

Columbia United Church Of Christ

February 20, 2022
Black History Month



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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10:30 Worship

"Better, not Bitter"

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

*"...take delight in the LORD;
and God will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in God and God will act."*

-Psalm 37:4-5

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Steal Away"

Amy Crousore
Spiritual

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Aiden Pierson

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 37)

Audrey Lasley

Trust God and do good;
Take delight in God's provision.

**God will give us all that we need;
Presence of mind, stillness of heart, perseverance against all odds!**

Commit your ways to God's Ways;
Trust in God and God will intercede.

**God's Holy Wisdom brings justice to the oppressed;
God's blessed intervention brings righteousness to the world!**

Be still before God; wait patiently for God.
Do not fret over the unjust; those who wait for God will persevere.

**Those who follow God will receive God's Salvation!
We take refuge in God's presence and pray for God's justice!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Gathering Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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*Opening Prayer

Audrey Lasley

God of strength and deliverance, sometimes it is when we are most oppressed that we feel your strength pouring into us, providing us with calmness and clarity and helping us to get better, not bitter. Forgive us for the times we let bitterness get in the way of our betterment. Remind us that you are always with us in the trying times, in the injustices of life. Teach us to open our hearts to you and your lessons, that we may always work to make the world a better place. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Yusef Salaam and Joseph in today's scripture reading were both imprisoned unjustly; but they thrived. They turned towards God, not against God. Often, faced with injustice, we allow ourselves to turn bitter instead. Repent; turn back to God. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*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

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

Black History Month Presentation

Tricia Price

Response

“This Little Light of Mine”

*This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

(Sung as children return to their seats)

Old Testament Lesson:

Genesis 45:4-11, 15

Audrey Lasley

Joseph, who was sold into slavery and imprisoned for a crime he did not commit, is exonerated by the Pharaoh and elevated to a dignified position. He confronts his brothers and tells them his story, but his attitude towards them is not bitter. He blesses them as well, and shares his abundance with them. (page #37)

Gospel Lesson:

Luke 6:27-38

Audrey Lasley

Jesus continues his inaugural address begun last Sunday talking about loving your enemies. He encourages his listeners to be better, not bitter; and confront hatred with love. We are called to not just love those who love us, but also those who loathe us. (page #838)

Anthem

Lena Muench & Brenda Roskins
Hall Johnson

Sermon:

“Better, Not Bitter”

Pastor Rick

*Hymn

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

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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!

Mission Moments

“Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary”

Llona Weiss

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Pastor Rick

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

“Larghetto Ambroso”

Amy Crousore
Turk

*Prayer of Dedication

Audrey Lasley

God of Mercy; you shower your mercy on us, and you challenge us to be merciful as well. Through these gifts, we offer ministries of mercy, love and grace. Take them and use them that we may always be vehicles of your mercy, instruments of your grace. Amen.

*Benediction

Pastor Rick

*Response:

“We Shall Overcome” (*Verses 1,2,4,6*)

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We shall overcome, we shall overcome,

we shall overcome someday!

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,

We shall overcome some day!

We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in hand

We'll go hand in hand some day!

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,

We'll go hand in hand some day!

God will see us through, God will see us through,

God will see us through someday!

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
God will see us through some day!

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace someday!
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall live in peace some day!

*Postlude

“Branle”

Amy Crousore
Stephen Kemp

BLACK HISTORY MONTH QUOTES

Curated by Alisa Lau-Sieckman

***“My humanity is bound up in yours,
for we can only be human together.”***

-Desmond Tutu, anti-apartheid activist, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize

***“Success is to be measured not so much
by the position that one has reached in life,
as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.”***

-Booker T. Washington, educator, author and the first Black American invited to the White House (by Theodore Roosevelt)

***“As an outsider myself, I always mixed myself with different groups.
I’ve never been afraid to go into different space
and relate to those people, because I don’t have a place where I belong
and that means, I belong everywhere.”***

-Trevor Noah, Television host, comedian and author

“Never be limited by other people’s limited imaginations.”

-Dr. Mae Jemison, American engineer, physician and former NASA astronaut; the first black woman to travel to space

***“In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings,
we pay ourselves the highest tribute.”***

*-Hon. Thurgood Marshall,
associate Justice of the Supreme Court 1967-1991*

***“History has shown us that courage can be contagious,
and hope can take on a life of its own.”***

-Michelle Obama, US Attorney and former first lady of the US

“Children learn more from what you are than what you teach.”

-WEB DuBois, co-founder of the NAACP in 1909

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Audrey Lasley
Acolyte: Aidan Pierson
Ushers: Llona Weiss
Greeters: Anne Heine
Technology Booth: Carissa Graves & John Graves
Hospitality: Brent Marcks
Council Steward: Sue Ann Schaefer & Tricia Price

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NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Mahree Skala
Acolyte: Trevor Pierson
Ushers:
Greeters: Audrey Lasley
Technology Booth: Josh Muench & Brent Marcks
Hospitality: Audrey Lasley
Council Stewards: Audrey Lasley & 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!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE 4/1

2022 CUCC Scholarship applications are available in the Church Office; they are due 4/1. Check the application for eligibility details or ask a Council Member.

FASTNACHT RETURNS IN 2022– March 1!

Fastnacht is BACK! Fastnacht is the German version of “Fat Tuesday,” a time to celebrate and eat good foods before Lent begins and before Christians traditionally observe some sort of “fasting.” We will be serving traditional German Food, including “Fastnachts” (German donuts) from 5:30 — 7:30 that evening in the Fellowship Hall. We encourage you to arrive by 5:30, as we will also have music and other fun activities! We are asking everyone to RSVP so we know how much food to prepare. To do so, scan the QR code below. Please RSVP by Sunday, Feb 27! We will also need help on March 1 preparing the food, serving it, and cleaning up after. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact **Stefanie Zimny, Audrey Lasley, Melba Shaffer, or Lena Muench!**



VOLUNTEER OPPORUNITIES WITH ROOM AT THE INN

RATI provides a warm and safe place for our homeless to sleep during the winter months. Volunteers (must be 18 years or older) can assist in a number of different ways depending on availability, and there are paid staff working onsite with you. Each night is broken into several shifts with specific duties. If you are interested in learning more, talk to Mahree Skala, Llona Weiss, Judi Privitt or Mark Duncan.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sun	2/20	Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
Mon	2/21	Staff Meeting	10:30am
		Loaves & Fishes	4:30pm
		Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	6:30pm
Tue	2/22	Quilters	10:00am
Wed	2/23	Confirmation	6:00pm
		Chapel Ringers	6:00pm
		Celebration Singers	7:00pm
Thu	2/24	Lunch Bunch	12:00pm
		Membership & Care Ministry Team	6:30pm
Fri	2/25	Pastor Rick’s Day off	
Sun	2/27	Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Nurture & Education Ministry Team	12:00pm

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The Family of Mark Jaberg... on their loss (Pete's father)
Harold Hackman... recovering from knee surgery

Barry Kirchhoff... regaining strength at home
Heather Myers... recovering from a fall

Alexis... on heart transplant list (Elaine Trout's friend's granddaughter)

Linda Lau... living with cancer (Alisa Lau-Sieckman's sister)

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)

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:

RJ Howard... serving in Fiji

2022 Confirmation Class:

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



*If you try to fit God into your life,
You will never have time for God.
If you try to fit your life into God,
You will always have time for what matters.*