

Columbia United Church Of Christ

July 7, 2019
Independence Day



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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**

"Sowing Peace"

**Summer Schedule: 10:30 Worship resumes 9/8

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

*"...weeping may linger with the night;
but joy comes with the morning..."*

-Psalm 30:5

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

Amy Crousore
JS Bach

"Anglaise"

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Aidan Pierson

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 30)

Isaiah Jackson-Post

Sing Praise to God!

Give thanks to God's Holy Name!

God's favor is with us all of our lives.

Weeping may linger for the night;

But God brings joy with the morning.

In our prosperity, we often turn our backs on God;

Not remembering all our strength comes from God.

But soon we remember;

God is the source of all our joy.

God has turned our mourning into dancing;

God has clothed us with joy, so that our souls may praise God.

We will give thanks to God forever!

Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn "For the Healing of the Nations"

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*Opening Prayer

Isaiah Jackson-Post

God of Peace; as we gather together to celebrate the blessings of independence this weekend, our thoughts turn to those who do not celebrate the same joys we do. Forgive us when we have been complacent in binding others and blocking them from celebrating the joys of freedom and the independence we claim as our own. Teach us to share our blessings with our neighbor; and teach us to sow seeds of Peace, rather than seeds of division. Help us to be your hands and feet in the world. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

We are God's imperfect children, given the freedom to choose the ways of nationalism and greed, or the Way that Jesus taught. Our faith is based in this freedom; and in the knowledge that even when we choose to not follow Jesus, God forgives us. As we repent our sins of separation, God reminds us we are blessed and free. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

*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

*At this time, you are invited to greet one another
with a hug or a handshake and the words,
"May God's Peace be with you!"*

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

"This Little Light of Mine"

#524

(Sung as children return to their seats)

Mission Moment

"VAC School Supply Drive"

Llona Weiss

Anthem

Adam Veteto & Harry Beckett

"I'll Live in Glory"

JM Henson

New Testament Lesson:

Galatians 6:1-10

Isaiah Jackson-Post

Paul, writing to the church in Galatia, implores them not to be bound to the things of the world. He tells them they will reap what they sow; if they sow discord, that is what will prevail; if they sow peace, they will find peace prevailing.

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Gospel Lesson:

Luke 10:1-12

Isaiah Jackson-Post

Jesus sends representatives out into the Galilean countryside to spread his message of Peace, sowing seeds so Jesus could come and develop that message further.

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Sermon

"Reaping the Spirit"

Pastor Rick

Invitation to Communion

Throughout his ministry, Jesus was one who reached across human borders and boundaries, seeing in everyone a common heritage as a child of God. In like manner, everyone is welcome to partake in communion today, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey.

We will celebrate seated communion today. The ushers will serve you where you sit. The small vessels on the bread plate contain gluten free bread; The center ring of cups contains grape juice; the outer rings contain wine.

You are invited to serve one another. When the plate is handed to the first person in the row, pass it to the next person and let them serve you. As you pass the plates down the row, pass it to the next person and let them serve you. We will all partake of the elements at the same time, when the plates return to the chancel.

Jesus shared many post-Resurrection meals with his friends. When he did, he reminded them of the Commandment that he shared with him at that Last Supper: to be blessings in the world. As we gather for this memory meal, as our ancestors did before us and our decedents will do long after we are gone, we do so remembering those post-Resurrection messages of Jesus and committing ourselves to blessing God by being blessings in God's world.

The invitation is simple: come and eat. Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul. We receive the bread and the wine connected to the ages. Woven into this time, the hopes and fears of all the generations are present in this meal. There is great joy here! Nobody is turned away when God is the host!

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer & Invocation

Blessing the Children

In the Sacrament of Communion, we most closely 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.

“O For a World”

#575

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

Communion Music

“Largo”

Amy Crousore
Edward Elgar

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we thank you for this meal; and ask that through it, the passion of your call to service may be rekindled in our hearts. We thank you for sending Jesus into our midst to remind us of your wisdom, to teach us how to live and to point us to you. We thank you for calling forth your church for service in the world; and for everyone who has dedicated themselves to your service in every time and place before us, and all who will dedicate themselves to your

service long after we are gone. We thank you for Jesus teaching us how to pray; and in that Spirit, we gather together as one church, uniting together in prayer:

***The LORD's Prayer** *(sung by congregation, led by Kristin Veteto)*
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 of Community Life Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts Amy Crousore
"America, The Beautiful" John Carter

*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** "Thanks Be to God" #425
**For the Fruits of all Creation, thanks be to God!
For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God!
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God!**

***Prayer of Dedication** Isaiah Jackson-Post
We offer you our gifts, Creator God, as a symbol of our desire to serve you. Take these gifts from our heart and from our lives and use them to share the Good News of your Holy Presence with all the world; especially those hurting and in need. 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** Amy Crousore
"Psalm 19" *Benedetto Marcello*

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: *2 GREETERS NEEDED*
Ushers: Ally Jaberg & Llona Weiss
Sound Booth: John Graves
Worship Leader: Isaiah Jackson-Post
Hospitality: Sue Ann Schafer
Acolyte: Aidan Pierson

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: *2 GREETERS NEEDED*
Ushers: Hugo Wilmsmeyer
Sound Booth: Brent Marcks
Worship Leader: Bryan Crousore
Hospitality: Helen Schultz
Acolyte:



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WELCOME GUESTS! If you are a guest visiting with us this morning, please fill out a green card found in your chair pocket; and be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Rick! We would love to get to know you better!

NAMETAGS We strive to be a friendly and welcoming church! Members and frequent guests, please wear your nametag each Sunday so we can greet each other most effectively and become an even friendlier church!

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NEW COOKBOOK COMING

The Women's Fellowship is putting together a new CUCC Cookbook! We need your recipes to make it happen. The women are collecting recipes until July 31. You may submit your recipe in the pot outside the sanctuary or e-mail it to the Church Office. For more information, talk to Mariann Bullerd.

BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTIONS IN JULY

The Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team will be collecting school supplies for the Voluntary Action Center Back to School Fair. We will be collecting on July 7, 14 and 21. Items we are collecting include the following:

Backpacks; Dry Erase Markers; 24-Pack Crayons; Pink Erasers; Scissors;
Earbuds; 1 Subject Spiral Notebooks; Loose-Leaf Paper; 8 Pack #2 Pencils;
Blue & Red Ballpoint Pens; Composition Notebooks; Glue Sticks;
10 Pack Washable Markers; 12 Pack Colored Pencils; Highlighters

There will be a collection point in the Gathering Space for these items. Help out children in need this year through Voluntary Action Center!

SIGN UP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS sign ups will be concluding soon! If you are a helper, or if your child is a participant, everyone is asked to sign up. You can do so using the link in the Friday email, or by visiting the CUCC website and clicking on the VBS link. Meals will be served for everyone starting at 5:00 each evening.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	7/7	<i>Independence Day Sunday/Back to School Fair Collection</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship	9:30am
Mon	7/8	Membership & Care Ministry Team	6:30pm
Tue	7/9	Quilters	9:00am
		Building & Grounds Ministry Team	6:30pm
Wed	7/10	Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	6:00pm
Thu	7/11	Music & Worship Ministry Team	6:30pm
Sun	7/14	<i>Back to School Fair Collection</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship	9:30am
		Nurture & Education Ministry Team	11:00am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Harold Hackman & Sue Beckman... anticipating knee surgery

Aileen Dohm... on hospice (Judi Privitt's mother)

The Dohm/Privitt families celebrating Christ's promises while grieving

Jean Strothmann... recovering from car accident

Jody Sawyers... receiving treatment for cancer (Megan Hall's mother)

Sharon Elliott... living with cancer, receiving chemotherapy

Rev. Jim Elliott... for speedy relief from health issues

Infant Finn Price and the Price family... Finn is diagnosed with Myotonic

Dystrophy (Tricia's nephew)

Barb & Beth... health issues (Anne Heine's sisters)

Grandfather's health (6/30)

Molly... recovering from car accident (6/30)

Those affected by flooding... and other climate change symptoms

Ebenezer UCC, Levasy & Peace UCC, Hartsburg... dealing with floods

Our church... as we discern next steps as an ONA congregation

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Remeika/Johnson family

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family;

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Kathy Kindrick;

Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Christie O'Very; Jeff Kies

Pregnancies in our church family:

Erin & Levi Markway; Nancy Liang & Corey Grace

Emily & Patrick Hanks

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)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Carmelo Alvarez, serving in Venezuela

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;

Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp