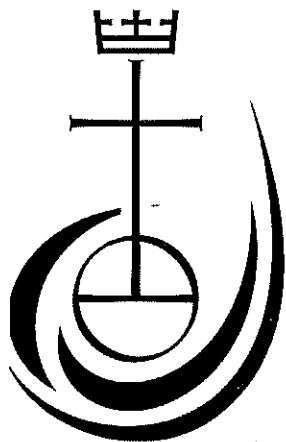


Columbia United Church Of Christ

February 5, 2023

“Black History Month”



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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;

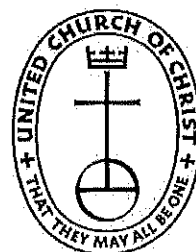
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status, or family structure;

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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Of Christ*



February 5, 2023

10:30 a.m.

"Wisdom"

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

"We speak of God's Wisdom, secret and hidden..."

-1 Corinthians 2:7

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Now the Silence "

Amy Crousore
Schalk/arr. Carter

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 111)

Sue Ann Schaefer

Praise God! Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart.
Let the congregation come together shouting praises to God.

**God's works are holy and just, full of honor and majesty.
God's righteousness endures forever.**

God's wonderful deeds are praised by all;
Exemplifying God's gracious and merciful nature.

**God's provision brings us satisfaction;
God always remembers the covenant shared with us.**

Knowledge of God's love is the beginning of Wisdom;
Let us practice living into God's glorious Wisdom.

**God's praise endures forever!
God's covenant is with us always!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Gathering Hymn

"You are Salt for the Earth, O People"

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*Opening Prayer

Sue Ann Schaefer

God of mercy and peace, you challenge us to be salt for the earth, sharing the flavor of life in your Kingdom. You challenge us to be a light on a hill, shining holy and bright for your Kingdom. You challenge us to be seeds of your Wisdom, sowing mercy and justice to grow your Kingdom. Forgive us for the times we forget that we are blessed, pilgrim people, instruments of your mercy and grace, justice, and righteousness. Remind us again that we are called to build the City of God. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick

Even salt can lose its saltiness. Although even when we forget our flavorful call to be God's servant leaders, God forgives us and blesses 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 Pastor Rick

Response: "This Little Light of Mine" #525

(Sung as children return to their seats)

***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!***

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-12 Sue Ann Schaefer

Paul speaks of God's Wisdom and how God's Wisdom is very much unlike the Wisdom that is expressed by the world. Paul encourages us to seek not the Wisdom of the world but the Wisdom of God. The word "Spirit" can be translated as "Wisdom." Paul encourages us to have "the mind of Christ." (page #927)

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:13-20 Sue Ann Schaefer

Jesus continues his inaugural address, telling us to be the Salt of the Earth, the Light of the World, a City on a Hill. He calls us to let our light shine all around the neighborhood. He also tells us that his wisdom does not abolish the wisdom of the prophets (what we call the Old Testament), but rather, they intersect. (page #786)

Anthem "This Lil' Light" Celebration Singers
Arr. Anthony Leach

Sermon "Sophia of God" Pastor Rick

*Hymn "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" (insert)

Invitation to Communion

Jesus was not content to limit his welcome and message to his own people. Jesus was the one who reached across human borders and boundaries, seeing in everyone a common heritage as a child of God. Whether they were a child, a tax collector, a Samaritan, or a leper, even when others turned them away, Jesus welcomed them. In like manner, all are welcome to partake in communion today, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey.

In this season of Epiphany, we explore how God's love is suddenly revealed to us. As we gather around the communion table, God's love is suddenly revealed most clearly to us. We remember the Wisdom of Christ's ministry that is represented by the bread and the promise of Eternal Living that is represented by the cup. As God's children, let us gather together for this meal.

Communion Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, & Silent Prayer

Invocation

Blessing the Children "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (insert)

In the Sacrament of Communion, we most clearly see Jesus in our midst. Our desire to share this presence prompts us to celebrate with our children, granting them a special blessing just as children were blessed by Jesus. During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a blessing from Pastor Rick.

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Communion Music

"Adagio"

Amy Crousore
W.A. Mozart

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Rick

O God of flavor and light, you call us together to be your people; and you energize us through this meal. Partaking of these elements, we are reminded of the Wisdom you shared with us in your ministry: how your inaugural address became an outline for your ministry and how your instructions in that address continue to inspire. We have been fed by your Wisdom; now, we pray that we may be equal to the task of feeding others who are hungry. Teach us to take this meal into the world and be the salt and the light so many desire, glorifying you in all of our actions. Now we gather, Creator God, as one family, singing the prayer that you taught us,

The LORD'S Prayer *(sung by the congregation, led by Brandon Brown)*

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

Pastor Rick

Capital Campaign Announcement

"The New Century Sanctuary"

Mike Pierson

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

"All Praise to Thee, O God "

Amy Crousore
Thomas Tallis

*Prayer of Dedication

Sue Ann Schaefer

God of mercy, we have been richly blessed and we pray that these gifts may richly bless your children, as well. Take them and use them to season your creation, to give light to the world. Through these offerings, we let our light shine, glorifying your name and leading others to your Wisdom. 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

"The Feast is Ready "

Amy Crousore
Kendrick/arr. Carlson

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Acolyte:
Ushers: Melba Shaffer & Charlie Marcks
Greeters: Helen Schultz
Technology Booth: Brent Marcks & Doug Privitt
Hospitality: Audrey Lasley
Council Stewards: Mike Pierson & Brent Marcks

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Lydia Whitacre
Acolyte:
Ushers: Pat Forward
Greeters: Jessica Lucas
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson & Dominick Lee
Hospitality: Stefanie Zimny
Council Stewards: Sue Ann Schaefer & Stefanie Zimny



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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!

HEALTH MINISTRY

The **Health Ministry Care Team** will be hosting a “Lunch and Learn” on “Heart Sunday” - February 12 (next week). Stefanie Zimny will be leading a CPR class, and we will learn how to use the AED machine. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up so we know how much food to buy! To sign up, talk to Anne Heine. There is also a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area.

ALPHA HART LEWIS READING WEEK

Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary School (AHL) is celebrating Reading Week the week of March 6-10, 2023. If you would like to participate with our Columbia Public Schools Partner Friend AHL and read to some students for about 15-20 minutes, scan this QR code, and fill out the attached Google sheet!



Alpha Hart Reading Week Volunteer form

FASTNACHT

Fastnacht (the night before the fast) will be February 21, the day before Ash Wednesday. We will be celebrating with German food and music. Sign up today using the QR code in the bulletin insert, or by telling Stefanie Zimny!



Fastnacht RSVP

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday services will be February 22 at 7:00 p.m. We will observe the traditional imposition of ashes and celebrate communion together. This is the beginning of the Lenten Season, a time when Christians typically give something up or take on something new to remind themselves of God’s presence in their lives and Christ’s command to love one another.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sun	2/5	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Nominating Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Heritage Team Meeting	12:00 p.m.
Mon	2/6	Staff Meeting	10:30 a.m.
Tue	2/7	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
Wed	2/8	Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:00/7:00 p.m.
Thu	2/9	LODO Math & Science Night– Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.
Sat	2/11	Habitat for Humanity Pancake Breakfast	7:00-11:00 a.m.
Sun	2/12	<i>Heart Sunday/Souperbowl Collection</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Lunch and Learn– CPR and AED (lunch served)	12:00 p.m.
		Nurture & Education Ministry Team	12:00 p.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

John Adams... health issues

Gary Sieckman... health issues

Alisa Lau Sieckman... strength as caregiver for Gary

Patty Schroeder... recovering from shingles

Sharon Croushore . . . anticipating cardiac surgery February 8

The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our partnership friend

Sheila . . . challenges in life and faith
The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

Health Issues:

Glenn Duermeyer, Levi Markway, Christine Mseke

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,
Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

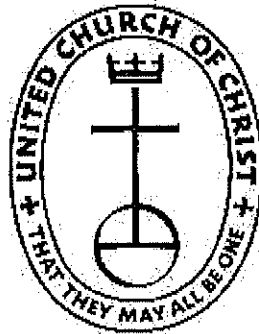
Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson,
Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden, Tim Isom (Oberles' friend)
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

Pregnancies in our church family:

Hannah Duncan & Ben Bashinski
Shelby Oberle & Ryan Furney



*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*

Black History Month

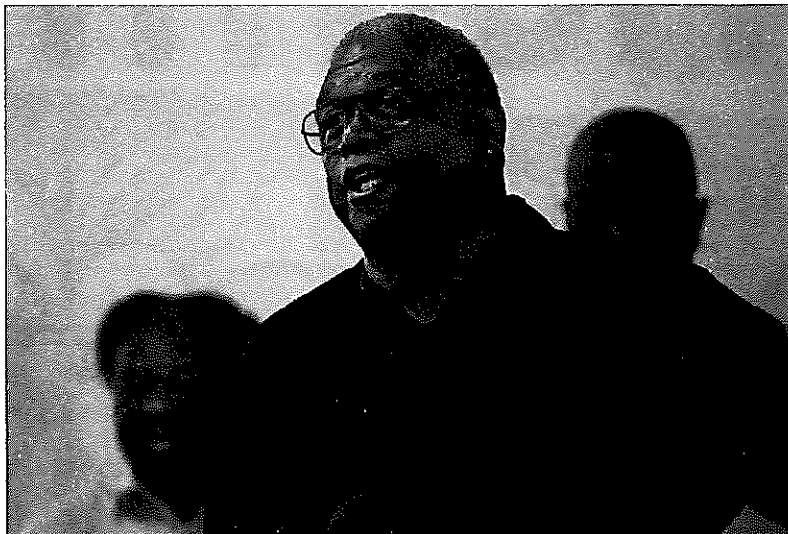
(A word from the Inclusion and Affirmation Ministry Team)

Pratt was raised in Springfield, Missouri. Growing up there, he experienced a “hostile environment.” When walking to school, he remembers being called “every name but a child of God.”

He found his voice in activism; as a youth, Pratt led a demonstration at a local high school to protest disparate disciplinary and educational outcomes for Black students. He became the head of the Springfield NAACP Youth Council. While there, he established the Student African American Brotherhood’s local chapter, Brother and expanded diversity training across the city of Springfield. In 2022, he retired from being chief diversity officer at Missouri State.

He reflects that the Civil Rights movement changed laws, but people are still being oppressed in other ways. “It’s just amazing to me that we have not come as far as the promise of America might suggest. It’s a systemic issue, and we sometimes deal with the symptoms instead of dealing with what we actually need to change.”

He stated in 2016, “My calling in life has been to make a difference, whether as an advocate, a public official, or as a professional, empowering young people to achieve their dreams and their full potential as contributing citizens.”



You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

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Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

Unison

D (allow to ring off)

- 1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
 4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

- Share the fla-avor of life, O peo-ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
 Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
 Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
 Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the reign of mer-cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

Bring forth the reign of jus-tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain
 Marty Haugen, 1986

Tú has venido a la orilla

(You Have Come down to the Lakeshore)

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11

Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979; alt.
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1989; alt.

D A7 D

1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
 2 Tú sa - bes bien lo que ten - go: en mi
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well my pos - ses - sions. Nei - ther

G A7

ca - do ni a sa - bios, ni a ri - cos, tan só - lo
 bar - ca no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das; tan só - lo
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, But on - ly
 trea - sure nor weap - ons for con - quest, Just these my

D A7 D D7

Estribillo (Refrain)

quie - res que yo te si - ga. Je -
 re - des y mi tra - ba - jo.
 ask - ing for me to fol - low. O
 fish - nets and will for work - ing.

G D

sús, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos;
 Je - sus, you have looked in - to my eyes;

B7

3. Tú ne-ce-si
 mi can-sa
 a-mor que
Estribillo

4. Tú, Pes-ca-
 an-sia e-t
 A-mi-go bu

One of the most popular hymns to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious songs in Spain, this text has been translated

Tune: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
 8 10 10 with refrain

la orilla

(Lakeshore)

ibaratn, 1979; all.
arshall, 1989; all.

A7 D

son - ri - en - do, has di - cho mi nom - bre;
kind - ly smil - ing, you've called out my name.

D7 G F#m

en la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca;
On the sand I have a - ban - doned my small boat;

B7 Em A7 D

jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
now with you I will seek oth - er seas.

3. Tú ne - ce - si - tas mis ma - nos,
mi can - san - cio que a o - tros des - can - se,
a - mor que quie - ra se - guir a - man - do.

Estrillo

4. Tú, Pes - ca - dor de o - tros ma - res,
an - sia e - ter - na de al - mas que es - pe - ran.
A - mi - go bue - no, que a - sí me lla - mas.

3. You need my hands, my ex - hau - sion,
work - ing love for the rest of the
wea - ry—

A love that's will - ing to go on lov - ing.
Refrain

4. You who have fished oth - er wa - ters;
you, the long - ing of souls that are
yearn - ing: As lov - ing friend, you
have come to call me.

no has bus - en mi seek - ing Nei - ther

só - lo só - lo on - ly these my

trillo (Refrain)

Je - O

jos; eyes;

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain (first time *p*, second time *f*)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

This hymn came into being when composer Doreen Potter asked poet Fred Kaan to write a text for her adaptation of a Jamaican

Tune: LINSTEAD L.M. with refrain
 Jamaican folk song