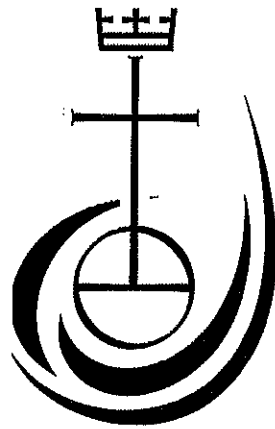


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The Ten Commandments Today



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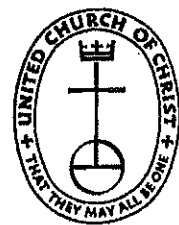
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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

"Idols"

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

*"...the earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
The world, and those who live in it..."*

-Psalm 24:1

Gathering Music		Amy Crousore
Welcome and Greetings		Pastor Rick
Prelude	"Change My Heart, O God"	Amy Crousore Espinosa/Raabe
Carrying in the Light of Christ		Lil Smith
*Call to Worship	(based on Psalm 24)	Llona Weiss

The earth is God's, and all that is in it;
The world, and those who live in it.

**God has established our community and embraced us in love.
God has established God's will within our hearts and called it good!**

Who shall ascend the hill of God
And who will stand in God's Holy Place?

**Those who do not lift up their souls to false idols;
Those who strive for pure hearts draw ever nearer to God.**

We are the recipients of God's blessings.
We have received vindication from the God of our Salvation.

**Lift up your hearts, mighty congregation! Lift up your souls!
Lift up your voices in song; for God has blessed you with Salvation!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #1

*Opening Prayer Llona Weiss

**Creator God; you seek in Holy Love to establish relationship with us
and bring us into closer communion with you. To establish
relationship, you gifted us with standards and called us to live in
accordance with them. Yet often we take those standards and turn
them into idols, using them to destroy relationship instead of building
it up. Forgive us for these times when we fall short of your
expectations. Help us to live into the standards you set before us and
choose relationship with you. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

- *Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick
 God gave us the ultimate "Roommate Agreement" designed for relationship; but often we fall short of that ideal. Yet even when we do, God forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven! We are blessed and beloved; praise be to God!
- *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 Pastor Rick
Pastor Rick 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 Pastor Rick
- Response "This Little Light of Mine" #524
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!
- General Synod Moment Pastor Rick
- Mission Moment The Christmas Fund Llona Weiss
- Anthem "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
 by Amy Crousore & Bryan Crousore *Pepper Choplin*
- Old Testament Lesson Exodus 20:1-17 Llona Weiss
Moses ascends Mt. Sinai and receives the 613 Commandments from God; the first ten of which are lifted up here in Chapter 20. As the ultimate Roommate Agreement, God calls us into relationship with these standards. *(pg. 58)*
- Gospel Lesson Luke 10:25-29 Llona Weiss
In the lead in to the story of the "Good Samaritan" Jesus tells a questioning lawyer what the greatest commandment of all is: "To love God with all your soul, and with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." *(pg. 844)*
- *Hymn "Praise to the Living God" #8
- Sermon: "The 613 Commandments" Pastor Rick

*Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#43

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

Presenting our Gifts “Sonatina in G Minor”

Amy Crousore
Blenda

*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”

#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

Llona Weiss

God, we know that by giving to others we build a closer relationship with you. Take these gifts and use them to serve, that we might be reconciled more fully with one another and with you; and that your Kingdom may be realized more fully here on earth. Amen.

*Benediction

*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

“Sing Praises!”

Amy Crousore

**THE CHRISTMAS FUND
UCC NATIONAL MISSION OFFERING**

To be collected next Sunday (7/25) or before

A Tribute to the work of The Christmas Fund by Rev. Cathy Barker

My father, a UCC minister, died of cancer at age 54, just after Thanksgiving. I was fourteen; my brother and sister were grown and had to go back to their homes. Mom and I were lonely, confused about the future, and our financial picture was very shaky. Further, we faced a bleak Christmas . . . we didn't even want to think about that.

“Then came a check from the Christmas Fund. We were both deeply touched that our National Church somehow knew that we were in need and gave us this gift. It didn't solve all our troubles, but it made it possible for us to have Christmas. We felt the love behind the gift, and that was transformative.

“Throughout my mother's long life, she gave faithfully and gratefully to the Christmas Fund, and I have done the same through the churches I have served as pastor. I've often told our story, because I want people to know how important it is to reach out in this way.

“When the pandemic caused such upheaval, and an appeal came from the Pension Boards telling about the increased need for emergency funds, I sat right down and wrote a check. My husband and I are glad we could help.”

-Rev. Cathy Barker

Last Fiscal Year, gifts to The Christmas Fund enabled:

- Monthly pension supplementation for 350 retired clergy and lay employees (\$1,347,419)
- Health premium supplementation for 144 retired clergy and lay employees (\$374,577)
- Emergency grants for 69 individuals and families (\$123,727)
- Christmas “Thank You” gift checks to 521 retired clergy and lay employees (\$260,500)

We will be collecting our Christmas Fund offering next Sunday, July 25; but you can contribute any time between now and then by clicking the donation tab on our CUCC Website and selecting “The Christmas Fund” from the dropdown menu; by texting the word “GIVE” to 573.240.4041 and following the prompts, by dropping a check in the wicker basket by the entry doors to the Sanctuary, or by mailing a check to the church office.

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Hospitality: Brent Marcks
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NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Bryan Crousore
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Greeters: Anne Heine
Technology Booth: Judi & Doug Privitt
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CORONAVIRUS VACCINE INFORMATION

The Boone County Health Department has a very helpful website with COVID-19 Vaccine information, answering questions about the safety and efficacy of the vaccines and dispelling misinformation that is being spread. Go to www.como.gov/covidvaccine/ to read up on the vaccine and hopefully answer any questions you may have. You can also schedule a vaccine at Hy-Vee or Walmart by visiting their websites. Let's all do our part to get **EVERYONE** vaccinated!

MOBILITY WORLDWIDE FUNDRAISER EVENT

Join the crew from Mobility Worldwide (PET) for a Fun-draiser! The 3rd annual Craft Beer & Carts Fundraiser for Mobility Worldwide is next Sunday, July 25th at Logboat Brewing Company from 1:00-4:00pm. There will be food, live music, yard games and more; you can even ride a PET cart! Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at www.rotaractofcolumbia.org or at the event. The cart that is on display in the Gathering Space was decorated by our CUCC youth last Sunday; and will be on display at the event. All carts at this event are going to Kenya.

CROP WALK 9/19- FUNDRAISING HAS BEGUN!

The Columbia CROP Walk will be September 19 this year, starting at 1:00pm at the Columbia Ag Park. We have a CUCC Virtual Team, and members are starting to join! You can join our virtual team by clicking on the link that was in the Friday email, or by emailing Pastor Rick. Join the team and solicit donations yourself, or simply make a donation. Our CUCC Goal this year is \$3000. Last year, we were the top fundraiser in Columbia; but we will have competition this year! Let's make this year's CROP Walk a huge success! (All money raised goes to fight hunger insecurity in Columbia through four mission agencies, including Loaves and Fishes; and beyond Columbia through Church World Service.)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	7/18	Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am
Mon	7/19	Loaves and Fishes	4:30pm
Tue	7/20	Quilters	10:00am
		Council Meeting	6:30pm
Thu	7/22	Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team	6:30pm
Fri	7/23	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	7/25	Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am
		Mobility Worldwide Fundraiser Event	1:00pm

We are on our Summer Schedule!

Worship is at 9:30am Fellowship time at 9:00am

(No Sunday School)

Regular schedule resumes Rally Day, September 12

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Corey & Nancy Grace... congratulations to them on the birth of their son, Parker!
Proud grandparents are Jo Ellen & Tim Grace!

Christian Sims... health issues (Mindi Jacob's friend)
Beth Schoeneberg... health issues (Jason's mother)
Mary Rinne... living with cancer (Donna Marsh's daughter)
Esther Rollins... health issues (Ed's mother)
Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothwieler'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); Helen Schultz
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:

Bosela Eale... serving in Kenya

2021 Confirmation Class:

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

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.1.
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

Praise to the Living God

Ps. 84:1-2

Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.

1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
 Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
 God toils wher - e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
 In these tu - mul - tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
 hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

Curtis Beach, born into a family of several generations of ministers, was educated at Harvard University, the Boston University School of Theology, and the University of Southern California. A minister in the United Church of Christ, Beach authored The Gospel of Mark: Its Making and Meaning.

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1868

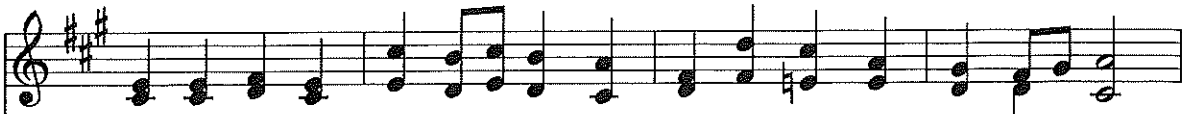
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27

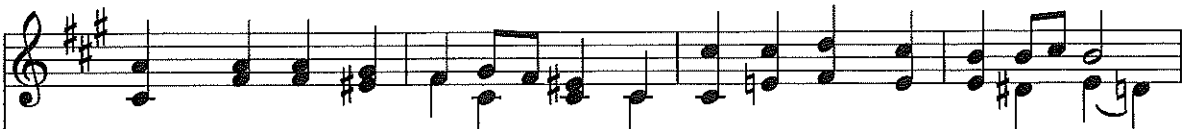
Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.



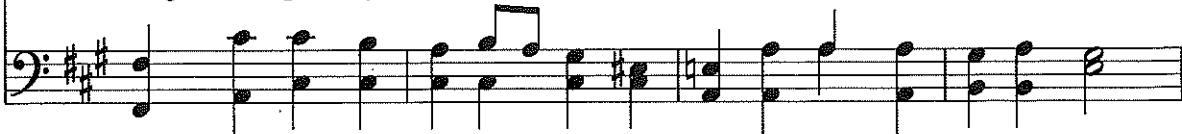
1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;
 3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;
 4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;



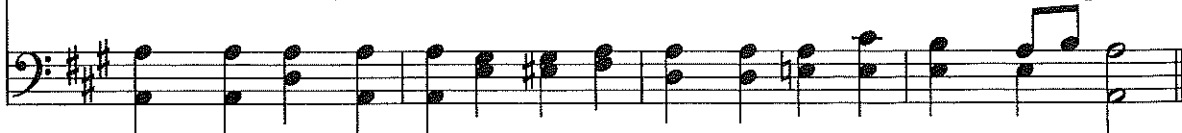
Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;
 Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;
 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.
 Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;



Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.
 Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;
 You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,
 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,



Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.
 Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.



This hymn is said to have been suggested by a "Song of Venus" from Dryden's King Arthur. It is one of 6,500 written by Charles Wesley, the "sweet singer of Methodism," who was skilled at interweaving literary and scriptural images.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Zundel, 1855

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL
 For another harmonization, see 368, 495