

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

October 27, 2019  
Reformation Sunday



**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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October 27, 2019

10:30 Worship

“Reformation”

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

*“...you crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness...”*

*-Psalm 65:11*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Amy Crousore  
Fred Bock

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Abby Dennis

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 65)

Andie Rapp

Praise is due to you, O God;

You who answers our prayers!

**By awesome deeds and Gracious Love God answers us;  
God of our Salvation!**

O God, by your strength you established the mountains;

You silence the roaring of the seas and the tumult of your people.

**We will be satisfied by the goodness of God’s House;**

**Happy are those who choose to be near God.**

God, you crown the year with your bounty;

Your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

**The bounty of the earth is immeasurable;**

**God is awesome in deeds among mortals!**

**Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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\*Opening Prayer

Andie Rapp

**God of grace; we struggle to justify our lives in the midst of our culture; to reconcile our context with the mission you call us to embody. Our culture challenges us to be bold and arrogant, to embody foolishness and greed. Forgive us for the times when we allow these worldly priorities to overshadow your call. We know that, as part of the human condition, we all do things that separate us from you at times; but we are confident in your forgiveness and your grace. Help us to accept the teachings of Jesus into our hearts and embrace humility, gentleness and love. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

“So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: "I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also! We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone.”

-Martin Luther

\*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

Celebration Singers

“Standing in the Need of Prayer” *Joel Rainey*

Old Testament Lesson:

Joel 2:23-32

Andie Rapp

*The prophet Joel envisions God blessing the people of Judah on their return to their homeland. They have been vindicated in the eyes of God and are able to fully rejoice in God’s goodness and bounty.*

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Gospel Lesson:

Luke 18:9-14

Andie Rapp

*Jesus tells a parable about humility, encouraging listeners to think about their motivations and whether our works justify us in God’s eyes. We are called to deflect glory from ourselves to God and others.*

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Sermon

“Tricks and Treats”

Pastor Rick

\*Meditation Hymn

“Rejoice, You Pure in Heart”

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*Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn*

## 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; 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!**

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Pastor Rick

Stewardship Moment

"50 for 50"

Pete Jaberg & Doug Privitt

Presenting our Gifts

"Allegro Ma Non Troppo"

Amy Crousore

Ludwig Beethoven

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*"If silver and gold are things evil in themselves, then those who keep away from them deserve to be praised. But if they are good creatures of God, which we can use both for the needs of our neighbor and for the glory of God, is not a person silly, yes, even unthankful to God, if he refrains from them as though they were evil? For they are not evil, even though they have been subjected to vanity and evil. . . . If God has given you wealth, give thanks to God, and see that you make right use of it . . ." -Martin Luther (1525)*

\*Response

"We Praise You, O God"

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**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

Andie Rapp

**God of love, we know that you challenge us to give generously to your work for justice in the world. As we do so we give out of humility, releasing control of the perceived power this wealth brings us and relinquishing control of the world to you. Take these gifts that we offer and use them to your will, to bring about your reign of justice, hope and peace. Amen.**

## Congregational Planning and Assessment Meeting "2020 Vision"

*Led by James Melton, Council Vice-Moderator*

\*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 Golden Trumpet”

Amy Crousore

*Lani Smith*

## **OCTOBER IS DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**

The CUCC Inclusion Team is focusing on Down Syndrome Awareness as their Inclusion focus for the month of October, in recognition of Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

One of the focal points of the National Down Syndrome Society is Inclusive Education for all with Down Syndrome. Inclusion in this aspect means that ALL students are accepted as equal in rights and as members of their community. The National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) does not believe in segregated environments as placement (primary or partial) for any student. While no two students are alike in skills and talents, each and every student has the right to be a fully accepted and active member of their school participating along with their peers in all activities, instructional and non-instructional, matching their talents with appropriate supports to help them reach their full potential.

Truly Inclusive Education environments have educational services such as PT, OT and speech in the general education classroom. Inclusive Education environments create collaboration amongst the interdisciplinary team of teachers, staff, therapists and all students, resulting in improved learning for all. To that extent, inclusion is a must not only for students with intellectual disabilities, but for all students, as the benefits of inclusion have been shown to be as powerful for those with and those without disabilities in preparing them to be responsible, productive members of our society and American citizens.

Inclusive Education prepares individuals for success as self-determined adult citizens in the workforce and community. Individuals with Down syndrome are working, getting married, serving on boards, volunteering and otherwise reaching their full potential as adults in their communities, and the educational setting should prepare them for such experiences. NDSS believes in inclusion rather than segregation as a general practice.

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** Stefanie Zimny  
**Ushers:** Brent Marcks & Charlie Marcks  
**Sound Booth:** Doug Privitt  
**Worship Leader:** Andie Rapp  
**Hospitality:** Val Schoeneberg  
**Acolyte:** Abby Dennis  
**Council Steward:** Pete Jaberg

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** Carol Duermeyer & Helen Schultz  
**Ushers:** *2 USHERS NEEDED*  
**Sound Booth:** Jamie Rapp  
**Worship Leader:** Pat Forward  
**Hospitality:** Jolene Kirchhoff  
**Acolyte:** Riley Hayward  
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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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### **TRUNK OR TREAT**

TODAY is our CUCC Trunk or treat from 4:00-7:00pm. Decorate your trunk, pick up some treats and costume up for the celebration! The Fellowship and Hospitality Team will be providing dinner and there will be plenty of games and activities. Everyone is encouraged to attend, even if you do not dress up!

### **BLESSING BOXES**

The Nurture & Education Ministry Team will be assembling Blessing Boxes to send to our College Students and Military members next Sunday, November 3. These boxes will contain single serving items, Halloween Candy, and other treats. Pat Forward and Audrey Lasley will be collecting money today after worship to purchase items for the Blessing Boxes. They will be outside the Sanctuary doors with collection pots– you are invited to donate to the cause!

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	10/27	<b><i>Congregational Planning &amp; Assessment Meeting</i></b>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am
		Congregational Planning & Assessment Mtg.	11:30am
		Trunk or Treat/Halloween Party at Church	4:00-7:00pm
Mon	10/28	By-Laws Team Meeting	11:30am
		Heritage Team Meeting	1:00pm
Tue	10/29	Quilters	9:00am-2:00pm
		NO Staff Meeting ( <i>Pastor Rick in Sedalia for Assn. Meeting</i> )	
Wed	10/30	Chapel Ringers	6:30pm
		Celebration Singers	7:30pm
		<b><i>NO CONFIRMATION</i></b>	
Thu	10/31	LODO Closed	
Fri	11/1	LODO & Church office closed (Erika, April & Pastor Rick off)	
Sun	11/3	<b><i>All Saints Day/Communion/Yoga Sunday</i></b>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am
		Nurture & Education assembling Blessing Boxes	11:00am

# **Columbia UCC Prayer List**

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

The family and friends of Josh Friedrich... on their loss  
Ashley (Skala) & Stephen Scott... Penelope Jean Scott born last week!

Sue Beckman... procedure this coming Thursday

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)

Catherine Jenks... on hospice (Ron Jenks' mother)

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

For a cousin diagnosed with cancer (10/20)

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:*

Michael Joseph, serving in Colombia

## *2019 Confirmation Class:*

Ember Piersee; Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg

## *2020 Confirmation Class:*

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly