

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

November 13, 2022  
"Veterans Day"



**CUCC**  
**Columbia United Church of Christ**

## **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.

*Columbia  
United Church  
Of Christ*



*November 13, 2022*

*10:30am*

*"Veterans Day"*

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

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Here I Am to Worship"

Amy Crousore  
Hughes/Hayes

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Trevor Pierson

\*Call to Worship

Jim Loveless

Praise God! Bless God's name forever and ever!  
Great is the LORD; and worthy of our praise.

**Every generation will declare God's majesty  
And meditate on God's wondrous works.**

God is gracious and merciful;  
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**God is good to all,  
And shows compassion for all of Creation.**

God is near to all who call on God;  
To all who call on God in truth.

**Our mouths will praise God for generations;  
And we will bless God's Holy Name forever and ever.  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Gathering Hymn "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

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\*Opening Prayer

Jim Loveless

**God of hope; you come to us in times of challenge and trial,  
giving us comfort and assurance. You embrace us in our times  
of discomfort and you bring us peace. Forgive us for the times  
we feel you are so far away. We know that distance is our  
doing, not yours. Beckon us to come closer to you, that we  
may realize your glory. Teach us to trust that, even in times of  
barrenness and destitution, you offer us abundance and  
blessing. Teach us to have faith in your presence and  
exemplify that faith in our lives every day. In Jesus' name we  
pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick

*God has called us not to be served, but to serve. We are all Servant Leaders in God's Beloved Community. Often we forget that role, focusing on ourselves instead of others. But when we reorient ourselves to God, we are forgiven and embraced. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!*

\*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 Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!

**And also with you!**

Children's Time Pastor Rick

Response: "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.***

Epistle Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Jim Loveless

*In this letter from "Paul," we hear of disparity in the early Christian Church. They are worried that their efforts are in vain, but the author assures them that their steady faithfulness will overcome the boisterous narcissism of the loud voices of the day. (page #961)*

Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27-38 Jim Loveless

*Sadducees were a sect of Judaism that held to some radical ideas, including the idea that there is no afterlife. In this passage, they try to trick Jesus by asking him about heavenly details. Jesus basically tells them not to worry about Heaven, focus instead on making the best of this life. He suggests that those in the afterlife and those in this life are one and the same to God. (page #855)*

Anthem "I Shall Not Live in Vain " Celebration Singers  
Thomas LaVoy

Sermon: "Quantum Leap" Pastor Rick

Recognition of Servanthood– Veterans Day

Sue Ann Schaefer

*After the video presentation, Veterans will be invited to stand (if comfortably able)*

Prayer Litany honoring Veterans Day

Loving God; the framers of our Declaration of Independence claimed that you have endowed us with inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Yet there are those who would take these from us. Today we remember the men, women and others who have served in our country’s armed forces to preserve the freedoms you have granted us. For all who have served in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard,

**We ask your blessing.**

For the families of members who made great sacrifices to make it possible for service members to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm’s way,

**We ask your blessing.**

For the families who realized the loss of a loved one in service,

**We ask your blessing.**

Jesus tells us that no one has greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. For all those Veterans who have been willing to lay down their lives for us,

**We ask your blessing.**

For the Veterans who bear scars in their bodies and spirits,

**We ask your blessing.**

For Veterans who came home but couldn’t “fit in” with their families or communities anymore;

**We ask your blessing.**

For Veterans who have been excluded from community because of race, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity, or any other oppressive factor;

**We ask your blessing.**

**Ever present God, keep all our Veterans in your care today. Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others. As we honor our Veterans, we also pray for peace. Teach all your people the ways of peace; that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom will not have done so in vain. We pray all these things in the name of your son, our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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! Amen!***

Inclusion Moments

**"Sgt. William Givens"  
Voluntary Action Center**

Tricia Price  
Mahree Skala

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Pastor Rick

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

Offertory

**"Allegro Burlesco"**

Amy Crousore  
*Friedrich Kuhlau*

Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Rick

Worshipful Work of the Church

*(Strategic Planning & Assessment/Budget Meeting)*

Kristy Odneal

Vision Team Presentation

Kurt Heine

2023 Budget Presentation

Sue Ann Schaefer

\*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

**"Shout to the Lord "**

Amy Crousore

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Jim Loveless  
Acolyte: Trevor Pierson  
Ushers: Llona Weiss  
Greeters: Carol Duermeyer  
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson & Judi Privitt  
Hospitality:  
Council Stewards: Mike Pierson & Tricia Price

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Audrey Lasley  
Acolyte:  
Ushers: Christine Staelens  
Greeters: Jessica Lucas  
Technology Booth: Josh Muench & Carissa Graves  
Hospitality: Stefanie Zimny  
Council Stewards: Stefanie Zimny & Kurt Heine

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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!

**SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS WITH PASTOR RICK**

Join Pastor Rick in small group gatherings to reconnect, hear details of his Sabbatical experience, and talk about where we have been as a church and where we are going. Gatherings will be held 11/17 at 2:00pm, 12/1at 7:00pm, 12/8 at 7:00pm and 12/15 at 2:00pm. Want to sign up? Email the church office or Jessica Lucas or sign up after worship in the Gathering Space.

**TURNING POINT**

One of the many services Turning Point offers is a place for guests to shower. Turning Point is in need of hotel size toiletries- particularly soap and shampoo. Please place donations in the container in the coat room.

**SABBATICAL FEEDBACK FORM**

The Sabbatical Team is so appreciative for all of the extra help that many members contributed over the last three months, and are interested in getting feedback from the entire congregation. See the Friday update for a clickable link to the form or there are paper copies of the form inside the main entrance you can complete.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	11/13	Veterans Day Observed/Congregational Meeting	
		Sunday School for all ages	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Congregational Meeting	11:30am
Mon	11/14	NO Staff Meeting	
		Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall	6:00pm
		Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	6:30pm
Tue	11/15	Quilters	10:00am
		Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team	5:30pm
		Church Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wed	11/16	Chancel Singers Practice	6:30pm
		Confirmation 2022	7:00pm
Thu	11/17	Small Group Gathering with Pastor Rick	2:00pm
		LODO Thanksgiving in Fellowship Hall	6:00pm
Sun	11/20	Men's Fellowship	7:30am
		Sunday School for all ages	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

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

Vernie Blank ... recovering from a stroke. Moved to REACH at Lenoir

Ed Rollins (& family)... recovering from brain surgery

The family of Andrea Waner . . . especially baby Millie in the NICU.

Troy Bentlage... recovering from a broken hip and COVID

Joan Bentlage... recovering from COVID

The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our partnership friend

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

The Williams, Piersee, Marsh Families

## *Health Issues:*

Tiffany Brookshire; Glenn Duermeyer; David Martin; Levi Markway;

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christine Mseke;

Gene Kelly... living with cancer (Jim & Connie Loveless's friend)

## *Living in Care Facilities:*

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,

Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank

## *Living in Independent Living Facilities:*

Helen Graves

## *Serving us in the military:*

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson,

Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden

James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

Tim Isom, (Oberles' friend);

Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

## *2022 Confirmation Class:*

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

*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*



# I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

Ps. 136:5-9; James 1:17

*Descant*

3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of our God that filled the earth with food;  
 3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.  
 God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro - nounced them good.  
 The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
 Oh, how your won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye:  
 All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

Wher - ev - er peo - ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres - ent there.

The moon shines full at God's com - mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
 If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
 Wher - ev - er peo - ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres - ent there.

# O My Soul, Bless Your Creator

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Anon.

Ps. 103

United Presbyterian Book of Psalms, 1871; alt.

1 O my soul, bless your Cre - a - tor; all with - in me bless God's name;  
 2 God for - gives all your trans - gres - sions, all who suf - fer, gen - tly heals;  
 3 Far as east from west is dis - tant, God has put a - way our sin;  
 4 As it was with - out be - gin - ning, so it lasts with - out an end;  
 5 Un - to all who keep God's cov - enant and are stead - fast in God's way;

Bless your Mak - er, and for - get not all God's mer - cies to pro - claim.  
 God re - deems you from de - struc - tion, and with you so kind - ly deals.  
 Like a moth - er and a fa - ther, God com - pas - sion - ate has been.  
 To their chil - dren's chil - dren ev - er shall God's righ - teous - ness ex - tend:  
 Un - to all who still re - mem - ber God's com - mand - ments and o - bey.

## 305 You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim

Rev. 4:9-11; 5:11-14

Charles Wesley, 1744; alt.

1 You ser - vants of God, your Sov - ereign pro - claim,  
 2 God rules from on high, al - might - y to save,  
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
 4 Then let us a - dore and ren - der God's right,

and pub - lish a - broad that won - der - ful name:  
 and still God is nigh, whose pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud for what God has done.  
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol,  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion God's tri - umphs shall praise,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 All hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

who, sov - ereign and glo - rious, now rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus al - ways.  
 still veil - ing their fac - es, they wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fin - ite love.

