

Columbia United Church Of Christ

October 23, 2022
"Just Worship"



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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October 23, 2022 10:30 a.m.

"Just Worship"

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

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Shelly

Prelude

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Amy Crousore

arr. by Kocher/Davenport

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship (responsive, from "Gathered in Love," L. Baylor)

Mahree Skala

Leader: It is a time of good rain, early and abundant, that renews and does not flood.

People: **We are the gatherers of all that nourishes body and soul, for we work among a harvest of possibility.**

Leader: It is a time of good trouble, bringing justice without violence, a time of unexpected spirit bringing new words, understandings.

People: **We are the Everyone who receives God's spirit, the Everyone who shares God's spirit, in spoken word and Sign, in song, text, Braille, code, hand-reaching.**

Leader: You are gatherers, who are not washed away, the troublemakers of a trouble called love, the Anyone, dangerously open.

*Gathering Hymn

"Gather Us In"

Chalice # 284

*Opening Prayer (*from UCC Worship Ways*)

Mahree Skala

God, we come from years of losses – pandemic years, disappointment years, hiding years – and from broken days, wasted hours, painful moments. Yet our hands are out, expecting love so wide it seeps through our fingers. We hold only what we share. We receive only what is shared with us – worship blessings, life blessings, surprising blessings. Amen

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Shelly

God repays our unlove with love. God repays our cursings of ourselves and others with a forgiveness that always makes harvest even from desolation. Thanks and thanks abundant.

*Prayer Response

“Halle”

*Sharing God’s Gift of Peace

Pastor Shelly

May God’s Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children’s Time

“Dollar, Anyone?”

Pastor Dale

Response:

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

(Sung as children return to their seats)

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

This passage finds Paul in prison awaiting a trial that he knows he will likely lose. He is ready for the end of his own life and encourages Timothy, a young man Paul considered to be his “true son in the faith”, to continue his ministry.

Sermon Hymn

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

No. 23

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus tells a parable to a group of men who “trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt”. The subject of the parable is righteousness, and it compares the starkly different attitudes of prayer assumed by a pharisee and a tax collector.

Anthem

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You”

Celebration Singers

arr. by Jay Althouse

Sermon:

“The Good News About Righteousness”

Pastor Shelly

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Shelly

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.

Mission Moment

Sabbatical Moment

Invitation to the Offering

*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*

Offertory "Sonata #14, Movement #2—Allegretto" Amy Crousore
Ludwig van Beethoven

Prayer of Dedication Mahree Skala
Prayer of dedication: You have dealt wondrously with us, Gracious God. We have gathered to praise you and to join in efforts to share faith with one another and with the world. Through our offerings, we wish to extend the witness made here into the neighborhoods, and in ever-widening circles, to the ends of the earth. Bless and multiply our efforts, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" Chalice # 595

*Benediction Pastor Shelly

*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 "Father We Thank You" Amy Crousore
arr by Bourgeois/Schwarz

I have amazing eyes, an infectious laugh, and I always know when you need a hug.

INTERNATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME COALITION
www.idscfor14.org

I also have Down syndrome. It's a part of me, not a definition of who I am.



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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Mahree Skala

Acolyte:

Ushers: Jim Loveless & Fred Malicoato

Greeters: Helen Schultz

Technology Booth: Ted Dachroeden & Josh Muench

Hospitality: Mona Dachroeden

Council Stewards: Sue Ann Schaefer & Ted Dachroeden



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Sue Ann Schaeffer

Acolyte:

Ushers: John & Brenda Muench

Greeters: Melba Shaffer

Technology Booth: Lorry Dreier & Brent Marcks

Hospitality: Melba Shaffer

Council Stewards: Sue Ann Schaeffer & Tricia Price

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NURSERY CARE... is available for children in kindergarten and younger in room #201 in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

TRUNK OR TREAT CANCELLED

Sorry, folks! Unfortunately, we seem to have picked a date for Trunk or Treat that coincides with LOTS of other Trunk or Treats and other events in town. As a result, we have decided to CANCEL this year's event due to low registration numbers. We look forward to picking a "less busy" date next year so that Trunk or Treat may return to CUCC in its full glory!

2022 CROP HUNGER WALK

Thanks for everyone's support of this year's Walk. As of 9/29 CUCC has collected \$3311.32. A good amount, but about \$700 short of our \$4000 goal. Donations can be made through Kindred Giving or by check to the Church through October 23. Contributions through the Walk website, can be made through Nov 1.

TURNING POINT

One of the many services Turning Point offers is a place for guests to shower. Turning Point is in need of hotel size toiletries- particularly soap and shampoo. Please place donations in the container in the coat room.

UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars for a Congregational Meeting right after worship on SUNDAY, November 13th. We will conduct both our Congregational Planning and Assessment Meeting (Visioning) and our Annual Budget Meeting to approve the CUCC 2023 Budget at that time.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	10/23	Sunday School for all ages	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
Tues	10/25	Quilters	10:00am
		Food Bank Serve Night	5:30pm
		Membership & Care	7:00pm
Wed	10/26	100th Anniversary Committee Meeting	5:00pm
		Chapel Bell Ringers practice	6:00pm
		Celebration Singers practice	7:00pm
Sun	10/30	Reformation Sunday	
		Sunday School for all ages	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	0:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Ed Rollins (& family)... recovering from brain surgery

Bob Maltsbarger (Erika's husband)... health concerns

Holly Frieden... recovering from severe burns (Doug Privitt's friend)

The family of Andrea Waner . . . especially baby Millie in the NICU.

The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our partnership friend

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

The Williams, Piersee, Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Tiffany Brookshire; Glenn Duermeyer; David Martin; Levi Markway;

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christine Mseke;

Gene Kelly... living with cancer (Jim & Connie Loveless's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,

Mark Brumbach

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson, Dane Wilson

James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);

Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

2022 Confirmation Class:

Danielle Dreier, Aidan Pierson, Trevor Pierson; Lawson Flood-Lorber

CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:

Welcoming all God's Children;

Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;

Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;

Building a supportive church family;

Transforming both the congregation and community

through service and outreach