

Columbia United Church Of Christ

June 18, 2023
"Juneteenth/Father's Day"



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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Of Christ*



June 18, 2023

9:30 Worship

“Juneteenth”

*“... God has inclined Their ear to me; therefore,
I will call on God as long as I live . . .”
-Psalm 116:2*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“This Is My Father’s World”

Amy Crousore
Robert Lau

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Call to Worship

Jim Loveless

Creator God, You call us to service;
To be your eyes and ears, hands and voice in this, Your hurting world.

Section 1:

**To open our eyes not only to the beauty and love which you create,
but the injustice, hate, and suffering that humankind generates.
Your Word of compassion for this, Your world.**

Section 2:

**To open our ears not only to the possibilities of this coming week,
but the searching, fears, and questioning of all whom we shall meet.
Your Word of hope for this, Your world.**

Section 3:

**To open our hands not only to those we choose our lives to share,
but in welcome, love, and fellowship to all who You draw near.
Your Word of inclusion for this, Your world.**

Section 4:

**To open our mouths not only to speak platitudes and simple words,
but the truths You lay upon our hearts.
Your Word of truth for this, Your world.**

Jim:

You call us into service, to be Your eyes and ears,
hands and voice in this, Your world.

Everyone:

**Like angelic messengers, our call is to minister to those in need,
Those hurting and hoping in Your world.
Come, let us worship God!**

Gospel Reading Matthew 9:35-10:4 Jim Loveless
As Jesus goes into the towns and villages in Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, he appoints twelve others to go with him to help him proclaim the Good News.

Anthem “My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me” Brandon Brown
Arr. David Parker and Duane Ream

Sermon “Juneteenth” Pastor Rick

*Hymn “We Shall Overcome” *(insert)*

Community Prayer & Recognition of Fathers

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

Invitation to the Offering
To give online text “GIVE” to 573.240.4041

Offertory “Waves of the Danube” Tindo Leong
Ion Ivanovici

*Prayer of Dedication Jim Loveless

God of Inspiration, like angelic messengers of Your intentions for humankind, we seek to be messengers of the Good News of Your son, Jesus Christ. We seek to be messengers of peace, justice, hope, love, and joy for all humankind; including and especially, those who are disenfranchised by the world. Take these gifts and let them be used to advance that message; that all may be included in Your expressions of Your love. 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

“Revive Us Again”

Amy Crousore
Husband/Berry

Juneteenth!

What is “Juneteenth” and why do we suddenly keep hearing about it? It seems like all of a sudden we started hearing about the Juneteenth holiday and now it is even listed on our calendars. What is this day?

Juneteenth is nothing new. This holiday has been observed regionally since 1866, well before “Father’s Day.” **On this day, we recognize and celebrate the emancipation of enslaved Americans, finally freed through General Order #3 by Union Army General Gordon Granger.** The issuance of this order on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas was the final end to the legalized institution of slavery in the US and the final defeat for those traitors to the United States, the Confederacy.

People erroneously think that the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 ended slavery. This proclamation, issued by President Abraham Lincoln, was ignored by many states. Enforcement fell upon the Union Army, and it was stretched thin, fighting the forces of the traitorous Confederates. Full enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation did not happen until the issuance of General Order #3.

Beginning in 1866, formerly enslaved people began celebrating the true end of slavery with Juneteenth celebrations. These celebrations were coordinated and hosted by church communities, and they began in Galveston, Texas. They quickly spread across the South to other (mostly Black) communities, recognizing and celebrating their independence and the end to legal institutionalized slavery in the US.

In 1980, the State of Texas issued a proclamation making Juneteenth an official state holiday. By 2019, 47 states recognized Juneteenth in some form. In 2021, the US Senate *unanimously* passed a resolution making Juneteenth a Federal Holiday; the same resolution passed overwhelmingly in the House of Representatives with a vote of 415-14. On June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the bill into law, making Juneteenth the first day to attain legal observance as a federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was designated by President Ronald Reagan in 1983.

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Worship Leader: Jim Loveless

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Greeters: Susan Dunham

Technology Booth: Lorry Dreier & Doug Privitt

Hospitality: Audrey Lasley

Council Stewards: Lorry Dreier & Alethea Tennill

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Pat Forward

Ushers: Brenda & John Muench

Greeters: Helen Schultz

Technology Booth: Josh Muench & John Graves

Hospitality: Inclusion Team

Council Stewards: Kurt Heine



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NEW CENTURY SANCTUARY WORK BEGINS

As of May 31, we have received over \$148,000 (pledges included) towards our New Century Sanctuary! We anticipate worshipping in the Fellowship Hall during the summer months while construction happens in our Sanctuary. We hope to have the project done and be back in the Sanctuary by Rally Day, 9/10, but that depends on contractors. Stay tuned for more details as the project unfolds! (Plan on worshipping in the Fellowship Hall most of the summer.)

MUSIC THIS SUMMER

The summer breaks for the Celebration Singers and Chapel Ringers are here. The music ministry is seeking your musical talents during Sunday morning worship services from June 18 through August 20. You can sing or play an instrument during the “anthem” portion of the service or participate as the song leader. If you would like to sign up to either do the anthem and/or be the song leader, scan this QR code, email Brandon Brown. or email MJ in the Church office.



Summer Worship

JUNETEENTH EVENTS COMING UP

There are several Juneteenth events continuing this weekend, including a Gospel Extravaganza at the Missouri Theatre this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. and a Fellowship Event at Douglass Park tomorrow from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., and there will be music all afternoon. Come celebrate Juneteenth!

GENERAL SYNOD BEGINS 6/30

General Synod, the biennial nationwide gathering of the United Church of Christ, will be 6/30-7/4 in Indianapolis, IN. Many exciting events and stirring worship happening. Keep our covenantal union in your prayers as they discern the movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	6/18	<i>WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30 a.m.
		Heritage Team Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Tue	6/20	Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed	6/21	Pastor Rick leads worship at The Bluffs	10:00 a.m.
Thu	6/22	Clergy Personnel Committee Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Sun	6/25	<i>OPEN AND AFFIRMING SUNDAY</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30 a.m.

We are on Summer Schedule!

Fellowship Time - 9:00 a.m. Worship - 9:30 a.m.

9:00 Sunday School and 10:30 worship resume September 10

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

Cliff Beckman . . . more health challenges this week

Jessica Jenks . . . anticipating knee replacement 6/30

Mary Jean King (MJ's grandmother) . . . Suffering with Congenital Heart Failure

Health Issues:

Ed Kaiser; Jean Strothmann; Glenn Duermeyer; John Adams; Andrea Waner;

Jessica Raymond; Neal Stumbo (Jean Strothmann's nephew)

Terry & Mike Freeman (friends of the Remeikas);

Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's niece)

Alisa Lau Sieckman & Lynne Tsapelas . . . recovering from surgery

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our partnership friend

Sheila . . . challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

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, Dane Wilson,

Aaron Dachroeden, James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)



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*

This Is My Father's World

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1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears, all
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise, the
 3. Our God has made this world; oh, let us ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the flow - ers bright, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 Our God has made this world and shines in all that's fair; in
 God trusts us with this world, to keep it clean and fair. All

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; God's hands the won - ders wrought.
 rust - ling grass I hear God pass, who speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 earth and trees, the skies and seas, God's crea - tures ev - ery - where.

We Shall Overcome

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United States traditional

John 8:31-32; Rom. 12:21; 2 Cor. 13:11

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -
 2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in
 3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -
 4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us

come, we shall o - ver - come some day;
 hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;
 fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;
 through, our God will see us through some day;

(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,

we shall o - ver - come some day.
 we'll go hand in hand some day.
 we are not a - fraid to - day.
 our God will see us through some day.

5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.

6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

This anthem of the 1960s civil rights movement was frequently sung at mass meetings and marches. Several sources have been cited as its origins, including the spiritual "No more auction block for me" based on the tune known as Sicilian Mariners; an old Baptist hymn "Oh! Be All Praise"; and part of the text from C. A.

Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME Irr.
 United States traditional
 Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981