

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

September 1, 2019  
Turning Back to God



**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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*September 1, 2019*

*9:30 Worship\*\**

*“Restoration”*

*\*\*10:30 Worship resumes next Sunday 9/8*

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

*“...sing aloud to God, our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob...”  
-Psalm 81:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“Prelude on a Luther Hymn”

Amy Crousore  
Gordon Young

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Katelin Odneal

\*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 81)*

Audrey Lasley

Sing aloud to God, our strength!  
Shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

**Raise a song, sound the tambourine,  
Blow the trumpet and play the harp.**

With instruments and voice, proclaim God’s glory;  
For God has made covenant with us.

**God has relieved us in times of distress;  
God carries our burdens and rescues us.**

God feeds us the finest wheat;  
With honey from the rock, God satisfies us.

**Listen to God’s voice, calling us to repent;  
Listen to God’s voice, calling us to restoration!  
Come, let us worship God together!**

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

\*Opening Prayer Audrey Lasley

**God, we admit that we often turn our backs on you. Instead of drinking abundantly from the living water you offer, we build cracked cisterns that cannot even hold water; and then we wonder why we are not satisfied. Like the prophet Jeremiah, we feel lost and alone. Teach us the importance of humility; that we learn to be servants and drink abundantly from the well you offer; that we may glorify your name and increase your presence in this hurting world. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

The prophet Jeremiah speaks out the nation of Israel, condemning them because they have turned their backs on God, letting pride be their downfall. But we are assured that no matter what sins separate us from God, we are forgiven. God loves us; we are beloved and blessed. Praise be to God, from whom all Blessings flow!

\*Prayer Response

“Spirit of the Living God”

#283

**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!**

**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!**

**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!**

\*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

Pastor Rick

“This Little Light of Mine”

#524

*(Sung as children return to their seats)*

Mission Moment

“CROP Walk”

Jessica Jenks

Anthem

“You Say”

Ally Jaberg, solo

*Lauren Daigle*

Old Testament Lesson:

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Audrey Lasley

*The prophet Jeremiah tells of God’s disappointment that the people of Israel have turned their backs on God. Jeremiah uses the image of ‘living water’ to speak of this, saying that instead of drinking from God’s living water they have built cracked cisterns that cannot even hold water. The condemnation of Israel by the prophet Jeremiah is clear.*

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Gospel Lesson:

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Audrey Lasley

*Jesus talks about the importance of humility in faithful service. We are not called to keep up with the narcissistic demands of our culture, but are called instead to be humble servants. Through humility, we will be exalted; perhaps not by cultural standards, but certainly by Divine providence.*

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Sermon

“A Thousand Years and Two Years”

Pastor Rick

\*Meditation Hymn    “Help Us Accept Each Other”    #388  
*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

Presenting our Gifts    Amy Crousore  
   “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”    *John Carter*

*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    “Thanks Be to God”    #425

**For the Fruits of all Creation, thanks be to God!  
For God’s gifts to every nation, thanks be to God!  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God!**

\*Prayer of Dedication    Audrey Lasley

**God of challenge, you set us on new pathways for your service and inspire us with new directions. Thank you for your goodness and presence in our lives. Take the offerings we set before you this morning and use them to your will; restoring your world and bringing your people back to you. We give of our hearts, because you have already given us so much. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn    “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”    #439

\*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:**

## SPECIAL MISSION PROJECT PROPOSAL

The Church Council, putting together the **2018** CUCC Budget, decided to dream big with a grand ministry plan and budgeted an extra amount of money to be used for a “Special Mission Project” to be determined at a later date. After some discernment by the congregation last year, guided by the Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team, that money was given to Camp MoVal to refurbish one of their cabins.

In our **2019** budget, the Church Council decided to repeat this ministry goal and budgeted **\$5750 for a “Special Mission Project.”** The Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team, after some discernment about possible projects, has decided to recommend to the Church Council that we spend this money on our Global Missions Ministries in Chiapas, disbursed as follows:

\$3000 to INESIN for their ongoing programs, including their Reforestation Program

\$2750 to Melel Xojobal for their work with the children of Chiapas

More information about these agencies can be found on the Global Ministries website: [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)

Both of these are agencies we visited and worked with on our last Mission Immersion Experience in Chiapas; and have historic connections with the United Church of Christ. The Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team is seeking your input regarding this distribution. To share your thoughts, please contact Mahree Skala, Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team Chair at [skalamahree@yahoo.com](mailto:skalamahree@yahoo.com).

Thank you for your continuing support of our outreach programs!

*(The next Mission Immersion Experience to Chiapas is tentatively scheduled for June 30-July 7, 2020. Talk to Mahree or Pastor Rick if you are interested in participating!)*

*CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:*

*Welcoming all God's People;*

*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*

To

*Summer Worship Schedule:*

*Worship starts at 9:30 June 9– September 1*

*10:30 Worship resumes September 8*

**take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!  
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!**

\*Postlude

Amy

Crousore

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*Johan*

*Pachelbel*



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### **TODAY IN WORSHIP:**

<b>Greeters:</b>	Stefanie Zimny & Helen Schultz
<b>Ushers:</b>	Mike Rapp & Sharon Rapp
<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Pete Jaberg
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Audrey Lasley
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Jolene Kirchhoff
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Katelin Odneal

### **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:**

<b>Greeters:</b>	John & Brenda Muench
<b>Ushers:</b>	Doug Privitt & Jan Barry
<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Jamie Rapp
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Llona Weiss
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Sue Ann Schafer
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Aiden Pierson

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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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**BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR RICK Resumes Wednesday, 9/4**  
Pastor Rick will be resuming our midweek Adult Bible Study class on

# **Columbia UCC Prayer List**

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

Nelson Robert Sharpe... born 8/21 to Kristin (Barner) and Robert!  
Congrats to them and proud grandparents Carole and Biff Barner!  
Lily Eloise Loveless-Mancuso... born 8/8 to Laura & Jim! Congrats to  
them and to proud grandparents Jim & Connie Loveless!  
Evelyn Xinyu Grace... born 8/12 to Cory and Nancy! Congratulations to  
them and to proud grandparents Tim and Jo Ellen Grace!  
Chelsey Grace Markway... born 8/19 to Erin and Levi! Congratulations  
to them and to proud grandparents Tim and Jo Ellen Grace!  
Ebenezer UCC, Levasy ... recovering from flood damages  
Fred Holstein... health issues (Kim Oberle's uncle)  
Brad & Tiffany for clarity, peace of mind and direction  
Our church... as we discern next steps as an ONA congregation  
Co-worker facing marriage challenges (8/25)  
A relative who is having a stressful situation (8/25)  
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); Jody Sawyers (Megan Hall's mother);  
Sharon Elliott, Rev. Jim Elliott, Barb & Becky (Anne Heine's sisters);  
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Harold Hackman; Thomas Zumwalt

## *Pregnancies in our church family:*

Ashley (Skala) & Stephen Scott

## *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 Zumwalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)

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

Danielle Murray-Knowles, serving in Lesotho

## *2019 Confirmation Class:*

Ember Piersee; Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp