

Columbia United Church Of Christ

October 6, 2019
World Communion 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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10:30 Worship

“Melel Xojobal”

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

*“...O give thanks to God, for God is good;
God’s Steadfast Love endures forever...”
-Psalm 139:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“Let us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Amy Crousore
Jamaican tune

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Aiden Pierson

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 136)

Llona Weiss

Give thanks to God; for God is good;
God’s Steadfast Love endures forever!

God alone does great wonders;
God’s Steadfast Love endures forever!

God Created the heavens and earth;
God’s Steadfast Love endures forever!

God made the great lights;
The sun to rule over the day and the moon and stars to rule at night;
God’s Steadfast Love endures forever!

God delivered Israel from slavery, bringing us Salvation;
God’s Steadfast Love endures forever!

God divided the sea in two, and made Israel pass through it;
God’s Steadfast Love endures forever!

God led God’s people through the wilderness;
God provided sustenance as we wandered; food and water;
God’s Steadfast Love endures forever!

God remembered us in our low estate and rescued us from our foes;
God’s Steadfast Love endures forever!

O give thanks to God; for God is good;
God’s Steadfast Love endures forever!
Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn “We Are One in the Spirit”

(insert)

*Opening Prayer

Llona Weiss

God of Inclusion; you call us to be one, united in your Spirit. Yet often we divide ourselves based on power, selfishness and fear. Teach us to break down the barriers that divide us and unite together, your children bound by your love. On this World Communion Sunday, we echo the prayer of Jesus Christ and the mandate of the United Church of Christ that all unity may be restored. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, who united us together in love. We are also forgiven by that same Triune God when we fall short of that prayer for unity. As God's beloved children, we are blessed, we are forgiven, we are one. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response

“Weave”

(insert)

**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

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

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

**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.**

Anthem

“One World, One Communion”

Celebration Singers
Pepper Choplin

Mission Moments

Neighbors in Need
Melel Xojobal

Dorothy Vetter
Pastor Rick

Old Testament Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-5

Llona Weiss

The prophet Habakkuk expresses the frustration of the Nation of Judah after the Babylonian Invasion; and imagines God's response. God challenges them to discern a vision for an increased faith; and if they include God in their discernment God's presence will be revealed.

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Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:5-10 Llona Weiss
The apostles appeal to Jesus for increased faith; but Jesus confirms that the faith they need is already within them, they just need to nourish it. Nourishing their faith is part of their expected journey, Jesus tells them; not a special gift to be earned or given. Page #852

Sermon "The True Light" Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn "In Christ there is no East or West" #394
Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn

Invitation to Communion

We will be celebrating altar communion this morning; and no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are invited forward to celebrate this joyful meal. The bread this morning is from many cultures, symbolizing the world wide community with whom we serve.

Take generous portions of bread; there is plenty!

Luke the Evangelist wrote of our Risen Savior who, at table with two of his disciples, took bread; blessed it; broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized the Risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. As we join together in this sacred memory meal on this World Communion Sunday, it is in community with all of our brothers and sisters from above and below the equator; from the North and from Down Under; with our friends in Chiapas and Congo and Jamaica and Japan and Thailand; from every time zone all across the globe. As today's sunlight inches across land and sea, one Global Beloved Community gathers to celebrate their unity. All are invited, all are welcome, all are called. Come, join in the feast!

Communion Prayer; Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayer;

Invocation

Blessing the Children
"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" #347

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

Communion Music Amy Crousore
"Sarabande from French Suite #4" JS Bach

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, God, for the ministry of Jesus; and for the mission of reconciliation you have given us. Give us the gifts of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for our neighbors both globally and locally, peace in our families, forgiveness of our enemies, the will to serve you every day. Now we gather with our brothers and sisters all across the globe, singing the prayer you taught us...

*The Lord's Prayer

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

Stewardship Moment

“50 for 50”

Sue Ann Schaefer

Presenting our Gifts

“Chromatic Fugue”

Amy Crousore
Johan Pachelbel

*To give online text “GIVE” to 573.240.4041 and follow the prompts
You can also give online by visiting our website: www.columbiauacc.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

Pastor Rick

*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

“Choral from Suite Gothique”

Amy Crousore
Leon Boellmann

*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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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Carol Duermeyer & Helen Schultz
Ushers: Doug Privitt
Sound Booth: Carissa Graves
Worship Leader: Llona Weiss
Hospitality: Jolene Kirchhoff
Acolyte: Aiden Pierson
Council Steward: Pete Jaberg

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Brenda & John Muench
Ushers: **USHERS NEEDED**
Sound Booth: Carissa Graves
Worship Leader: Llona Weiss
Hospitality: Brent Marcks
Acolyte: **ACOLYTE NEEDED**
Council Steward: Pete Jaberg



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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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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED OCTOBER 11

LODO needs 12 volunteers from CUCC to help with the LODO pumpkin patch on Friday, October 11 from 9:00am-noon. Can you spend some time up here supporting this wonderful ministry of our church? To sign up, talk to Kim Oberle or Emmalee Heine; or another LODO Board member. We need you!

CONGREGATIONAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Planning and Assessment Meeting will be Sunday, October 27 immediately following worship. This is the "Vision Team" meeting that will discuss the direction our Ministry Teams will take in the coming year. Stick around and learn what new things CUCC will be doing in 2020!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	10/6	<i>Suicide Prevention Workshop/World Communion Sunday</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am
		All Church Dinner and Suicide Workshop	11:30am
		Middle School at Lena's House	4:00-7:00pm
Mon	10/7	By-Laws Team Meeting	11:30am
		LODO Advisory Board Meeting	5:45pm
		Membership & Care Ministry Team Meeting	6:30pm
Tue	10/8	Staff Meeting	10:00am
		Food Bank	6:00pm
Wed	10/9	Chapel Ringers	6:30pm
		Confirmation Class 2020	6:30pm
		Confirmation Class 2019	7:00pm
		Celebration Singers	7:30pm
Thu	10/10	Women's Fellowship	9:30am
Fri	10/11	LODO Pumpkin Patch here	9:00am-Noon
Sat	10/12	Western Association Fall Gathering	10:00am-3:00pm
Sun	10/13	<i>Yoga Sunday</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am
		Yoga Sunday in the Fellowship Hall	11:30am
		Nurture & Education Ministry Team	12:00pm
		High School Youth Second Sunday at Lauren's	5:00-8:00pm

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Family & friends of Larry Vollertsen... on their loss (Pastor Rick's friend)

Tracy Bach... recovering from leg fracture & sprained ankle

Dennis Froeschner... health issues

Catherine Jenks... on hospice (Ron Jenks' mother)

All who were affected by hurricane Dorian

Ebenezer UCC, Levasy ... recovering from flood damages

For Melody Parry, dealing with cancer (9/8)

For a mother and daughter struggling to get by (9/8)

Rachel and Justin... trying to start a family (9/29)

Our church... as we live into our call 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; Christie O'Very;

Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Sharon Elliott, Rev. Jim Elliott,

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Harold Hackman

Pregnancies in our church family:

Ashley (Skala) & Stephen Scott

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);

Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Tom Liddle, serving in East Timor

2019 Confirmation Class:

Ember Piersee; Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg

2020 Confirmation Class:

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly