

Columbia United Church Of Christ



October 20, 2024

"Children's Sabbath Sunday"



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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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Of Christ*



October 20, 2024

10:30 a.m.

"Children's Sabbath"

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

"... Bless the LORD, O my soul; Praise the LORD!"

-Psalm 104:1

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Andante in C Major"

Steve Jannetti
Franz Schubert

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 104)

Audrey Lasley

Creator God, how majestic are Your works!
Your Wisdom brings all things into being.

**The roar of the oceans, the majesty of the seas;
Living things that frolic in the waves; You Created them all!**

You supply your Creatures with nourishment and provision;
Care for all, in due season.

**Your hands supply goodness and love;
Your presence refreshes and restores.**

You sent forth your Spirit and bring life;
You breathe into each of us, re-creating your world.

**May God's Glory endure forever;
May our meditations be pleasing to God!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Hymn

"Now, in the Days of Youth"

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*Opening Prayer

(from the Children's Defense Fund)

Audrey Lasley

Creator God, we are here in Your presence today with open hearts and minds, ready to worship and praise Your holy name. We ask that You bless this time of worship so that we may be uplifted and inspired by Your presence. Forgive us for the times we neglect to notice You in our lives. Fill us with Your hope and grace and help us to honor You in all that we do. May our worship be pleasing to You, and may we hear Your voice and come to know more of Your love. We offer this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

We are called to come before God without pretense, power or prestige. But even when we forget this humility, God still loves us and forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response

“Seek Ye First”

***Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God
And God's Righteousness!
And all these things will be added unto you
Al-le-lu, Alleluia!***

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

(Sung as children return to their seats)

***Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear
Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here.
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me!***

Faith Sharing Moments

“Festival of Sharing”

Pastor Rick

“Children's Defense Fund”

Pastor Rick

New Testament Lesson

James 4:1-10

Audrey Lasley

The author of the book of James talks about the source of conflict and dispute; it all comes from power struggles and cravings for power. If we act with humility, putting others over ourselves, we will not have disputes and conflicts. He calls us to submit to God, and says the ways of power are not the ways of God.

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Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:35-45

Audrey Lasley

James and John ask Jesus to grant them special privilege, elevating them above the other disciples. Jesus uses this request to teach them a lesson in humility. He tells them that whomever wishes to be great must learn to be a servant of all.

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Anthem

“In This Very Room”

Steve Jannetti

Ron Harris

Sermon

“How Deep Is Your Faith?”

Rev. Damien Lake

*Affirmation of Faith (*United Church of Christ Statement of Faith*)

We believe in You, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to Your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in Your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by Your righteous will, declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, You have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death, reconciling the world to Yourself.

You bestow upon us Your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ; binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into Your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be Your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust You forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, Your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in Your realm, which has no end. Blessing and honor, Glory and power be unto You. Amen.

Community Prayer

Silent Prayer

The LORD’S Prayer

In an effort to encourage inclusion, we suggest using the address “Creator God” in our unison recitation of The Lord’s Prayer. You are certainly welcome to say “Our Father” instead of “Creator,” “Trespases” instead of “debts,” or “Thy” instead of “Your” if you prefer.

Creator God in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

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

"Mignon"

Steve Jannetti
Robert Schumann

*Prayer of Dedication

Audrey Lasley

Take these gifts, O God, and use them to bring peace and justice to Your world; that all Your children may be lifted up and affirmed, and nations wage war no more. Let Your reign of peace rule in Your cities, gracious God, and let these gifts help make that peaceful reign a reality. Amen.

*Benediction

Rev. Damien Lake

*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

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

Steve Jannetti
Johann Sebastian Bach

SCOUTING AMERICA AND CUCC

We are the Charter Organization for four Scouting America units, which includes over 150 children, youth, and adult leaders. These units are:

- **Cub Scout Pack 5183** – The younger group of Scouts, with boys and girls from kindergarten age through 5th grade. They meet every other Monday.
- **Scouting America Troop 4475** – The girls troop. They are a very active troop of girls from 6th-12th grades. They meet every Monday.
- **Scouting America Troop 708** – The boys troop. They are from 6th-12th grades and are very active. They meet every Monday, too.
- **Venture Crew 5334** – This is a focused co-educational group of older youth, from High School through college age.

As the Charter Organization for these four units, they are a part of us and we are a part of them. "They are our scouts, and we are their church." Working together, in covenant, we will share the joys of common life and enhance one another's mission, all to the glory of God.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Audrey Lasley
Ushers:	Christine Staelens & Phillip Neale
Greeters:	Donna Marsh
Technology:	Mike Pierson & John Graves
Hospitality:	Christine Staelens & Judi Privitt
Council Stewards:	Christine Staelens & Judi Privitt

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Lydia Whitacre
Ushers:	Jim Loveless & Lloyd Viehland
Greeters:	Mary Lorber
Technology:	Josh Muench & Lorry Dreier
Hospitality:	Kristin Veteto
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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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP Sunday School needs some volunteers! They are looking for Sunday School Leaders and Greeters/Floaters. Everything is preplanned and explained prior to classes. Talk to Lena Muench to volunteer. Thank you for your help!

TEAM EARTH LUNCH & LEARN TODAY– RECYCLING

The first “Team Earth” Lunch and Learn will be today, right after worship. Stick around for a lunch served by Team Earth, and hear our guest speaker from our Columbia Recycling Facility talk about recycling!

FALL FESTIVAL AT CUCC TODAY

The Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team will be hosting a Fall Festival at CUCC TODAY from 4:00-7:00 p.m. We will have a hot dog roast, s’mores, chips and drinks with lots of fun outside activities like horseshoes, ladder golf and more; fun for all ages! Come celebrate fall, y’all!

FOOD BANK 10/22

Our next shift at the Food Bank is this Tuesday, 10/22. Check the Friday email for a sign up link, or talk to Mahree Skala!

PIZZA AND A MOVIE 11/2

Gather at CUCC Saturday evening, 11/2 for pizza and a movie! The Movie is the critically acclaimed film “Origin” a biographical drama based on the book “Caste: the Origins of our Discontents” by Isabel Wilkerson. The author’s exploration takes her though through Germany, India and the US learning about various caste systems in each country’s history. Come at 6:00 p.m. for pizza and stay for a movie! This is hosted by the Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry Team.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sun	10/20	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Team Earth Lunch and Learn– Recycling	12:00 p.m.
		Fall Festival	4:00 p.m.
Mon	10/21	Loaves & Fishes	4:30 p.m.
		Scouting America	6:00 p.m.
Tue	10/22	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Staff Meeting	10:30 a.m.
		Food Bank	5:30 p.m.
Wed	10/23	Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:00/7:00 p.m.
Sun	10/27	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Budget/Vision Meeting	11:30 a.m.
		Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry Team	12:00 p.m.
		Pastor Rick leads worship at Lenoir	6:00 p.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

Those recovering from flood and hurricane damages

Lauren Helmreich... health issues

Jim & Sharon Elliott... health issues

Steve Price... recovering from surgery

Julia Marsh... health issues (Donna Marsh's Daughter)

Jennifer... diagnosed with cancer (Edie Diel's niece)

Joanne Good... health issues (Sue Beckman's friend)

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our partnership friend

The people of Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine

Health Issues:

John Adams, Cheryl Cobb, Barry Kirchhoff

Connie Hackman Fairley, Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's niece)

Challenges in Life:

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

Living in Care Facilities:

Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Don Privitt, Alice Moon

Serving us in the military:

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden

Did you know we have a Prayer Team here at CUCC, lifting up the prayer concerns of our congregation? 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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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***

Now in the Days of Youth

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Walter J. Mathams, 1913; alt.
Adapt. Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1992

Eccles. 12:1; 1 Cor. 16:13; Deut. 30:19-20

1 Now in the days of youth when life is filled with choice, when
2 Teach us to use our lives with pur - pose and with power for
3 Teach us to love in truth, to give and to re - ceive with
4 Teach-er, Cre - a - tor, God, en - fold us in your arms; be

hope and doubt touch ev - ery hour, when all thoughts find a voice,
vi - sions of a bet - ter world and for de - ci - sion's hour;
joy - ful and with o - pen hearts, with all that we be - lieve;
with us as we try our wings, and keep us safe from harm.

We turn, O God, to you for guid-ance and for grace. In
To choose the way of life, re - ject the way of death, un -
To seek an - oth - er's good, to hon - or what is right, to
All good and per - fect gifts come to us from your hand. O

all our days, in all our ways, help us to seek your face.
til the ra - dian - t force of God fills mind and strength and breath.
let our will and our de - sire be held in ho - ly light.
help us use them care - ful - ly and live by love's com - mand.

When the Rev. Walter J. Mathams of London wrote this hymn for use at Christian Endeavor and Sunday School conventions, he did not realize it would receive wide circulation. It was introduced in the United States in 1913 in Worship and Song.

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

Little Children, Welcome

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Fred Pratt Green, 1973

Unison

*1 Lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come! Earth is yours to live in;
2 Lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come! Je - sus cares a - bout you;
3 Lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come! We, the church of Je - sus,
4 Lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come! God will make you hap - py,

arms of love pro - tect you, lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come!
Je - sus now en - folds you, lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come!
we will help your grow - ing, lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come!
Je - sus save and keep you, lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come!

**Other words may be substituted as appropriate; for example, "Sisters, brothers, welcome!" "Little sister, welcome!" or "Little brother, welcome!"*

Fred Pratt Green is a noted British hymnwriter who was awarded an honorary doctorate from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, where his papers will be held. The uncomplicated tune by contemporary composer Roy Hopp makes this an easy hymn for people of all ages.

Tune: SAIPAN 6.6.6.6.
Roy Hopp, 1988

James 4:1-10

1 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

2 You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.

3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

4 Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

5 Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, “God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”?

6 But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

9 Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection.

10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Mark 10:35-45

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”

36 And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” 37 And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”

38 But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”

39 They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;

40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

42 So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

43 But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,

44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”