

# Columbia United Church Of Christ



July 14, 2024

*"Mobility Worldwide"*



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**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*



*July 14, 2024*

*9:30 a.m.*

*"Identity"*

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

*"... The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it."*

*-Psalm 24:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Invention XIII"

Steve Jannetti  
*J. S. Bach*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

\*Call to Worship

*(based on Psalm 24)*

Audrey Lasley

The earth is God's, and all that is in it,  
The world, and those who live in it.

**God has established our community and embraced us in love.  
God has established Their will within us and called it good!**

Lift up your hearts, mighty congregation! Lift up your souls!  
Lift up your voices in song; for God has blessed you with Salvation!

**We are the recipients of God's blessings.**

**We have received vindication from the God of our Salvation.**

**Come, let us worship God!**

\*Hymn

"Sing Praise to God"

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\*Opening Prayer

Audrey Lasley

**God of blessing and holy identity; You call us to be Your children  
and give us a holy birthright. Forgive us for the times we neglect to  
embrace our identity as Yours. Teach us to live into the inheritance  
You give us as we continue the ministries of Jesus Christ in this  
place and in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God names us and claims us and makes us Their own. Our identity is  
rooted in God and our inheritance is from Them; but even when we  
forget, God forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace we  
are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

\*Prayer Response

“Weave”

*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

Pastor Rick

May God’s Peace be with you!

**And also with you!**

Children’s Time

“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!*

Faith Sharing Moment

“Mobility Worldwide”

Pastor Rick

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14

Audrey Lasley

*In this letter to the Christian Church in Ephesus, the new Christian community is searching for identity, defining themselves against the Roman citizens around them who worshipped very different gods in many ways. Paul told them they were inheritors of God’s grace through the ministries of Jesus and encouraged them to live into that inheritance.*

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Gospel Lesson

Mark 6:14-29

Audrey Lasley

*We hear about the ultimate fate of John the Baptizer, beheaded by Herod to please his wife. But then when Jesus came along, some were saying that he was John, resurrected. Jesus’ identity was conflated with that of John the Baptizer to many in the first century Roman world.*

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Anthem

“Lord God of Abraham” Arr. Felix Mendelssohn  
*Steve Jannetti; baritone, and Connie Loveless; piano*

Sermon

“Identity”

Pastor Rick

\*Hymn

“God of Change and Glory”

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\*Invitation to Communion

*This is Jesus’ table, not ours; and everyone is invited when Christ is the host. No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome to join us for this feast of remembrance.*

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, & Invocation

*As we celebrate this sacrament, we wish to share our blessings with our children. During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a special blessing from Pastor Rick.*

### Institution; Fraction; Distribution

*You will be invited to come forward via the center aisle to receive Communion from the Communion Stewards. There is gluten free bread and grape juice available; please ask your communion steward and they will assist.*

### Communion Music “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Steven Jannetti  
Phillip Keveren

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of awesome power, we thank You for this meal through which we remember Jesus’ ministry with us. We thank You for our inheritance as Your children and the identity You have given us. We pray that this meal will enliven that identity and inspire us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with everyone we meet. Now we gather together as one church, uniting in the prayer Jesus taught us:**

### \*The LORD’S Prayer (*sung by the Congregation, led by Steven Jannetti*)

**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

### 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

“Menuet in F”

Steve Jannetti  
J. S. Bach

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Audrey Lasley

**Take these gifts, O God; for through them, we reflect Your provision received in our lives, as well as our desire to share Your provision with others. Bless the offering we lay before You, and use it to Your will, enabling the ministries of this congregation. 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

“Polonaise in G Minor”

Steve Jannetti  
*J. S. Bach*

### **CAMP FIRELIGHT– VBS 2024**

Camp Firelight- VBS 2024 is coming soon!

There are many great opportunities for you to help out!

- **Registration for attendees-** Registration ended last Wednesday. We have a large number of kids signed up!
- **Volunteer-** Want to have a fun filled, inspirational time? Sign up to help at VBS! You can sign up for one, two, or three days as a teacher, assistant, working with arts & crafts or science stations, clean up, or any number of areas. Sign up sheets are available in the Gathering Area.
- **Donate Supplies-** We have a wish list! See the display in the Gathering Area for more information on what is needed.
- **Donate Money-** Though VBS is funded through our CUCC Budget, your financial donations will help fund this great ministry
- **Loan us decorations-** we are in need of some “campy” supplies to really decorate the church for Camp! Can we borrow your supplies? Check out the VBS display in the Gathering Area for our “beg and borrow” list!

Visit our display in the Gathering Area to sign up for any of these opportunities, or follow the links that were in the Friday email. There are QR codes to scan on our display as well that lead you to our registration page and with lists Got questions? talk to Lena Muench or Gina Pierson!

*The United Church of Christ:*

*“United in Christ’s Love, A Just World for All”*

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Audrey Lasley
Ushers:	Pat Forward & Mark Duncan
Greeters:	Judi Privitt
Technology:	Doug Privitt & Judi Privitt
Hospitality:	Mark Duncan, Kristin Veteto, Judi Privitt
Council Stewards:	Mark Duncan, Kristin Veteto, Judi Privitt

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Lydia Whitacre
Ushers:	Mahree Skala & Christine Staelens
Greeters:	Jessica Lucas
Technology:	Ted Dachroeden & Josh Muench
Hospitality:	Lena Muench
Council Stewards:	Lena Muench



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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!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Camp Firelight, our 2024 Vacation Bible School program, will be July 29-31 from 5:15-8:15 p.m. each evening for ages 3 through finishing 5th grade. We have a huge number of campers this year, so we need lots of help! To volunteer, go to: [www.columbiaucc.com](http://www.columbiaucc.com) or talk to Lena Muench or Gina Pierson.

**TAIZÉ PRAYER AND MEDITATION 7/10-7/24**

Join us Wednesday evenings thru July 24 for special mid-week worship services based on practices originating with Taizé Spiritual Community in France. These services, hosted by Steve Jannetti, will feature songs, prayers, and silent meditation to help us connect more fully with God's presence. The service will last 30 minutes, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the church Sanctuary.

**CREATION JUSTICE STAY AND LEARN TODAY- "TEAM EARTH!"**

CUCC is forming a Creation Care Team to discern how God is calling us to live into our stewardship responsibility at a time when the earth is, in many ways, imperiled by human actions. After worship today, we will gather for a "stay and learn" in the Fellowship Hall to talk about first steps. If you are interested in any aspect of creation care we'd love to see you there!

**MOBILITY WORLDWIDE CRAFT BEER & CARTS- TODAY**

The annual fundraiser for Mobility Worldwide will be held today at the Farmer's Market Pavilion! All are welcome to attend. We are sponsoring a cart for the gathering; donations are welcome! We have a goal of raising \$800 towards the effort. For more information talk to Mark Duncan or Jessica Jenks.

**SUMMER BOOK STUDY STARTING NEXT SUNDAY**

Shelly Adams will be leading a summer book study after worship for four Sundays beginning 7/21. The book is, "Green Faith: Mobilizing God's People to Save the Earth" by Fletcher Harper. *If you would like a book, please let Shelly know!*

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	7/14	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30 a.m.
		Green Team	11:00 a.m.
		Craft Beer & Carts	12:00-4:00 p.m.
Tue	7/16	Council Executive Team	5:30 p.m.
		Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed	7/17	Taizé Service	6:30 p.m.
Fri	7/19	Pastor Rick's day off	
Sun	7/21	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30 a.m.
		Stay and Learn- Book Study with Shelly	11:00 a.m.

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

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

Abraham... Health issues (Mahree's nephew)

Michael Elliott and his family... health issues

Lena's Friend... recovering from surgery

Steve Price... recovering from surgery

Jennifer... diagnosed with cancer (Edie Diel's niece)

Joanne Good... health issues (Sue Beckman's friend)

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our partnership friend

The people of Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine

## *Health Issues:*

John Adams, Cheryl Cobb, John Graves, Barry Kirchoff

Connie Hackman Fairley, Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's niece)

## *Challenges in Life:*

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families, Steve (Pastor Rick's Cousin)

## *Living in Care Facilities:*

Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank,

## *Living in Independent Living Facilities:*

Helen Graves, Don Privitt, Alice Moon

## *Serving us in the military:*

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden, Jeffrey Sanderson

*Did you know we have a Prayer Team here at CUCC, lifting up the prayer concerns of our congregation? If you are interested in joining our Prayer Team or have a prayer request for our team to lift up please contact*

*Melba Shaffer (573) 474-2997 [whals@centurytel.net](mailto:whals@centurytel.net)*

*Or Tricia Soncasie (314) 374-7477 [tsoncasie@aol.com](mailto:tsoncasie@aol.com)*

**We are on Summer Schedule!**  
**Worship starts at 9:30 a.m.**  
**June 9-September 1**

*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*



## Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

Ps. 68:4, 32; Ps. 105

Joachim Neander, 1680

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993

1 Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -  
 2 Praise God, our guard - ian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -  
 3 Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc -  
 4 Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God com -

a - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -  
 rec - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from  
 cess - es. Mer - ci - ful God ev - er loves to en -  
 mend - ing. All that have life and breath join you, their

plete ad - o - ra - tion! Glad - some re - jice — or - gan and  
 sin - ful de - jec - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are  
 cour - age and bless us. On - ly con - ceive, what god - ly  
 notes sweet - ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er

trum - pet and voice — join - ing God's great con - gre - ga - tion.  
 al - ways pre - served by God's pa - ren - tal af - fec - tion?  
 strength can a - chieve: strength that would touch and car - ess us.  
 keep this in sight: a - men, a - men nev - er end - ing.

Joachim Neander was a dedicated, caring pastor of the Reformed Church in Dittseldorf, Germany. This was the most familiar of his fifty-six hymn texts, which were published along with many of his original tunes in 1680, the year of his death.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.  
 Erneuernten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665  
 Adapt. and harm. William S. Bennett, 1863

# God of Change and Glory

1 Cor. 12:4-27

Al Carmines, 1973

1 God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,  
 2 God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,  
 3 Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new - ness of each night,

when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.  
 you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.  
 you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.

In the midst of chang - ing ways give us still the grace to praise.  
 As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.  
 This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

*Refrain*

Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

*Al Carmines, composer, playwright, performer, and teacher, has served as minister for two United Church of Christ congregations in New York City. This hymn, commissioned in 1973, was one of the first modern texts to claim diversity as a gift from God.*

Tune: KATHERINE 6.5.6.5.7.7.  
 Al Carmines, 1973

C F C F G

In our dif - fer - ence is bless-ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise

C F G

one Giv-er, one Word, one Spir-it, one God known in man-y ways,

F C G7 C

hal-low-ing our days. For the Giv-er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

## **Ephesians 1:3-14**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight

9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,

10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,

12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth,

the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;

14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

### **Mark 6:14-29**

14 King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him."

15 But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

16 But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.

18 For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not,

20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.”

23 And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.”

24 She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.”

25 Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”

26 The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

27 Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison,

28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.

29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.