

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

November 10, 2019  
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.

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Of Christ*



*November 10, 2019*

*10:30 Worship*

*“Inclusion”*

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

*“...God is near to all who call on God;  
To all who call on God in truth...”  
-Psalm 145:18*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

Amy Crousore  
Cindy Berry

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Abby Dennis

\*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 145)*

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!**

\*Opening Hymn “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #1

\*Opening Prayer Jim Loveless

**God of love, your perspective on Creation is greater than we can comprehend; but our human nature leads us to try. We create structures and rules to attempt to encompass your love, but in reality only set us at odds with each other. Forgive us for the times when we embrace arrogance instead of humility, worldly justification rather than divine reconciliation. Remind us to embrace your wisdom, and our call to be servants; putting you first in our lives. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Jesus exemplified servanthood in his ministry, and calls us to be servants to all. We often justify our arrogance; but even when we do, God loves us and forgives us. We are all blessed and forgiven children of God, united as one family in faith. 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

*At this time, you are invited to greet one another  
with a hug or a handshake and the words,  
“May God’s Peace be with you!”*

Children’s Time

“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.**

Anthem

Special Ensemble

“Streams of Living Justice” *Gustav Holst & Wm. Whitla*

Inclusion Moment

Peter Jaberg

Epistle Lesson:

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

Jim Loveless

*In this letter attributed to Paul, the author praises the early church in Thessalonica for their devotion and service. He offers a benediction to them, blessing them in the name of Jesus Christ, that God may comfort their hearts and strengthen them in every endeavor.* Page #962

Gospel Lesson:

Luke 20:27-38

Jim Loveless

*Jesus is asked a trick question by a group of Sadducees who were imposing their perception of religion on Jesus. His reply encourages them and us to have a more cosmic-view of reality, and understand that God’s perception of our existence is much greater than we can comprehend.* Page #855

Sermon

“Rules and Regulations”

Pastor Rick

\*Meditation Hymn

“Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant”

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*Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn*

Prayer Litany honoring Veterans and Veterans Day  
*(Veterans will be asked to stand and be recognized)*

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. 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!**

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life Pastor Rick

Stewardship Moment "50 for 50 Wrap-up"  
Christine Staelens & George Zimny

Presenting our Gifts Amy Crousore  
"Vivace Moloto" Josef Haydn

*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 "We Praise You, O God" #420

**We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring!  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
We praise your Holy Name, glad praises we sing!**

\*Prayer of Dedication Jim Loveless

**God, you have made us stewards of all the resources of Creation. On this day, we give our offerings to you, knowing that all we have has come from you; and you will continue to provide. We lift these offerings up as a sign of our gratitude for your love and care. Through these offerings, we dedicate our lives to you and seek to grow in faithfulness to your Word. Thank you, God for all that we are; for all that we have; for all that we give. 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

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Amy Crousore  
*Lani Smith*

### **INCLUSION MOMENT– VETERANS**

The CUCC Inclusion Team is focusing on Veterans for the month of November; and the consequences of exclusion on the lives of Veterans. Did you know:

- **30 percent** of active duty and reserve military personnel deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan have a mental health condition requiring treatment – approximately 730,000 men and women, with many experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and major depression.
- **Less than 50 percent** of returning veterans in need receive any mental health treatment.
- The Veterans Administration reports that approximately **22 veterans die by suicide** every day.
- Lengths of deployments are associated with more emotional difficulties among military children and more mental health problems among U.S. Army wives.

We all can play a part in changing these statistics. Reach out to veterans who suffer in silence or who may be reluctant to seek help. You can let veterans in need know that support is available in their community.

**Mental Health First Aid** is a training program — like regular First Aid or CPR — that teaches people how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. It also provides people with the skills needed to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care.

**Mental Health First Aid for Military Members, Veterans and their Families** builds upon the effectiveness of the standard Mental Health First Aid curriculum by focusing on the unique experiences and needs of the military, veteran and family population, including:

- A discussion of military culture and its relevance to mental health.
- A discussion of specific risk factors faced by many service members and their families such as trauma (both mental and physical), stress and separation.
- An action plan for a number of scenarios relevant for service members, their families and those that support them.
- A review of resources for service members, their families and those who support them.

Learn more at [www.MentalHealthFirstAid.org/cs/veterans-military](http://www.MentalHealthFirstAid.org/cs/veterans-military)

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** Carol Duermeyer & Helen Schultz  
**Ushers:** Pat Forward  
**Sound Booth:** Brent Marcks  
**Worship Leader:** Jim Loveless  
**Hospitality:** Val Schoeneberg  
**Acolyte:** Abby Dennis  
**Council Steward:** John Bullerd

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** Brenda Muench & John Muench  
**Ushers:** Llona Weiss & John Graves  
**Sound Booth:** Phil Dennis  
**Worship Leader:** Mahree Skala  
**Hospitality:** Sue Ann Schaefer  
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**WELCOME GUESTS!** If you are a guest visiting with us this morning, please fill out a green card found in your chair pocket; and be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Rick! We would love to get to know you better!

**NAMETAGS** We strive to be a friendly and welcoming church! Members and frequent guests, please wear your nametag each Sunday so we can greet each other most effectively and become an even friendlier church!

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### **VAC CHRISTMAS DRIVE**

Names are now available for the VAC Christmas Drive; see the tree in the Gathering Space to find a person in need of “adopting.” CUCC is sponsoring gifts, necessities and food for 35 people this year. To be sponsor, just select a card from the tree, leave the attached slip, and pick up the information sheet with details. ***Deadline for return of gifts and money is December 8.*** For questions, talk to Mahree Skala.

### **WELCOME HOME TO SPEAK AT LUNCH BUNCH**

The guest speaker for this month’s Lunch Bunch will be from Welcome Home, the Columbia area Veterans Community. All are welcome to come and hear of their ministry in our area. Bring a dish to share at noon and listen to our speaker at 12:30. Lunch Bunch is open to everyone, all ages! ***Lunch Bunch this month will be Thursday, November 21 at noon.***

### **THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR**

Sun	11/10	<b><i>Veterans Day/Congregational Budget Meeting</i></b> Veterans Appreciation Breakfast Fellowship Time Sunday School Worship Congregational Budget Meeting Nurture & Education Ministry Team Meeting High School Second Sunday at Pastor Rick’s	9:00am 9:00am 9:00am 10:30am 11:30am 12:00pm 5:00-8:00pm
Tue	11/12	Quilters By-Laws Team Meeting Food Bank Music & Worship Ministry Team Inclusion Team meet with/at Oasis UCC	9:00am-2:00pm 11:30am 6:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm
Wed	11/13	Chapel Ringers Celebration Singers Confirmation Classes	6:30pm 7:30pm 6:30/7:00pm
Thu	11/14	Women’s Fellowship LODO Thanksgiving Celebration	9:30am 6:00pm
Fri	11/15	High School Lock-in at Church	7:00pm
Sun	11/17	Fellowship Time Sunday School Worship	9:00am 9:00am 10:30am

# **Columbia UCC Prayer List**

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

The Family of Catherine Jenks... on their loss (Ron Jenks' mother)

Sue Beckman... recovering from procedure on Thursday

Norma Klemme... recovering from broken leg

Tracy Bach... recovering from leg fracture & sprained ankle

Keith Birkes... recovering from broken ankle

The family of Joe Francka... on their loss (Keith's brother in law)

Jo Ellen Grace's brother... living with cancer

For a cousin diagnosed with cancer (10/20)

A close friend and family going through serious health issues (10/27)

Those suffering loss of homes and family in the Syrian conflict (10/27)

The Devenney Family... on their move to South Carolina

Our church... as we live into our call as an ONA congregation

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Remeika/Johnson family

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family;

## *Health Issues:*

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Kathy Kindrick; Christie O'Very;

Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Sharon Elliott, Rev. Jim Elliott,

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Harold Hackman; Sue Beckman;

Dennis Froeschner; John Bullerd's step sister

## *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);

Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)

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

Maria Bakalian, serving in Lebanon

## *2019 Confirmation Class:*

Ember Piersee; Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg

## *2020 Confirmation Class:*

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly