

Columbia United Church Of Christ

September 6, 2026
“Labor Day”



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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September 6, 2026

10:30 a.m.

"Celebrations"

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

*"Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song.
Sing God's praises in the assembly of the faithful!"
-Psalm 149:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"We'll Sing All Hail"

Tim Guillaume
Coslett/Arr. Hutchings

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 149)

Tricia Soncasie

Praise the LORD!

Sing to God a New Song!

Sing God's praises in the faithful congregation.

Let God's children rejoice in God's presence!

Let us praise God's name with song and dance.

Let us make joyful melodies to God!

God takes pleasure in communing with God's children.

God adorns the humble, the meek, those who serve.

Let praise for God be in our hearts and minds.

Let songs of praise echo forth from our voices!

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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*Opening Prayer

Tricia Soncasie

God of Salvation and celebration; You provide us with opportunity and liberation and call us to celebrate Your provision. Forgive us for the times we neglect to do so. Forgive us for the times that holidays turn into times that provide little space to reflect on all that You have given us. Teach us to keep You first in our thoughts, and inspire us to hold empathy, not grudges, for one another. Fill us with Your joy, and remind us to share that joy with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God gifts us each with many blessings, and calls us to use them in Their service. But even when we fail to do so, God loves us and forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response

“Weave”

***Weave, Weave! Weave us together!
Weave us together in unity and love!
Weave, weave! Weave us together!
Weave us together; together in love!***

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
(Sung as children return to their seats)

***I have decided to follow Jesus!
I have decided to follow Jesus!
I have decided to follow Jesus!
No turning back, no turning back!***

Mission Moment

“CROP Walk”

Barry Kirchhoff

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

Tricia Soncasie

God promises to deliver Salvation to the people of Israel, and gives them ordinances on how that Salvation will be remembered for all time. The people of Israel celebrate their Salvation before it even happens; the event we know of as Passover...

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Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

Tricia Soncasie

Jesus talks about conflict resolution, and gives advice on how to settle disputes in the church. But the essence of his wisdom is not about settling disputes, it is about holding grudges. Whatever is bound on earth will be bound in heaven.

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Anthem

“Listen to Your Children Praying”

Celebration Singers
Madema/Arr. Schrader

Sermon

“Celebrations”

Pastor Rick

*Hymn

“All People That on Earth do Dwell”

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Invitation to Communion

Jesus reached across human borders, seeing in everyone a common heritage as a child of God. Jesus' inclusive love welcomed all. In like manner, all are welcome to partake in communion today, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey.

Communion Prayer

Invocation

Blessing the Children "Let All Things Now Living" (insert)

In the Sacrament of Communion, we most clearly see Jesus in our midst. Our desire to share this presence prompts us to celebrate with our children, granting them a special blessing. During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a special blessing from Pastor Rick.

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

Please come forward via the center aisle to receive and share communion, remembering the ministry of Jesus Christ and the blessings he brings us. The center ring of cups contain grape juice, and the vessels on the paten contain gluten free bread.

Communion Music "How Gentle God's Commands" Tim Guillaume
Nageli/Arr. Hutchings

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor Rick

God of new life; having shared this meal, we are renewed. With this meal, we embrace new ways of living that are more reflective of Your wisdom, and more emblematic of Your love. We pray that this meal may inspire us to be Your agents for new ways of living in our world. We pray that this meal may eliminate our confusion with worldly ways and encourage us to give authentic witness to Your glory. And now we gather, Living God, as one family, singing the prayer that You taught us:

The LORD's Prayer (sung by the congregation)

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.

Sharing our Announcements

Pastor Rick

Invitation to the Offering

To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041

You can also give online by visiting our website: www.columbiaucc.com

Offertory

Tim Guillaume

*Prayer of Dedication

Tricia Soncasie

O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name. Bless them and multiply them, that we may be reflective of Your grace in the world. Through these gifts, we glorify You. 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

Tim Guillaume

CROP WALK 2026

The CROP walk is coming up. Funds raised are used in a variety of ways. Locally, CROP supports Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen and three food pantries. Globally, \$10 will provide a two week food packet for a Ukrainian refugee in Moldova. \$20 will provide five chickens for a family in Kenya. \$170 will provide supplies for a women's sewing class for new neighbors in the U.S.

The Columbia CROP WALK will be September 20 at The Gordon Shelter in Stephens Lake Park. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. The walk will start at 1:00 p.m. At 1:30 p.m. a reception will begin.

Join the Columbia UCC Team by scanning the QR code below or going to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/cucc-office>. Select "Join our Team" and follow the instructions from there. You are also able to donate directly to the CROP Walk on this site!

For help or if you have any questions, contact Barry Kirchhoff or the church office.



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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Tricia Soncasie
Song Leader:	Katie Jones
Ushers:	Dorothy Williams & Yvonne Williams
Greeters:	Mary Lorber
Technology:	Brent Marcks & Lorry Dreier
Council Stewards:	Kitty Rogers & Mahree Skala

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Llona Weiss
Song Leader:	
Ushers:	Mary Lorber
Greeters:	Carol Duermeyer
Technology:	Ted Dachroeden & Josh Muench
Council Stewards:	Ashley Ramirez & Allen Posz

COLUMBIA UCC CHURCH COUNCIL

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Pastor:	Rev. Rick Oberle



Online Giving

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

LABOR DAY OPEN HOUSE AT THE OBERLE'S - 9/7

You are invited to a Labor Day open house on Monday, 9/7, from 12:00-4:00 p.m. at Pastor Rick and Kim's house! We will be grilling brats and chicken, and will have a few sides. Feel free to bring a side dish, fruit, or dessert if you wish. We will have yard games along with food. 3905 Snow Leopard Drive.

YOUTH GROUP BINGO AND MIDWAY - 9/12

Our next CUCC Youth Group adventure will be BINGO at The Bluffs and Miniature Golf at Midway on 9/12. We will meet at church at 9:30 a.m., travel to The Bluffs to help the residents play BINGO, then off to lunch and games at Midway. Watch for emails from Pastor Rick for more information!

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY - 9/12

Our next CUCC All Church Work Day will be Saturday, September 12 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The main work that day will be landscaping. We have some landscaping tools, but bring some from home– and work gloves! For more information, talk to Allen Posz.

CROP HUNGER WALK - 9/20

This year's CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, September 20 at Stephens Lake Park in the Gordon Pavillion. We will be collecting canned food and cash donations starting on August 30. To donate on behalf of Columbia UCC and/or walk in the event, scan the QR code on the previous page. If you have any questions, contact Barry Kirchhoff or the office.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	9/6	Bible Study/Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
Mon	9/7	<i>Church Office Closed– Labor Day</i>	
		Open House at the Oberle's	12:00-4:00p.m.
Tue	9/8	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Staff Meeting	10:00 a.m.
		Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	5:30 p.m.
Wed	9/9	Membership & Care Ministry Team	10:00 a.m.
		Prayer Shawl Team	6:00 p.m.
		Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:00/7:00 p.m.
		Confirmation Class	7:15 p.m.
Thu	9/10	Women's Fellowship	9:30 a.m.
Sat	9/12	All Church Work Day	9:00 a.m.
		Youth Group Trip	9:30 a.m.
		Women's Fellowship Trip	10:45 a.m.
Sun	9/13	Men's Fellowship	7:30 a.m.
		Bible Study/Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

Alethea Tennill... recovering from broken leg

Fred Wilke... on hospice (Alethea's father)

Mark Fairley... on hospice

Joyce Andersen... on hospice (Aimee's mother-in-law)

The people of China/Nepal... recovering from disaster

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our Partner in Education

All those whose lives are affected by state sanctioned terrorism including:

Owen Ramsingh and family,

The families of Renee Good, Alex Pretti, Lorenzo Salgado, Sebastian Guerrero,
Jack and Claudia (Pastor Rick's friends), and so many others

Our US Military... deployed in the Middle East

Health Issues:

Jeff Kies, Barry Kirchhoff, Glenn Duermeyer, Evie Marcks,

Julia Marsh (Donna Marsh's daughter), Becky Wilson,

Kenny & Jane Holtgrewe (Marsha Posz's parents),

Cassandra Gartner (Edie's friend), Rev. Carolyn Held (Edie's niece),

Mark & Connie Fairley, Cody Kile, Dr. Ryan Link;

Martha (friend of the Veteto family), Ken (Adam Veteto's cousin);

Marilyn Coronado & Beverly Wilcox (Corinne Remeika's friends),

Mary Jane Johnson (Joe Remeika's sister)

Challenges in Life:

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

Living in Assisted Living Facilities:

Dean & Jan Barry, Vernie Blank, Gary Ehrhardt, Julie Roper

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Sue Beckman, Linda Evans, Don Privitt, Walter & Patty Schroeder

Serving us in the military:

Aaron Dachroeden, Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson,

Garrett Holtgrewe... (Marsh Posz's nephew)

Pregnancies in our Church Family:

Kristin & Adam Veteto

*If you are interested in joining our Prayer Team or have a prayer request
for our team to lift up please contact*

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Exodus 12:1-14

- 1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,
- 2 “This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.
- 3 Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.
- 4 If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.
- 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.
- 6 You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.
- 7 They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.
- 8 They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.
- 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.
- 10 You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire.
- 11 This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD.
- 12 I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.
- 13 The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.
- 14 “This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Matthew 18:15-20

15 “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one.

16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

17 If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector.

18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Ps. 5:3; 59:16–17

Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1828
Transl. Edward Caswall, 1854; alt.

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,
2 New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say,
3 Dis - cor - dant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let sin and e - vil fear,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round song,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,

one pur - pose I de - clare: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
when this sweet chant they hear: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This anonymous German Catholic hymn was translated to English by Edward Caswall, an Anglican—and later, Roman Catholic—priest. Among the scripture references is Psalm 5:3, “O God, in the morning you hear my voice. . . .”

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6.
Joseph Barnby, 1868

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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*William Kethe, 1561**Ps. 100**Adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains four vocal parts with lyrics. The second system continues the vocal parts with lyrics. The third system concludes the piece with a final cadence in the vocal parts and a sustained bass line.

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
2 Know that there is one God, in - deed, who
3 En - ter the sa - cred gates with praise, with
4 Pro - claim a - gain that God is good, whose

out your faith with cheer - ful voice; De - light in God whose
fash - ions us with - out our aid, Who claims us, gives us
joy ap - proach the tem - ple walls. Ex - tol and bless our
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure, Whose truth at all times

praise you tell, whose pres - ence calls you to re - joice.
all we need, whose ten - der care will nev - er fade.
God al - ways as peo - ple whom the Spir - it calls.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Old Hundredth is perhaps the best known and most widely used of all psalm tunes. It came into English use in 1561 with Kethe's paraphrase of Psalm 100 and has been associated with it ever since.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Attrib. to Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510–c. 1561)
Trente quatre Pseaumes, Geneva, 1551

Let All Things Now Living

Descant



2. Ah, _____ O

Unison



1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es, the



sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. Ah, _____

God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise; who fash - ioned and
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the



the depths of the o - cean pro -

made us, pro - tect - ed and stay - ed us, by guid - ing us on to the
 moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the depths of the o - cean pro -



claim God di - vine. Re - joice, ————— re-

end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, pure light goes be -
claim God di - vine. We, too, should be voic-ing our love and re -

joice! With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise.

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin-ing forth in the night: till
joic-ing with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise: till

Ah, ————— to

shad-ows have van-ished, all fear - ful - ness ban-ished, as
all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing, to

God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

#ADVENTUREON!



Join Today



Troop 4475

Females age 11-17 interested in Scouting

Location: CUCC Sanctuary

Date: Sept. 14 or Oct. 5

Time: 7pm

Scouting America
Great Rivers Council

SEPTEMBER

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2026

**CROP
HUNGER
WALK**

**Collecting food can donations
September 6 - 20.**

Bring cans to church on Sundays to give to Church World Service's CROP Hunger Walk. Columbia's walk will be at Stephens Lake Park at Gordon Shelter. Registration opens at 1:00 p.m. and the welcome program begins at 1:30 p.m. After the walk, there will be snacks, activities, and celebration!

Sign up here to walk!



CWS

Church World Service