week in such a very special and dedicated way. We will journey with you this week, in our thoughts and prayers. With you go our desire for God’s Kingdom goals of Justice, Righteousness and Shalom. With you go our hearts, as you serve God this week.

Blessing and Prayer; Sending forth

Presenting our Gifts

“Gigue”

Amy Crousore
JS Bach

*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

“Thanks Be to God”

#425

For the Fruits of all Creation, thanks be to God!
For God’s gifts to every nation, thanks be to God!
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God!

*Prayer of Dedication

Llona Weiss

God of Grace; you call us into your church to embrace your Wisdom; then you send us out to do your work in the world. Take our hearts and our minds and let them be focused on your mission. Take also the gifts we offer today. Let them be used to further your mission of justice; and provide voice for those who are seeking an alternative to the ways of the world. May these gifts help provide restoration and wholeness to your Creation. 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

“Immortal, Invisible”

Amy Crousore
John Carter

FLOOD RELIEF COLLECTION FOR EBENEZER UCC, LEVASY

In early June, Ebenezer UCC in Levasy, MO was damaged by floodwaters. Over a foot of water settled in the Sanctuary and Parsonage. The waters have receded, but the clean-up work continues. They did not have flood insurance. To address their needs, Columbia UCC will be taking up a special collection today and next Sunday, with all contributions being donated directly to Ebenezer UCC. You can donate using the envelopes in the bulletin, or you can donate online using the QR code to the left or by visiting www.columbiaucc.com and clicking on the “Donate to CUCC” tab and selecting “Ebenezer UCC Levasy” from the “Choose a Fund” dropdown menu.



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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Carol Duermeyer & Bryan Crousore
Ushers: Mahree Skala
Sound Booth: Carissa Graves
Worship Leader: Llona Weiss
Hospitality: ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***
Acolyte: ***ACOLYTE NEEDED***

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Helen Schultz
Ushers: ***2 USHERS NEEDED***
Sound Booth: Doug Privitt
Worship Leader: Mission Trip Youth
Hospitality: ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***
Acolyte: ***ACOLYTE NEEDED***



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WELCOME GUESTS! If you are a guest visiting with us this morning, please fill out a green card found in your chair pocket; and be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Rick! We would love to get to know you better!

NAMETAGS We strive to be a friendly and welcoming church! Members and frequent guests, please wear your nametag each Sunday so we can greet each other most effectively and become an even friendlier church!

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NEW COOKBOOK COMING

The Women's Fellowship is putting together a new CUCC Cookbook! We need your recipes to make it happen. The women are collecting recipes until July 31. You may submit your recipe in the pot outside the sanctuary or e-mail it to the Church Office. For more information, talk to Mariann Bullerd.

THE CHRISTMAS FUND- CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Christmas Fund is an annual mission offering of the United Church of Christ to support retired clergy and church workers, as well as low-income clergy or clergy in crisis situations. We will be receiving this collection on July 28.

SIGN UP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS sign ups will be concluding soon! If you are a helper, or if your child is a participant, everyone is asked to sign up. You can do so using the link in the Friday email, or by visiting the CUCC website and clicking on the VBS link. Meals will be served for everyone starting at 5:00 each evening.

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	7/21	<i>Back to School Fair Collection</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship	9:30am

High School Mission Trip to Hiram, Ohio 7/21-7/26

Tue	7/23	Quilters	9:00am
Sun	7/28	<i>Christmas in July collection/VBS begins</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship	9:30am
		Vacation Bible School Begins	5:00pm

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Erika Maltsbarger... recovering from surgery

Harold Hackman & Sue Beckman... anticipating knee surgery

The family of Aileen Dohm... on their loss (Judi Privitt's mother)

The Dohm/Privitt families celebrating Christ's promises while grieving

Jody Sawyers... receiving treatment for cancer (Megan Hall's mother)

Sharon Elliott... living with cancer, receiving chemotherapy

Rev. Jim Elliott... for speedy relief from health issues

Infant Finn Price and the Price family... Finn is diagnosed with Myotonic

Dystrophy (Tricia's nephew)

Barb & Beth... health issues (Anne Heine's sisters)

Molly... recovering from car accident

Those affected by flooding... and other climate change symptoms

Ebenezer UCC, Levasy ... flood damages

Our church... as we discern next steps as an ONA congregation

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Remeika/Johnson family

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family;

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Kathy Kindrick;

Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Christie O'Very; Jeff Kies;

Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)

Pregnancies in our church family:

Erin (Grace) & Levi Markway; Nancy Liang & Corey Grace

Emily & Patrick Hanks; Ashley (Skala) & Stephen Scott

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson

James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends)

Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Victoria Peagler, serving in Botswana

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;

Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp