

Columbia United Church Of Christ



July 21, 2024
"Tradition"



CUCC

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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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July 21, 2024

9:30 a.m.

"Tradition"

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

*“... I have found my servant David;
With my holy oil I have anointed him...”
-Psalm 89:20*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

Steve Jannetti
J. S. Bach

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 24)

Lydia Whitacre

I will sing of Your Steadfast Love, O God, forever;
With my mouth I will proclaim Your faithfulness.

**Your Steadfast Love is established forever;
Your Faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Let all the earth sing of God’s glory!
God has made a covenant with us, established forever.

**God is our Creator; the Rock of our Salvation!
We will sing of God’s Steadfast Love forever!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Hymn

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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*Opening Prayer

Lydia Whitacre

God of holy tradition, You speak to us through the prophets and apostles as well as through the faith of our forbearers. Forgive us for the times we do not listen, and seek to listen only to our own ambitions. Remind us of the wisdom of the ages and inspire us to make it our own, as we live into our call as inheritors of Your grace. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God teaches us through the wisdom of our traditions; and we are called to take that wisdom and use it to inform our current context. 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

“Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary”

Llona Weiss

Back to School sales are hitting the aisles at local retailers, and as you pass thru the aisles don’t forget Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary! We are collecting pink erasers and pencil tip erasers for Alpha Hart the last two Sundays of July. There is a collection basket in the gathering area at church. For more information, talk to Llona Weiss.

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 2:11-22

Lydia Whitacre

In this letter to the Christian Church in Ephesus, the author speaks of their traditions and the new understanding of faith that Jesus brings. Paul is not abolishing the old traditions by sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, but calling on the Ephesians to let Jesus’ Good News inform and reorient the traditions they had known.

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Gospel Lesson

Mark 6:30-34,53-56

Lydia Whitacre

After being driven from his hometown and disregarded by his own people, Jesus begins his Galilean ministry in other towns. His fame grows, and he finds it hard to rest. Today, the crowds find Jesus again and he meets their needs, healing those in need of healing and sharing wisdom.

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Anthem

“Sonata in E Minor - Andante”

Steve Jannetti & Linda Neale

J. S. Bach

Sermon

“Adopting and Adapting Tradition”

Pastor Rick

*Hymn

“To You, O God, All Creatures Sing”

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Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

The LORD's Prayer

In an effort to encourage inclusion, we suggest using the address "Creator God" in our unison recitation of The Lord's Prayer. You are certainly welcome to say "Our Father" instead of "Creator," "Trespases" instead of "debts," or "Thy" instead of "Your" if you prefer.

Creator God in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours 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*

Offertory

"French Suite in G Major"

Steve Jannetti
J. S. Bach

*Prayer of Dedication

Lydia Whitacre

God of Grace; You call us into Your church to embrace Your Wisdom; then You send us out to do Your work in the world. Take our hearts and our minds and let them be focused on Your mission. Take also the gifts we offer today. Let them be used to further Your mission of justice and provide voice for those who are seeking an alternative to the ways of the world. May these gifts help provide restoration and wholeness to Your Creation. 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

"Flute Sonata in E Minor - Allegro"
Steve Jannetti & Linda Neale

J. S. Bach

The Christmas Fund

The Christmas Fund is one of the four special annual offerings of the United Church of Christ. Through the Christmas Fund, the United Church of Christ has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the church for over 100 years by providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas “Thank You” gift checks each December to lower-income retirees. CUCC traditionally celebrates **“Christmas in July/August”** to remember The Christmas Fund. We will be collecting for The Christmas Fund through August 4.

From the United Church of Christ Christmas Fund website: United Church of Christ congregations and members have blessed “the Christmas Fund” with their generosity for many years. This year, your care and compassion will be especially appreciated by those servants of the church who are facing a time of need. Thank you!

Grace is truly at the center of everything for us humans. Grace shapes our faith, our family, our friendships, and our identity. Grace is not just being given the benefit of the doubt, or God bestowing favor on the less than worthy. Grace is also the root of gratitude and thankfulness. It is at the heart of our thanksgiving/eucharistic meal. Our expressions of grace are a reminder of the great gifts of God to us, and our grateful response to that fullness.

Your gifts to the Christmas Fund allow the United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance to provide grace, hope, and joy through financial relief to UCC pastors, lay church leaders, and their families. There will be envelopes in the bulletin on August 4 for The Christmas Fund, or you can also donate by giving online through our CUCC website or text the word “give” to 573.240.4041. Thank you for your gifts to The Christmas Fund!

The United Church of Christ:

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

“World peace must develop from inner peace. Peace is not just mere absence of violence. Peace is, I think, the manifestation of human compassion.”

- Dalai Lama XIV

“Peace is not something you wish for, it is something you make, something you are, something you do and something you give away.”

- Robert Fulghum

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TODAY 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

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Mahree Skala
Ushers:	Mary Lorber & Tom Solt
Greeters:	Susan Dunham
Technology:	John Graves & Mike Pierson
Hospitality:	Kristin Veteto & Tricia Price
Council Stewards:	Kristin Veteto & Tricia Price



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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 or talk to Lena Muench or Gina Pierson.

START SAVING ERASERS

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LAST TAIZÉ PRAYER AND MEDITATION 7/24

Join us this Wednesday evening, July 24, for a special mid-week worship service based on practices originating with Taizé Spiritual Community in France. Hosted by Steve Jannetti, this service 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.

SUMMER BOOK STUDY STARTS TODAY

Shelly Adams will be leading a summer book study after worship for four Sundays beginning today. The book is, "Green Faith: Mobilizing God's People to Save the Earth" by Fletcher Harper. Even if you have not read the book, stick around; the conversation will be rich and rewarding. *If you would like a book, please let Shelly know!*

YOU CAN HELP PUBLICIZE CUCC!

Give us a 5-star review on Google! A five star review will help direct others to our church, and will cause our church to "pop up" more prominently on searches. Get the word out – share the Good News! Don't let CUCC remain the best kept secret in town! Check out the Friday email for links to create your review.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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.
Tue	7/23	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
Wed	7/24	Taizé Service	6:30 p.m.
Fri	7/26	Pastor Rick's day off	
Sun	7/28	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 . . .

The Family of Michael Elliott... on their loss

The Family of Jeff Koepke... on their loss

Pat Schroeder... health issues

Sharon Elliott... health issues

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

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 Kirchhoff
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

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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;

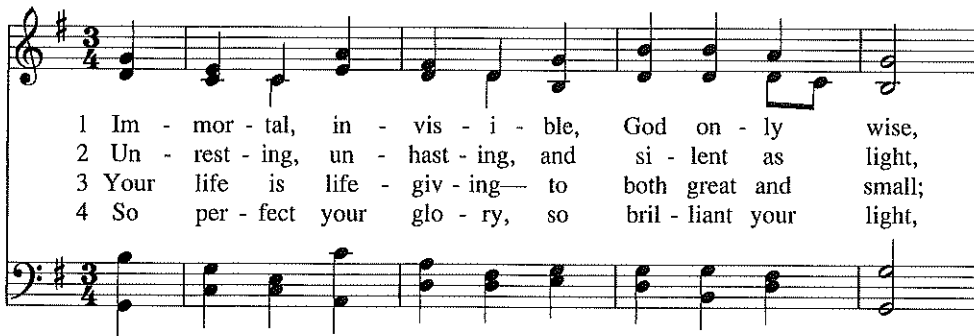
***Transforming both the congregation and community
through service and outreach***

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

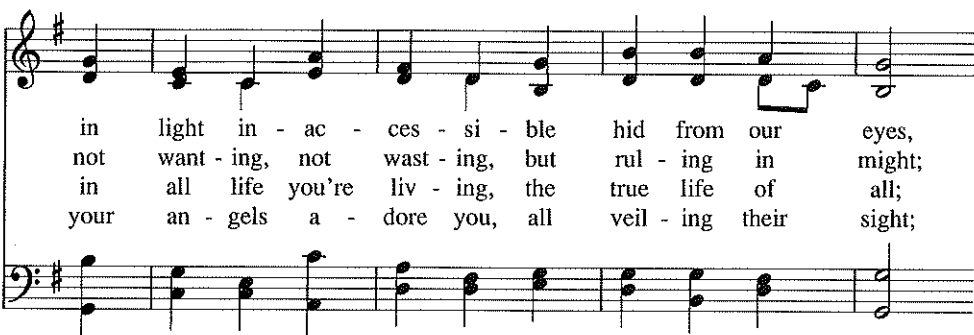
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Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

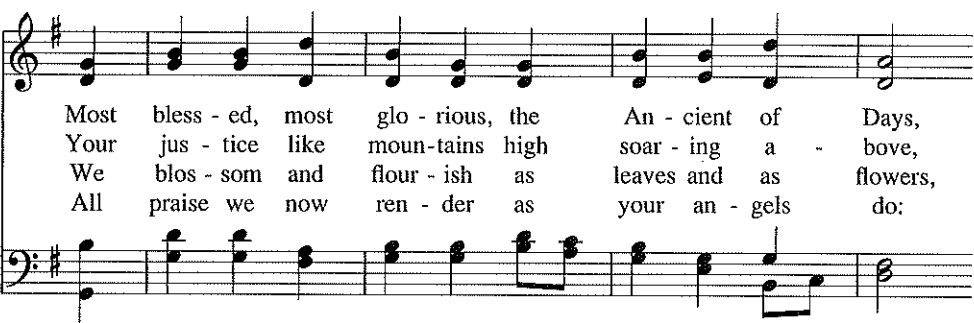
1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6



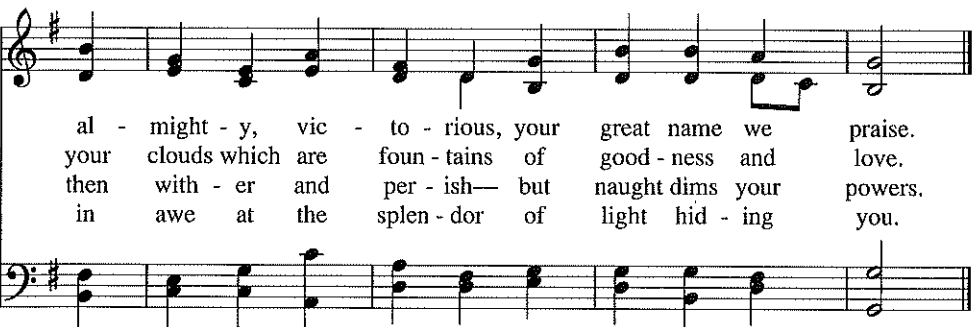
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers,
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

Ps. 148

St. Francis of Assisi, 1225

Adapt. Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

Descant

4 To you, God, day af-ter day, earth in

Unison

1 To you, O God, all crea-tures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery -
 2 Your wind that blows the tem-pest by, your clouds that sail a - cross the
 3 Your flow - ing wa - ters, crys - tal clear, make mel - o - dies for you to
 4 To you, O God, day af - ter day, your plan - et earth in ev - ery

ev - ery way sings your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! As fruit, fra - grant

(Harmony) *(Unison)*

thing sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your burn - ing sun with gold-en
 sky sing your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your morn - ing ris - es with a
 hear, sing your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your fire, . . . boun-ti - ful and
 way, sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia, As sa - vory fruit and fra-grant

Miriam Therese Winter described her thoughts about adapting this text: "As I entered into communion with the word and spirit of the hymn, I felt called to enable that unknown-to-me poet's wisdom to live on into the future, a moving commission, and also felt a bond with the one who had gone before."

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 8.8.4.4.8.8. with alleluias
 Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623
 Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
 Descant, The New Century Hymnal, 1993

flower show forth glo - ry and power, sing - ing prais - es, al - le -

(Harmony)

beam, your sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam sing your prais - es,
 song, and lights of eve - ning sing a - long, sing your prais - es, al - le -
 bright, re - mem - bering your warmth and light, sings your prais - es,
 flower show forth your glo - ry and your power, sing - ing prais - es,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

(Unison)

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

5 Now we who are of ten - der heart,
 for - giv - ing oth - ers, take our part,
 sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia!
 To you we lift our pain and care,
 re - ceive the bur - dens that we bear,
 sing - ing prais - es, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

6 In you, a kind and gen - tle death
 pre - pares to hush our fi - nal breath,
 sing - ing prais - es, al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ goes be - fore us to re - new
 the way that leads us home to you.
 Hear our prais - es, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Ephesians 2:11-22

11 So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—

12 remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

15 He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace,

16 and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

17 So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;

18 for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,
20 built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

21 In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;

22 in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Mark 6:30-34,53-56

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

31 He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

32 And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

34 As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. 54 When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him,

55 and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.

56 And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.