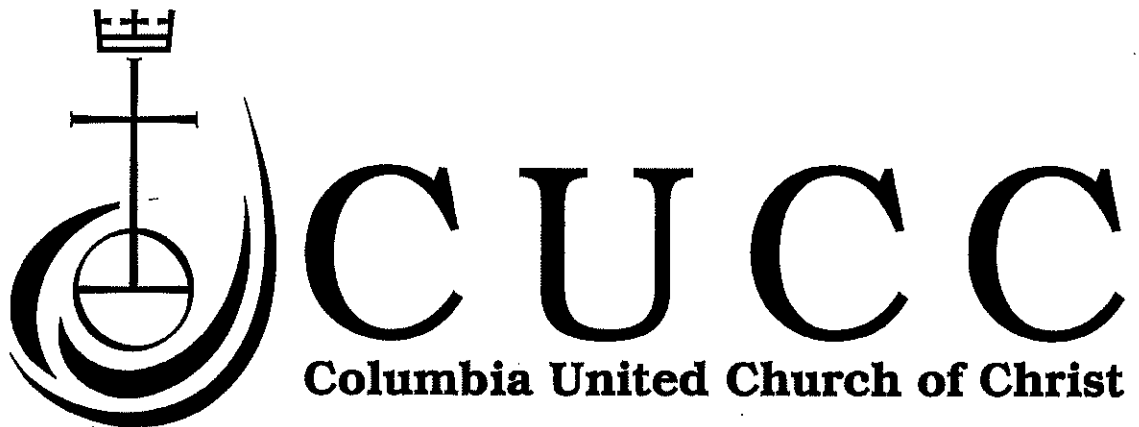


Columbia United Church Of Christ

April 24, 2022
Second Sunday of Easter



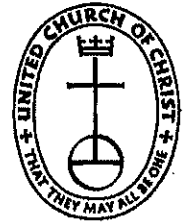
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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*



April 24, 2022

10:30 Worship

"Faithful Thomas"

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

"...Praise the LORD!

Praise God in the Sanctuary; praise God in the mighty firmament!

Praise the LORD! -Psalm 150:1

Easter Affirmation

Rev. Crousore

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

If we are risen with Christ, let us seek those things which are above,
where Christ sits on the right hand of God.

Welcome and Greetings

Rev. Crousore

Prelude

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Amy Crousore
Robert Thygerson

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Abby Dennis

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 150)

Connie Loveless

Sing Praise to God!

Lift up your voice in joyful song!

We lift up our voices to praise God

In God's mighty Sanctuary, we praise God;

We shout our praises to the heavens.

Praise God for all God's glorious deeds!

With trumpet, and harp, make a joyful noise to God!

With tambourine and dance, praise God!

With strings and pipes, and loud clanging cymbals,

Let everything that breathes praise God!

With the joy of Resurrection on our minds,

We lift up our voices in song!

Come, let us worship God!

*Gathering Hymn

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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*Opening Prayer

Rev. Crousore

Beloved in the LORD, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sin unto God, our Heavenly Parent, asking God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness:

Almighty and Most Merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts and of the erring ways of selfishness and consumption we see all around us. We have offended against your holy laws. We do not do those things which we ought to do and we do those things which we ought not to do. But you, O God, are a merciful God and forgive those who acknowledge their sin. Therefore, we are bold to ask:

Lord, have mercy upon us

Christ, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us and give us your Peace.

*Assurance of Blessing

Rev. Crousore

(Adapted from the Book of Worship of the Evangelical and Reformed Church)

Listen now to the comforting assurance of the Grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all that repent and believe: "As I live, says God, So I desire that the wicked turn from those ways and life. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Unto as many of you therefore, beloved kindred, that truly repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and desire to live in new obedience, I declare, by the authority and in the name of Christ, that your sins are forgiven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen!

*Prayer Response

"Halle-Halle-Halleluja"

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!

Hallelujah! Halle-lu-ja!

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Rev. Crousore

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

"Earth Day"

Pat Forward

Response: "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.

The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.

Old Testament Lesson: Acts 5:27-32 Connie Loveless
Peter and the other apostles continue Jesus' work after he is gone; and as they do, they are oppressed by the Sadducees who object to their work of healing and prophecy. They imprison the apostles, but the Holy Spirit frees them. Peter tells the Sadducees "we must obey God rather than any human authority." (page #889)

Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31 Connie Loveless
Jesus appears to the disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit. He implores them to work for peace and forgiveness. Thomas, who was not present at that time, is skeptical of their tale. A week later, Jesus appears to Thomas as well, and Thomas believes. (page #883)

Anthem "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Celebration Singers
Glenn Burleigh

Sermon: Rev. Crousore

*Hymn "These Things did Thomas Count" #254

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer Rev. Crousore

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 Kristy Odneal

Invitation to the Offering

*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*

Offertory "Two English Dances" Amy Crousore
Karl Ditters con Dittersdorf

*Prayer of Dedication Connie Loveless
(Adapted from "Pleading Savior" by Robert D. Murray)

**LORD, you love the cheerful giver
Who, with open heart and hand,
Blesses freely as a river
That refreshes all the land.**

**Grant us then the grace of giving
With a spirit large and free,
That our life and all our living
We may consecrate to Thee.**

**Your own life you freely gave
As an offering on the cross
For all sinners whom you saved
From eternal shame and loss.**

**Blessed by you with gifts and graces,
May we heed your church's call
Gladly, in all times and places,
Give to you who gave us all. Amen.**

*Benediction Rev. Crousore

*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 "Lift High the Cross" Amy Crousore
Nicholson/Holloway

*A special "thank you" to Rev. Bryan Crousore for filling in this morning for
Pastor Rick, who is on vacation this week.
Pastor Rick will return from vacation Wednesday.*

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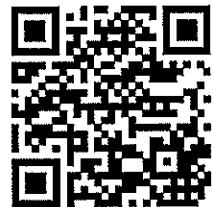
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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Connie Loveless
Acolyte: Abby Dennis
Ushers: Doug Privitt & Don Helmrieck
Greeters: Helen Schultz
Technology Booth: Hayley Dennis & Phillip Dennis
Hospitality: Judi Privitt
Council Stewards: Mark Duncan & Tricia Price

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Judi Privitt
Acolyte: Danielle Dreier
Ushers:
Greeters: Anne Heine
Technology Booth: Brent Marcks & Lorry Dreier
Hospitality: Brent Marcks
Council Stewards: Lorry Dreier & Brent Marcks



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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!

FOOD BANK FUN 4/26

Our April Food Bank shift is coming up soon, Tuesday, April 26 at 5:30 pm. If you would like to help serve, you must pre-register. For more information contact Mahree Skala at 573-474-2195.

GAME NIGHT 4/30

The Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team will be hosting a Trivia Night on April 30. We will begin with Trivia at 6:30pm. We are asking people to bring appetizers to share for an appetizer buffet. The event is FREE, but we will be collecting an offering for Mobility Worldwide that night. To reserve a table scan the QR code below. We only have 15 tables, so space is limited. Make your reservation today! Questions? Talk to Stefanie Zimny or Kim Oberle.

BLACK HISTORY TOUR OF ST. LOUIS 5/7

On May 7, we will meet at church about 8:45, planning to leave by 9 am. We are renting a large van for anyone who wants to ride together. We will have a guide to show us around important Black History sites in St. Louis and explain the significance. We will stop for lunch at a Black-owned restaurant during our tour. The tour takes around 3 hours, plus lunch, so we plan to return to Columbia around 5 pm. RSVP required; talk to Tricia Price or check the Friday email!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	4/24	<i>Earth Day</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		CUCC Earth Day Booth at Peace Park	10:30am-6:30pm
Mon	4/25	NO Staff Meeting	
Tue	4/26	Quilters	10:00am
		Food Bank	5:30pm
Wed	4/27	NO Confirmation	
		Chancel Ringers Rehearsal	6:00pm
		Celebration Singers Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thu	4/28	Lunch Bunch	12:00pm
Sat	4/30	<i>Trivia Night</i>	6:30pm
Sun	5/1	<i>Baptism of August Williams</i>	
		Men's Fellowship	7:30am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Music & Worship Ministry Team	12:00pm

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The family and friends of Dave Post... on their loss (Isaiah's brother)
Rev. Connie Tanis... health issues
Clyde... living with cancer (Lydia Whitacre's friend)
Laura Whitacre... recovering from foot surgery

The People of Ukraine... standing up to Russian oppression
The People of Russia... manipulated by their leadership
The People of Afghanistan... trying to live in a decimated country
Refugees everywhere... mourning their losses, looking for relief

The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our partnership friend
Alexis... on heart transplant list (Elaine Trout's friend's granddaughter)

Sheila... challenges in life and faith
The Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christine Mseke;
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)
Gene Kelly... living with cancer (Jim & Connie Loveless's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,
Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

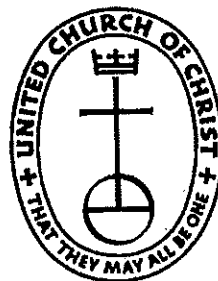
Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson, Dane Wilson
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

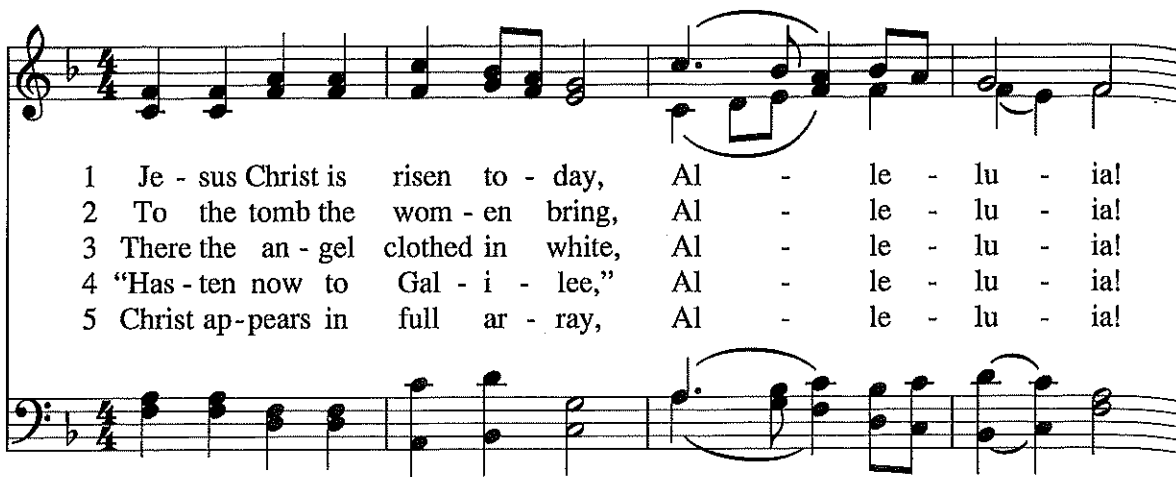
Nishan Bakalian... serving in Lebanon

2022 Confirmation Class:

Danielle Dreier, Aidan Pierson, Trevor Pierson; Lawson Flood-Loerber



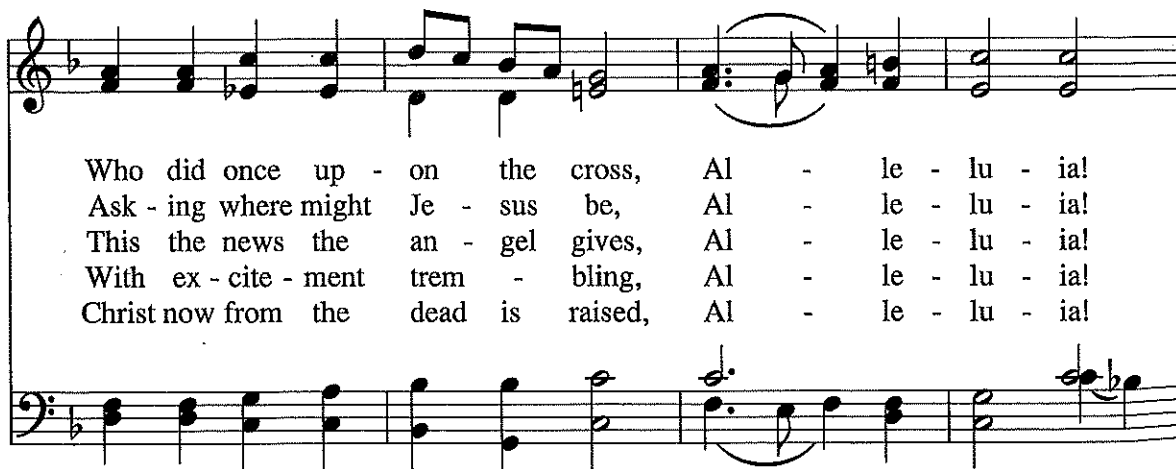
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

*Matt. 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-10**St. 1 transl., Lyra Davidica, London, 1708
St. 2-5 transl., The New Century Hymnal, 1994*


1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 To the tomb the wom - en bring, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 There the an - gel clothed in white, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 "Has - ten now to Gal - i - lee," Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 Christ ap - pears in full ar - ray, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Spic - es rich, an of - fer - ing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Tells the news with great de - light, Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Tell the oth - ers what you see!" Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sing with joy this Pas - chal day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ask - ing where might Je - sus be, Al - le - lu - ia!
 This the news the an - gel gives, Al - le - lu - ia!
 With ex - cite - ment trem - bling, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ now from the dead is raised, Al - le - lu - ia!

In 1749, an English translation of this fourteenth-century Latin hymn dropped all but the first stanza of the original. Most hymnbooks have used that (1749) version. In this new translation the original Latin verses of the medieval text are restored, thus bringing to life the original Easter narrative.

Tune: LLANFAIR 7.7.7. with alleluias
 Robert Williams, 1817
 Harm. John Roberts (1822-1877)

Unison

Suf-fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sav-ior come to set us free, Al - le - lu - ia!
 That the Sov-ereign glo - rious lives, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Off they run, good news to bring, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ho - ly Trin - i - ty be praised, Al - le - lu - ia!

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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Latin, c. 5th century

Luke 24:36-37

Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

1 Joy dawns a - gain on Eas - ter Day, the sun shone
 2 O Je - sus, Sav - ior, Gen - tle One, come take our
 3 O Sov - ereign One, with us a - bide in this our

out with bright ar - ray; For when the A - pos - tles
 hearts to be your own, That we may give you
 joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; From ev - ery weap - on

hid in fear, the Ris - en Christ to them ap - peared.
 all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.
 death can wield, your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield.

This anonymous Latin hymn of uncertain date is one of the two earliest hymns assigned to a special season. From that beginning grew a full list of medieval Latin hymns assigned to specific times and seasons.

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR L.M.
 German carol, 15th century
 Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609
 Harm. George R. Woodward, 1910

A toi la vic - toi - re, pour l'é - ter - ni - té!
End - less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.

These Things Did Thomas Count

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Thomas H. Troeger, 1984

John 20:19-31

1 These things did Thom - as count as real: the warmth of
2 The vi - sion of his skept - ic mind was keen e -
3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied that one could
4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve and thus the

blood, the chill of steel, The grain of wood, the heft of
nough to make him blind To an - y un - ex - pect - ed
live when one had died, Un - til his fin - gers read like
ris - en Christ re - ceive, Whose raw, im - print - ed palms reached

stone, the last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
act too large for his small world of fact.
Braille the mark - ings of the spear and nail.
out and beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

The author cites his "reading of twentieth-century theology and its coming to terms with the limits of the enlightenment and rational cognition" as the foundational thought for this text.

Tune: DISTRESS L.M.
The Sacred Harp, 1844
Arr. Jonathan McNair, 1993