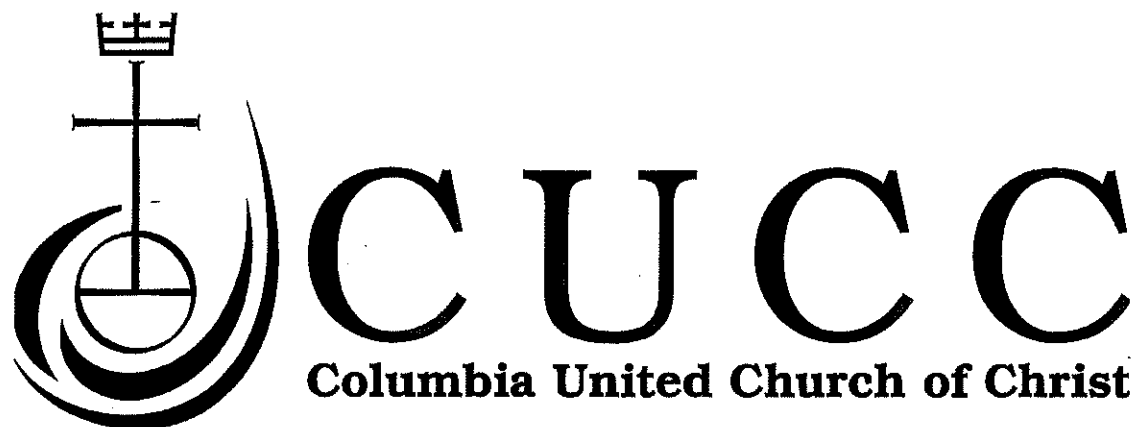


# Columbia United Church Of Christ

May 2, 2021  
Heifer Around the World



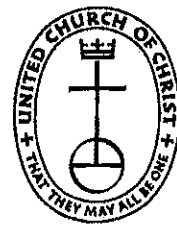
## **CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:**

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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May 2, 2021

10:30 Worship

"Vine and branches"

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

*"...all the families of the earth shall remember and turn to God;  
And all the families of the nations shall worship God..."*

*-Psalm 22:7*

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Cantabile in Bb Major"

Lucy Smith  
*Frederic Chopin*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Lil Smith

\*Call to Worship

*(based on Psalm 22)*

Jim Loveless

We cry out to God for compassion;  
We feel lost, alone, forsaken;

**But we know, even in times such as this,  
God is with us always.**

We offer prayers to God, but hear no answer;  
We wonder if God hears our cries for help.

**But we know God is Holy;  
Ever present in all times and places!**

Our ancestors cried out to God for justice and peace;  
God heard their prayers; and God hears us, too.

**All who know God, praise God's Holy Name!  
Those who seek God will know God; and our hearts will rejoice!  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn

"The Day of Resurrection"

#245

\*Opening Prayer

Jim Loveless

**God of love; you remind us in the Wisdom of our traditions about  
your call to inclusive love; and you remind us that those who do not  
love their brothers or sisters, whom they have seen, cannot fully love  
God, whom they have not seen. Yet we often fail to love inclusively as  
you command. Forgive us for putting labels and social status and  
other divisors ahead of your command to love; and help us fully  
embody the love you first showed us. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

The author of today's epistle lesson talks about the love God challenges us to exhibit in the world; but even when we fail to live into that command, we are forgiven. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven of all our sins! We are God's beloved children; 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

Pastor Rick

*Pastor Rick will offer the words, "May God's Peace be with You" and you are invited to respond with the words, "And also with you."*

May God's Peace be with you!

**And also with you!**

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*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.*

Mission Moment

"Heifer Project"

Mahree Skala

*The CUCC Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team has selected "Heifer Project" as our mission focus through Mother's Day.*

*Our Goal between now and May 9 is to raise \$5000 to provide an "ark" full of animals for those in need. A Gift Ark includes two water buffalo, two cows, two sheep and two goats, along with bees, chicks, rabbits and more. A Gift Ark changes lives two by two as it provides not only sustenance but also subsistence, giving recipients a revenue stream (wool, eggs, agricultural ability, etc.) to improve their lives.*

*You can contribute using the envelopes in today's bulletin, scanning the QR code on the next page and selecting "Heifer Project" from the dropdown menu, or by texting "GIVE" to 573.240.4041.*

Anthem



Presenting our Gifts

“Just As I Am”

Amy Crousore  
Wetzler/Bradbury

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

“Doxology”

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost! Amen!*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Jim Loveless

God, we give these gifts today as means for loving the world. Through them, we pray that your will may be done and justice is restored. Through these gifts we enable ministries of justice and bring your Kingdom to greater realization in the world. Bless these gifts and multiply them, that your love may be realized. Amen.

\*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

“Not Alone for Mighty Empire”

Amy Crousore  
Chesterton

*CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:  
Welcoming all God's People;  
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*

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Jim Loveless  
**Acolyte:** Lil Smith  
**Ushers:** Mahree Skala  
**Greeters:** Carol Duermeyer  
**Technology Booth:** Brent Marcks & John Graves  
**Hospitality:** Lena Muench  
**Council Steward:** Pat Forward/Brent Marcks

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Isaiah Jackson Post  
**Acolyte:** Sadie Tummons  
**Ushers:**  
**Greeters:** Jolene Kirchoff  
**Technology Booth:** Matt Lucas & Pete Jaberg  
**Hospitality:** Helen Schultz  
**Council Stewards:** Pat Forward/Mahree Skala



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### CORONAVIRUS VACCINE INFORMATION

The Boone County Health Department has a very helpful website with COVID-19 Vaccine information, answering questions about the safety and efficacy of the vaccines and dispelling misinformation that is being spread. Go to [www.como.gov/covidvaccine/](http://www.como.gov/covidvaccine/) to read up on the vaccine and hopefully answer any questions you may have. You can also schedule a vaccine at Hy-Vee or Walmart by visiting their websites. Let's all do our part to get **EVERYONE** vaccinated and manage the COVID-19 virus once and for all!

### LODO PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPEN

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year is in full swing! Please share with friends and family to let them know that we have limited space available for Fall 2021! Interested families should contact Erika Maltsbarger at 573-445-2661 or [LittleOnesDayOut@yahoo.com](mailto:LittleOnesDayOut@yahoo.com) or for availability and to schedule a tour. Additional information can be found at [www.columbiaucc.com/lodohome](http://www.columbiaucc.com/lodohome).

### FOOD BANK UPDATE

CUCC volunteers are working at together again at the Food Bank every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evening at 5:30pm. We moved to 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays to reduce schedule conflicts. For details on how to sign up for May 25, please contact Mahree Skala at 573-474-2195 or [skalamahree@yahoo.com](mailto:skalamahree@yahoo.com)

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 5/16

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be after worship on May 16. Plan on sticking around for lunch, and to hear information from our church ministry teams regarding our impact last year and our plans for the rest of 2021. Our Finance Team will be providing financial information as well, and we will elect Church Council Members for the coming term. Stick around that Sunday— this is an important part of our covenantal life!

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	5/2	<b>Communion Sunday</b>	
		Sunday School for all ages	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Fellowship Hall Booked	1:00-4:00pm
Mon	5/3	Staff Meeting	10:15am
		Confirmation	6:00pm
Fri	5/7	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	5/9	<b>Mother's Day</b>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

*May 3-7 is Teacher Appreciation Week for our LODO Teachers! How about doing something to express your appreciation for their ministry on our behalf? A card or note slipped under their door, a gift card, cookies, or anything would be appreciated! Talk to Pastor Rick or April if you want help coordinating something special!*

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

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

The family of Juanita Zeiler... on their loss (Mari Ann Keithahn's mother)  
Sue Beckmann... recovering from knee surgery 4/5  
Dennis Froeschner... recovering from knee surgery 4/9  
Glenn Duermeyer... recovering from knee surgery 4/20

Caitlin (mother) and Timothy Herritt (infant)... recovering from difficult birth  
(David and Ann Stone Meyer's daughter and grandson)

Beth Schoeneberg... health issues (Jason's mother)  
Mary Rinne... living with cancer (Donna Marsh's daughter)  
Esther Rollins... health issues (Ed's mother)  
Amy... challenges in life (April Rothweiler's friend)  
Ardith Wilson... on hospice (Mark Wilson's mother)  
Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothweiler's Aunt)

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

## *Health Issues:*

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece);  
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);  
Christine Mseke; Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell;  
Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)  
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:*

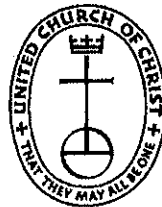
Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson  
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)  
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);  
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

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

Karen Campbell-Nelson... serving in Indonesia

## *2021 Confirmation Class:*

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,  
Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons





5 How blessed are they who have not seen  
and yet whose faith has constant been;  
for they eternal life shall win,  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

6 On this most ho-ly day of days,  
our hearts and voices, Christ, we raise  
to you in ju-bi-lee and praise.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! (*Antiphon*)

## The Day of Resurrection

245

*John of Damascus, 8th century*  
*Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.*

Mark 16:1-6

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;  
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,  
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad-ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

*A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn.*  
*John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.*

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.  
Henry T. Smart, 1836

# Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27

Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,  
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;  
 3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;  
 4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;

Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;  
 Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;  
 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.  
 Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;

Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.  
 Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;  
 You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,  
 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,

Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.  
 End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
 Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.  
 Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.

*This hymn is said to have been suggested by a "Song of Venus" from Dryden's King Arthur. It is one of 6,500 written by Charles Wesley, the "sweet singer of Methodism," who was skilled at interweaving literary and scriptural images.*

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.  
 John Zundel, 1855

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL  
 For another harmonization, see 368, 495

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Go now, my friends, and do the same,  
 And with this love you will be free,  
 Re-joice, my friends, al-though I go,

F#m G A7 *to Refrain*

un-til I come a - gain.  
 un-til I come a - gain.  
 for I will come a - gain.

## Listen to Your Savior Call

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*William Cowper, 1768; alt.**John 21:15-16*

1 Lis - ten to your Sav - ior call, "Do you love me most of all?"  
 2 "I de - liv - ered you when bound, and, when bleed - ing, healed your wound.  
 3 "Mine is an un - chang - ing love, high - er than the heights a - bove,  
 4 O my Sav - ior, hear my need: though my love is faint in - deed,

Je - sus speaks, and speaks to you: "Love me as I first loved you."  
 Sought you wan - dering, set you right, for your path - way gave you light."  
 Deep - er than the depths be - neath, free and faith - ful, strong as death."  
 Still I love you and a - dore— oh, for grace to love you more!

*William Cowper was trained as a barrister. He suffered from severe depression, but during a time of wellness he wrote this hymn based on John 21:15—a dialogue between Jesus and the individual.*

Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS 7.7.7.7.  
 French melody, early 13th century  
 Arr. Richard Redhead, 1853