

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

February 7, 2021  
Black History Month



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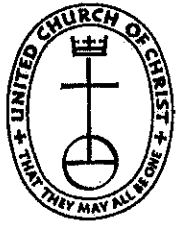
## **CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:**

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

"Context"

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

*"...How good it is to sing praises to our God;  
For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting!"  
-Psalm 147:1*

Gathering Music

Lucy Smith

Welcome and Greetings

James Melton

Prelude

"Mazurka in CM"

Lucy Smith  
*Frederic Chopin*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

\*Call to Worship

*(based on Psalm 147)*

Seth Smith

Praise the LORD!

How good it is to sing praises to God!

God is gracious, deserving our songs of praise.

God builds up our community, affirming the outcast!

God heals the brokenhearted;

God binds up their wounds.

**God is abundant in power;**

**God's grace is understanding beyond measure.**

**God lifts up the downtrodden;**

**those who are diminished and oppressed.**

**Sing to God a song of thanksgiving!**

**Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn

"We Meet You, O Christ"

CHA #183

\*Opening Prayer

Seth Smith

**God, you are always with us, most especially in the person of Jesus Christ. In Jesus, you came to us and shared our common lot ministering in our context in ways we could most effectively understand. In due time, Paul and others followed in your ministerial style, approaching others where they were on life's journey and sharing the Good News with them. Forgive us when we separate ourselves from others, in spite of your name. Teach us to love as you love, meeting all of your children where they are and affirming them in your name. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing Quinn Rosenthal  
Black history is filled with stories of disenfranchisement and disempowerment. Often we have been silent or complicit in these actions as well. But God forgives all our sins; even sins of omission or opportunities not taken. God's love is steadfast, unconditional. We are forgiven! We are God's beloved! Praise be to God!

\*Prayer Response "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"  
*Turn your eyes upon Jesus;  
Look full in his wonderful face;  
And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace!*

Sharing God's Gift of Peace Quinn Rosenthal

Children's Time Quinn Rosenthal

Response "This Little Light of Mine" (traditional)

*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!*

Living our Mission "Souper Bowl" Youth Video  
*Our youth are collecting funds for the Souper Bowl; a grassroots effort to feed the hungry. You can donate by going to the "Donate Now" tab on our website and selecting "Souper Bowl" or by texting "GIVE" to 573-240-4041 and selecting "Souper Bowl" from the dropdown menu. All funds collected will go to the Central Food Pantry to feed the hungry in Columbia.*

Anthem "Healer of our Every Ill" Ed Rollins  
Haugen

Black History Moment "Edmond Albius" Alissa Lau-Sieckman

New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Seth Smith  
*The Apostle Paul talks of his message to the Gentile; and how he placed himself in their context (became one of them) to deliver a message they understood. To each person, he came to them as they were, hoping to glorify God through the message of Jesus Christ.*

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:29-39 Seth Smith  
*As soon as Jesus leaves the synagogue after teaching the crowds gathered there, he goes to the house of Simon and Andrew. He heals Simon's mother in law, as well as many in the town who were sick or possessed with demons. Symbolizing authority, the author tells us the demons knew Jesus; and he did not permit them to speak.*

Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" NCH #471  
Sermon: Quinn Rosenthal  
Hymn: "I'm so Glad, Jesus Lifted Me" NCH #474

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 James Melton

Presenting our Gifts Amy Crousore  
"I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me" Wm. Doane

*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](http://www.columbiaucc.com)*

\*Response "We Praise You, O God" NCH #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 Seth Smith

**God of liberation and affirmation; we offer these gifts today and pray that they may be used to restore wholeness to your world, to enable your vision of the Beloved Community to be realized, and to make your Kingdom Come, your will be done, right here on earth. Use these gifts to lift up all who are oppressed, to bring freedom to those who are bound, and to bring reconciliation to all your children. Through these gifts, we love you back. Amen.**

\*Benediction

Quinn Rosenthal

\*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

“Celebration”

Amy Crousore

*James Mansfield*

### PROFILES IN BLACK HISTORY— EDMOND ALBIUS

Edmond Albius was born a slave in 1829, in St. Suzanne, on the island Réunion. His mother died during childbirth, and he never knew his father. In his youth he was sent to work for Botanist Fereol Bellier-Beaumont.

The vanilla plant was flourishing in Mexico, and by the late 18th century, a few plants were sent to Paris, London, Europe and Asia, in hopes of producing the bean in other areas. Although the vine would grow and flower, it would not produce any beans. French colonists brought vanilla beans to Réunion around 1820.

Beaumont had been teaching young Edmond how to tend to the various plants on his estate. He taught him how to hand-pollinate a watermelon plant. Beaumont had previously planted vanilla beans, and had just one vine growing for over twenty years, but was also unable to produce any beans on the vine. Young Edmond began to study the plant and made a discovery. He carefully probed the plant and found the part of the flower that produced the pollen. Edmond then discovered the stigma, the part of the plant that needed to be dusted with the pollen to produce the bean. He used a blade of grass to separate the two flaps and properly fertilized the plant.

Shortly afterwards, while walking through the gardens, Beaumont noticed two packs of vanilla beans flourishing on the vine and was astonished when young Edmond told him that he was responsible for the pollination. Edmond was twelve years old at the time. Beaumont wrote to other plantation owners to tell them his slave Edmond had solved the vanilla bean pollination mystery. He then sent Edmond to other local plantations to teach other slaves how to fertilize the vanilla vine. Within the next twenty to thirty years, Réunion became the world's largest producer of vanilla beans.

Edmond was rewarded with his freedom, and was given the last name Albius. Beaumont wrote to the governor, asking that Albius be given a cash stipend for his role in the discovery of the fertilization, but received no response. A man named Jean Michel Claude Richard then set claim to have discovered the fertilization process before Albius. Again, Beaumont stepped in and wrote to Réunion's official historian declaring Albius as the true inventor, giving him all of the credit entirely.

Albius returned to live close to Beaumont's plantation and married. He died on August 9, 1880 at the age of 51 at a hospital in Sainte Suzanne. He never received any profits from his discovery. One hundred years after his death, the mayor of Réunion made amends by erecting a statue of Albius and naming a street and school after him.

## We Meet You, O Christ

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*Unison*

1. We meet you, O Christ, in man - y a guise;  
 2. In mil - lions a - live, a - way and a - broad;  
 3. In hu - man dis - tress we still hear you cry;  
 4. You choose to be made at one with the earth;

your im - age we see in sim - ple and wise.  
 in - volved in our life, you live down the road.  
 for free - dom you march, in ri - ots you die.  
 the dark of the grave pre - pares for your birth.

You live in a pal - ace, ex - ist in a shack;  
 Im - pris - oned in sys - tems, you long to be free;  
 Your face in the pa - pers we read and we see.  
 Your death is your ris - ing, cre - a - tive your word;

we see you, the gar - dener, a tree on your back.  
 we see you, O Je - sus, still bear - ing your tree.  
 The tree must be plant - ed by hu - man de - cree.  
 the tree springs to life and our hope is re - stored.

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1966  
 MUSIC: Carl F. Schalk, 1987

STANLEY BEACH  
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# What a Covenant

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; alt.

Deut. 33:27

1 What a \*cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in, this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing  
 last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing  
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing

Refrain

on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from  
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

all a - larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

\*Or, "fellowship"

In a letter to two grieving friends, A. J. Showalter quoted Deuteronomy 33:27, "... underneath are the everlasting arms." Showalter then wrote this music and the refrain and sent them to E. A. Hoffman to provide the stanzas.

Tune: LEANING 5.5.9.D. with refrain  
 Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

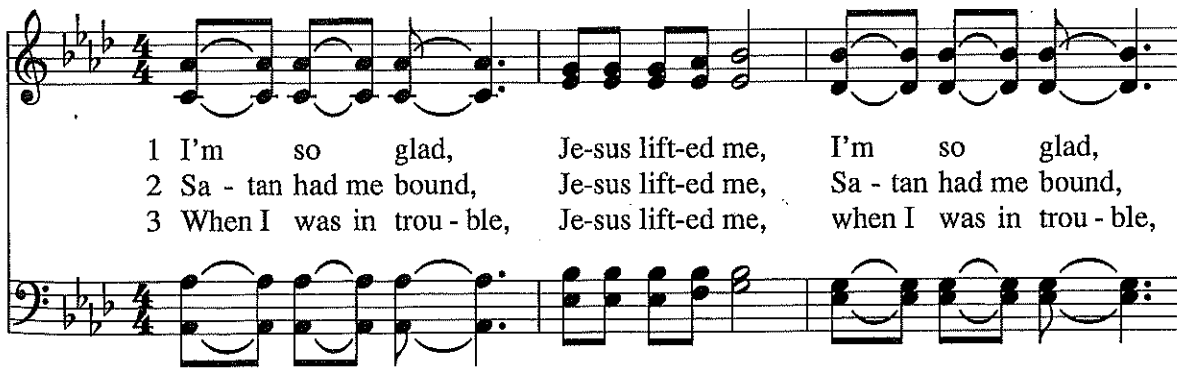


This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

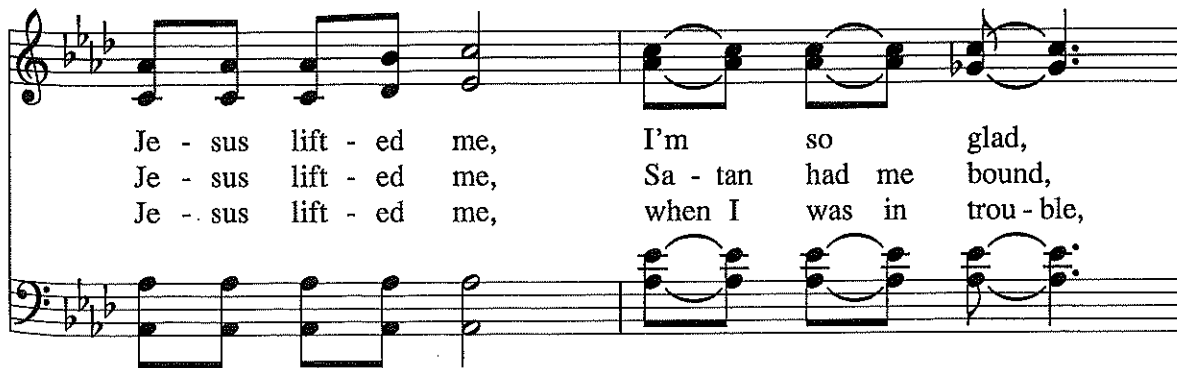
## I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me

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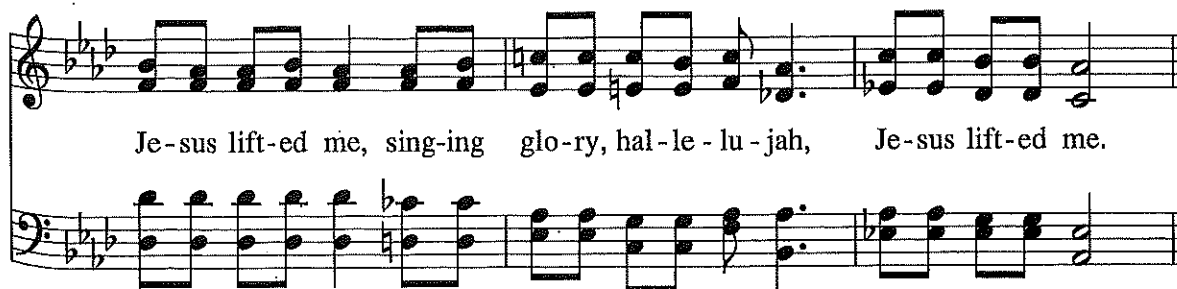
*African-American spiritual*



1 I'm so glad, Je-sus lift-ed me, I'm so glad,  
 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me, Sa - tan had me bound,  
 3 When I was in trou - ble, Je-sus lift-ed me, when I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me, I'm so glad,  
 Je - sus lift - ed me, Sa - tan had me bound,  
 Je - sus lift - ed me, when I was in trou - ble,



Je-sus lift-ed me, sing-ing glo-ry, hal-le - lu - jah, Je-sus lift-ed me.

*Just as the spirituals were adapted to be sung in a folk-song style during the 1960s music festivals and civil rights marches, so have they been adapted in a gospel style. This is a spiritual that especially lends itself to gospel rendering.*

Tune: I'M SO GLAD Irr.  
*African-American spiritual*



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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Seth Smith  
**Acolyte:** Lil Smith  
**Ushers:**  
**Technology Booth:** Mike Pierson/James Melton  
**Hospitality:**  
**Council Stewards:**



## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Isaiah Jackson-Post  
**Acolyte:** Abby Dennis  
**Ushers:**  
**Technology Booth:** Mike Pierson/James Melton  
**Hospitality:**  
**Council Stewards:**

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**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BREAKFAST ALTERNATIVE**

Due to the COVID pandemic, the Men's Fellowship is canceling the annual Uel Blank Habitat for Humanity benefit breakfast this year. We still want to help Habitat for Humanity as best we are able, so we are sponsoring an online fund raiser for them. Please make checks out to "Men's Fellowship" and bring it by or mail it to the Church Office; or you can give through Kindrid on the church website. We are collecting through the end of February.

**CUCC COVID RESPONSE**

The CUCC COVID Response Team met on 1/18, and decided to continue our practice of online-only worship for the next few Sundays, with a phased-in resumption of in-person worship starting on Ash Wednesday, February 17. We fully believe that by this time, we should be able to resume meeting, and can observe the Lenten season worshipping in person. We will continue our Livestream for those who wish to worship that way instead.

**CUCC SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The CUCC Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. If you will be in college this fall, pick up an application in the church office. All applications are due by April 1.

**SOUPERBOWL OF CARING**

The Youth are collecting for the Souperbowl again this year; but this year it is completely online! You can donate to the Souperbowl by clicking on the "Donate Now" tab on our website, and selecting "Souperbowl" for your donation. All funds raised will go to support the Columbia Central Food Pantry.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING LENT – FEBRUARY 21-MARCH 28, 2021**

Preschool through High School Youth will celebrate each Sunday in Lent, 2021 with a special Lent program organized and created by Lena Muench and Gina Pierson during the Sunday School hour, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Pre-registration for children and youth will be required in order to provide supervision and a safe, healthy environment. Click herer to register: **Lenten Sunday School**

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	2/7	Souperbowl Sunday Worship (online only)	10:30am
Mon	2/8	NO Staff Meeting & NO Confirmation Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team Worship & Music Ministry Team	5:00pm 6:30pm
Tue	2/9	Nurture & Education Ministry Team	6:00pm
Wed	2/10	Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	6:30pm
Thu	2/11	Women's Fellowship Inclusion & Advocacy Ministry Team	9:30am 6:30pm
Sun	2/14	Worship (online only)	10:30am

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

*Please keep in your prayers this week...*

The United States of America... for unity and recovery

The family of Robert Little... on their loss

Amy Crousore... recovering from oral surgery

Mariann Bullerd, Jan Barry... recovering at home from health issues

Cliff Beckman... recovering at home from back surgery

Ardith Wilson... on hospice (Mark Wilson's mother)

Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothweiler's Aunt)

Paul Plaspohl... health issues (Ann Stone Meyer's friend)

Karen Wittich... recovering from knee replacement 1/8 (Kim Oberle's mother)

Andrew Hill... challenges in life (April Rothweiler's son) and April, too..

All who are suffering from COVID-19 virus and other viruses

All who are on the front lines, serving those with COVID-19

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Zimny, Lasley, Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,

Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

## *Health Issues:*

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);

Riley Gregg (Alisa Lau-Sieckmann's neighbor); Christine Mseke,

Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)

Dennis Froeschner... anticipating knee replacement surgery

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)

Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)

Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);

Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

## *UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:*

Maria Abigail Hernandez... serving in Japan

## *Pregnancies in our church family:*

Ed Rollins & Jess Wolfe

## *2020 Confirmation Class (Confirmation on delay until...?):*

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly

## *2021 Confirmation Class:*

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,

Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons