

Columbia United Church Of Christ

April 11, 2021
Faithful Thomas



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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April 11, 2021

10:30 Worship

"Faithful Thomas"

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

*"...how very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity..."*

-Psalm 133:1

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Kristy Odneal

Prelude

Amy Crousore

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Lani Smith

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Abby Dennis

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 133)

Pete Jaberg

God calls us together; united in God's name!
How pleasant it is when kindred live in unity!

**Praise God! Praise God's name!
Give praise to God, O servants of the LORD!**

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of God!
Lift up your hands and bless God's Holy Name!

**Praise God! Praise God's name!
Give praise to God, O servants of the LORD!**

May God, our Creator, maker of Heaven and Earth,
Bless us all as we gather in God's name!

**Praise God! Praise God's name!
Give praise to God, O servants of the LORD!
Come, let us worship God together!**

*Opening Hymn

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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*Opening Prayer

Pete Jaberg

God of unity; we hear your command to confess our sins and, through repentance, be fully revealed to you. Often we are hesitant to do so. Forgive us for these times of disbelief, holding onto our pride and selfishness and refusing to let you in. Teach us to come vulnerably before you; that we may fully connect with your grace and your love. Forgive our sins and open our hearts; that we may fully receive you. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Quinn Rosenthal

The author of today's epistle lesson is concerned with confession and repentance; for through those actions, we are fully vulnerable, fully revealed. Only then can we fully receive God's grace; a gift for us all. Through God's grace, 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

Quinn Rosenthal

Quinn will offer the words, "May God's Peace be with You" and you are invited to respond with the words, "And also with you."

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

Quinn Rosenthal

Response

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*I have decided to follow Jesus; (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.*

*The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.*

Mission Moment

"Heifer Project"

Mahree Skala

The CUCC Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team has selected "Heifer Project" as our mission focus through Mother's Day.

Our Goal between now and May 9 is to raise \$5000 to provide an "ark" full of animals for those in need. A Gift Ark includes two water buffalo, two cows, two sheep and two goats, along with bees, chicks, rabbits and more. A Gift Ark changes lives two by two as it provides not only sustenance but also subsistence, giving recipients a revenue stream (wool, eggs, agricultural ability, etc.) to improve their lives.

You can contribute using the envelopes in today's bulletin, scanning the QR code on the next page and selecting "Heifer Project" from the dropdown menu, or by texting "GIVE" to 573.240.4041.

Anthem

New Testament Lesson

1 John 1:1-10

Pete Jaberg

This epistle speaks to the early Christian Churches. In it the author attempts to outline to these churches how faith should be lived in a person's life. God is light, he says, so walk in the light; God is love; demonstrate that love.

(pg. 989)

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

Pete Jaberg

In one of Jesus' Resurrection Visits, he shares the Good News of the Resurrection with his disciples. He breathed the Holy Spirit into them. Faithful Thomas is not present; and, like a good Missourian, will not believe until he sees- "show me." Later, Jesus appears to Thomas and "shows him."
(pg. 883)

*Hymn: "These Things did Thomas Count" #254

Sermon: Quinn Rosenthal

*Hymn: "We Live by Faith and Not by Sight" #256

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer Quinn Rosenthal

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 Kristy Odneal

Presenting our Gifts "Musette" Lucy Smith
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 "Doxology"
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost! Amen!***



*Prayer of Dedication Pete Jaberg

God, we are faithful; yet we often have doubts. We give these gifts to you faithfully, knowing that you work with our doubts and our fears, our challenges and shortcomings, to bring your Kingdom into fruition in the world. Take our meager offerings today, given faithfully to you, and use them to work miracles in your world; even in the midst of our doubt. Amen.

*Benediction

Quinn Rosenthal

*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!

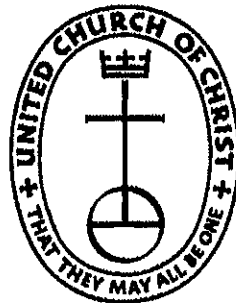
*Postlude

“Improvisation on Diadameta”

Amy Crousore

Lani Smith

*CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:
Welcoming all God's People;
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*



*If you try to fit God into your life,
You will never have time for God.
If you try to fit your life into God,
You will always have time for what matters.*

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Worship Leader: Pete Jaberg
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Ushers: Doug Privitt
Greeters: Jessica Lucas
Technology Booth: John Graves & Carissa Graves
Hospitality: Judi Privitt
Council Steward: Pat Forward/Brent Marcks

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Seth Smith
Acolyte: Lil Smith
Ushers: Mahree Skala
Greeters: Audrey Lasley
Technology Booth: Doug & Judi Privitt
Hospitality: Melba Shaffer
Council Stewards: Pat Forward/Mahree Skala



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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will gather this Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Area upstairs. Our time together begins with a light brunch, supplied by two of the women on a rotational basis. The food is always good! After we eat, we begin our Bible Study. The current study is based on the topic of lamentation throughout the Bible. We use a curriculum titled, "Into the Light, Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament." After Bible Study and prayer, we have a short business meeting to plan for upcoming activities. All women of the church are invited to join us! This is a great time to make new friends, to renew old acquaintances, and to reconnect with God through the scriptures.

CLEAN UP COLUMBIA

CUCC's "Clean Up Columbia Day" is Saturday, April 24. As in past years, we have "adopted" our own street, I-70 Drive NW, to beautify. We usually pick up more than 30 bags of trash between the Fire District office and the church. Many hands make light work, so please sign up to help. Please let us know if you're coming. Email Mahree Skala at skalamahree@yahoo.com or call 573-474-2195. The Fellowship and Hospitality Team will treat us to lunch afterwards!

LODO PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPEN

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year is in full swing! Please share with friends and family to let them know that we have limited space available for Fall 2021! Interested families should contact Erika Maltsbarger at 573-445-2661 or LittleOnesDayOut@yahoo.com or for availability and to schedule a tour. Additional information can be found at www.columbiaucc.com/lodohome.

FOOD BANK UPDATE

CUCC volunteers are working at together again at the Food Bank every 4th Tuesday evening at 5:30pm. We moved to 4th Tuesdays to reduce schedule conflicts. For details on how to sign up for April 27, please contact Mahree Skala at 573-474-2195 or skalamahree@yahoo.com

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	4/11	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
Mon	4/12	Staff Meeting	10:15am
		Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team	5:30pm
		No Confirmation	
Tue	4/13	Nurture & Education Ministry Team	6:30pm
Wed	4/14	Worship & Music Ministry Team	6:30pm
Thu	4/15	LODO Ministry Team	5:30pm
		Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry Team	6:30pm
Sun	4/18	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	
		Sunday School for all ages	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Sue Beckmann... recovering from knee surgery 4/5
Dean Barry... recovering well from stroke
Donna Wilmsmeyer... recovering at home from pneumonia
Beth Schoeneberg... health issues (Jason's mother)
Mary Rinne... living with cancer (Donna Marsh's daughter)
Esther Rollins... health issues (Ed's mother)
Amy... challenges in life (April Rothweiler's friend)
Juanita Zeiler... on hospice (Mari Ann Keithahn's mother)
Ardith Wilson... on hospice (Mark Wilson's mother)
Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothweiler's Aunt)
Sheila... challenges in life and faith
The Zimny, Lasley, Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece);
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);
Christine Mseke; Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell;
Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)
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)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

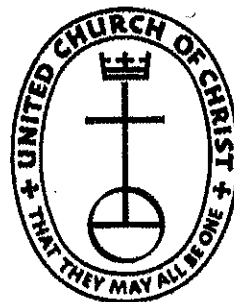
Kahala Canon... serving in eSwatini

2020 Confirmation Class— will be confirmed on April 25:

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly

2021 Confirmation Class:

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,
Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons



Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-10

St. 1 transl., Lyra Davidica, London, 1708
St. 2-5 transl., The New Century Hymnal, 1994

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 To the tomb the wom - en bring, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 There the an - gel clothed in white, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 "Has - ten now to Gal - i - lee," Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 Christ ap - pears in full ar - ray, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Spic - es rich, an of - fer - ing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Tells the news with great de - light, Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Tell the oth - ers what you see!" Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sing with joy this Pas - chal day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ask - ing where might Je - sus be, Al - le - lu - ia!
 This the news the an - gel gives, Al - le - lu - ia!
 With ex - cite - ment trem - bling, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ now from the dead is raised, Al - le - lu - ia!

In 1749 an English translation of this fourteenth-century Latin
of the original. Most

Tune: LLANFAIR 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
Robert Williams, 1817
Harm. John Roberts (1822-1877)

Suf-fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sav-ior come to set us free, Al - le - lu - ia!
 That the Sov-ereign glo - rious lives, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Off they run, good news to bring, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ho - ly Trin - i - ty be praised, Al - le - lu - ia!

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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Latin, c. 5th century

Luke 24:36-37

Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

1 Joy dawned a - gain on Eas - ter Day, the sun shone
 2 O Je - sus, Sav - ior, Gen - tle One, come take our
 3 O Sov - ereign One, with us a - bid in this our
 out with bright ar - ray; For when the A - pos - tles
 hearts to be your own, That we may give you
 joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; From ev - ery weap - on
 hid in fear, the Ris - en Christ to them ap - peared.
 all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.
 death can wield, your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield.

This anonymous Latin hymn of uncertain date is one of the two earliest hymns assigned to a special season. From that beginning grew a full list of medieval Latin hymns assigned to specific times and seasons.

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR L.M.
 German carol, 15th century
 Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609
 Harm. George R. Woodward, 1910

A toi la vic - toi - re, pour l'é - ter - ni - té!
 End - less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.

These Things Did Thomas Count

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Thomas H. Troeger, 1984

John 20:19-31

1 These things did Thom - as count as real: the warmth of
 2 The vi - sion of his skept - tic mind was keen e -
 3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied that one could
 4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve and thus the

blood, the chill of steel, The grain of wood, the heft of
 nough to make him blind To an - y un - ex - pect - ed
 live when one had died, Un - til his fin - gers read like
 ris - en Christ re - ceive, Whose raw, im - print - ed palms reached

stone, the last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
 act too large for his small world of fact.
 Braille the mark - ings of the spear and nail.
 out and beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

The author cites his "reading of twentieth-century theology and its coming to terms with the limits of the enlightenment and rational cognition" as the foundational thought for this text.

Tune: DISTRESS L.M.
 The Sacred Harp, 1844
 Arr. Jonathan McNair, 1993

We Live by Faith and Not by Sight

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Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

John 20:24-29

Unison

1 We live by faith and not by sight;
2 We may not touch Christ's hands and side,
3 Help then, O Christ, our un - be - lief;
4 That, when our life of faith is done,

no gra - cious words we hear From Christ who spoke as
nor fol - low where Christ trod; But in con - fess - ing
and may our faith a - bound To call on you when
in realms of clear - er light We may be - hold you

none e'er spoke, who still we know is near.
we re - joice: our Sav - ior and our God!
you are near and seek where you are found:
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

As dean of Canterbury, Henry Alford exemplified ecumenism by working closely with non-Anglican groups. He promoted New Testament scholarship with his famous commentary on the Greek New Testament, one of fifty books he published during his lifetime.

Tune: DUNLAP'S CREEK C.M.
Samuel McFarland, c. 1816
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986