

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

February 14, 2021  
Black History Month



# CUCC

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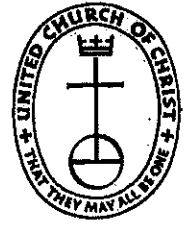
## **CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:**

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.

*Columbia  
United Church  
Of Christ*



*February 14, 2021*

*10:30 Worship*

*"Transfiguration"*

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

*"...the mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of its sun to its setting..."*

*-Psalm 50:1*

Gathering Music

Lucy Smith

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

*"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*

Amy Crousore  
*Spiritual*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Abby Dennis

\*Call to Worship

*(based on Psalm 50)*

Isaiah Jackson-Post

The splendor of divine glory shines upon Jerusalem,  
fire and wind alert the people to God's presence.

All heaven and earth wait for God's word of judgment

God condemns self serving worship with needless sacrifices.

What God requires is the offering of lives  
shaped by justice and righteousness.

**Those who seek to glorify God by living righteous lives**

**Worship with true thanksgiving**

**Those who seek to glorify God**

**Will know the salvation of God.**

**Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn

*"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"*

*NCH #182*

\*Opening Prayer

Isaiah Jackson-Post

**God, you bless us with your holy presence, challenging us to true discipleship and following you in difficult ways. You seek to change us in ways that your Glory might fully shine through. Yet often we resist, allowing the selfish and cowardly ways of the world to dissuade us. Forgive us for these times of missed opportunity and challenges not accepted. Teach us to open our eyes, that we may see your Glory shine in the world; and open our hearts, that your Glory may shine through us. Guide our feet as we walk with Jesus, in the upcoming Lenten Season, to Jerusalem. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

- \*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick  
 Jesus was transfigured by God; so that God's Glory could shine through him. In like manner, God transforms us, forgiving us for our shortcomings and opening us to new ways of realizing God's Glory. Through God's Gracious Love, we are forgiven! We are God's beloved! Praise be to God!
- \*Prayer Response "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"  
*Turn your eyes upon Jesus;  
 Look full in his wonderful face;  
 And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim  
 In the light of his glory and grace!*
- Sharing God's Gift of Peace Pastor Rick
- Children's Time Pastor Rick
- Response "This Little Light of Mine" *(traditional)*  
*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!*
- Living our Mission "Habitat for Humanity" Isaiah Jackson-Post
- Anthem "Love Never Fails" Ed Rollins  
Redford
- Black History Moment "**Prathia Hall**" Alisa Lau-Sieckman
- Old Testament Lesson 2 Kings 2:1-12 Isaiah Jackson-Post  
*Elisha follows Elijah as he makes his farewell tour, and implores Elijah to bestow upon him a double measure of Elijah's spirit. As he does, Elijah is caught up in a whirlwind and ascends to Heaven, leaving Elisha behind. Elisha is grieved and rends his clothing out of anguish.*
- Gospel Lesson Mark 9:2-9 Isaiah Jackson-Post  
*Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain, where they behold God's presence thru the presence of the Law and the Prophets, represented by Moses and Elijah. God speaks as at Baptism: "This is my Son, the Beloved" and commands them to listen to him. From that moment, Jesus' gaze was fixed on Jerusalem.*
- Hymn "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" NCH #183
- Sermon: "Shining with God's Glory" Pastor Rick
- Hymn: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" CHA #592

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

Lucy Smith

**"Minuet"**

*JS Bach*

*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*

\*Response

**"We Praise You, O God"**

**NCH #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

Isaiah Jackson-Post

**God of light; through these gifts, we help your Glory Shine. Take them and use them to transform your world. We pray that we may always be bold enough to love, bold enough to serve, bold enough to give; all to your glory. 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

**"Fanfare"**

Amy Crousore  
*Lemmens*

## We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

*Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36**Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988*

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and  
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the  
 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some  
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the  
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -  
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with  
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing  
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with  
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.  
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com-plete.  
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

TRANSFIGURATION

In his commentary on the text, hymnwriter Carl P. Daw, Jr., describes the "implicit comparison between the attitudes and assumptions of the disciples on the Mount of the Transfiguration and the expectations of present-day Christians as they gather for worship."

Tune: HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.  
Rowland H. Prichard, 1844  
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

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Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1991; alt.

Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36;  
John 19:30; Matt. 27:50-54; Mark 15:37-39

Unison



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain, where, with Pe - ter, James, and John,  
2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com-pan - ions saw?  
3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis - ci - ples heard?  
4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain where we see you glo - ri - fied,  
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as - cend - ed Christ,



We are daz-zled by your glo - ry, light as blind-ing as the sun.  
Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there fills us with the self - same awe.  
Once a - gain the voice from heav - en says of the In - car - nate Word:  
Where you shout-ed, "It is fin - ished!" where for all the world you died.  
Can - not help but tell the sto - ry, all that you have sac - ri - ficed;



There pre-prepare us for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.  
Clothed in flesh like ours you go matched to meet our dead - liest foe.  
"Lis - ten, lis - ten, ev - ery-one, this is my be - lov - ed One!"  
Hear the stunned cen - tu - ri - on: "This was God's be - lov - ed One!"  
Say with Pe - ter, James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed One!"



Both text and tune were commissioned by St. Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, Maryland, to commemorate its fiftieth anniversary. The hymnwriter, Jaroslav Vajda, tells of being "as much at a loss for words contemplating the glory of the transfigured Christ as were the disciples."

Tune: SILVER SPRING 8.7.8.7.7.7.  
Carl F. Schalk, 1991  
Alternate tune: IRBY

592

## Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Refrain*

Ev-ery time I feel the Spir-it mov-ing in my heart, I will

pray. Yes, ev-ery time I feel the Spir-it mov-ing

*Fine*

in my heart, I will pray.

1. Up-on the moun - tain, my Lord
2. Jor-dan Riv - er chil-ly and
3. I have heart - ache, I have

spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke. All a -  
 cold, chills the bod - y, not the soul. Ain't but  
 woe, I have trou - ble here be - low. While God

WORDS: African-American spiritual

MUSIC: African-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. William Farley Smith, 1986

PENTECOST

Irr.

D.C.

round me looks so fine, ask my Lord if all was mine.  
 one train on this track, runs to heav - en and right back.  
 leads me I'll not fear, I am shel - tered by God's care.

*Psalm 5:8*

## Lead Me, Lord

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Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righ-teous-ness, make thy way

plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,

thou, Lord, on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

WORDS: Based on Psalms 5:8; 4:8  
 MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1861

LEAD ME LORD  
 Irr.



## PROFILES IN BLACK HISTORY— PRATHIA HALL WYNN

Prathia Hall Wynn was a womanist, theologian, ethicist, and civil rights activist who has been credited with being a key inspiration for Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1963 "I Have A Dream Speech."

Hall was born on June 29, 1940 to Reverend Berkeley L. Hall and Ruby Hall. Her family was originally from Virginia, but her parents moved to Philadelphia. Hall also had two siblings, Berkeley Jr., and Teresa Hall. Hall's father was a Baptist preacher who founded the Mount Sharon Baptist Church in Philadelphia in 1938.

Hall's first experience with racial segregation came in 1945 when, at the age of five, she took a train from Philadelphia to Virginia to visit her grandparents. Hall and her sister, Teresa, and her mother were forced to be reseated in a segregated car when the train crossed the Mason-Dixon line (the Pennsylvania-Maryland border). Hall attended the Philadelphia High School for Girls graduating in 1958. After graduation she enrolled in Temple University and graduated from that institution in 1962 with a BA in Political Science.

During her time at Temple University, Hall began to participate in the Civil Rights Movement. On November 11, 1961, Hall and other ten demonstrators were arrested for sitting in at a Barnes Drive-In Restaurant in Annapolis, Maryland that excluded Black customers. She was held without bail in jail for two weeks.

In 1962 Hall joined the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and began working with fellow SNCC member Charles Sherrod in Southwest Georgia during the Albany Movement. She became the first woman field organizer for SNCC in Southwest Georgia which included Terrell County, nicknamed "Terrible Terrell" because of violence that civil rights activists faced in the county. On September 6, 1962, white segregationist nightriders fired into the house where Hall was staying at the time. Hall and two other civil rights activists, Jack Chatfield and Christopher Allen were wounded.

Three days later on September 9, 1962, two southwest Georgia churches, Mount Olive Baptist Church near Sasser, and Mount Mary Baptist Church near Chickasawatchee, were burned by the Ku Klux Klan. The next day, a prayer vigil took place where Mount Olive Baptist Church once stood. The service was attended by Rev. Martin Luther King Jr and James Bevel. Hall led the group in prayer and repeated the phrase, "I Have A Dream." According to Bevel, Hall's "I have a Dream" phrase inspired King to start using it in his sermons. Hall later acknowledged that King asked her permission to use the phrase in his sermons leading up to his famous "I Have a Dream Speech" at the March on Washington a year later. Hall would remain with SNCC until 1966.

Hall later moved to Roosevelt, New York with her husband, Ralph Wynn. She earned a Master of Divinity (1982), Master of Theology (1984), and Ph.D. (1997) from Princeton Theological Seminary. In 1978, Hall began serving as pastor at Mt. Sharon Baptist Church in Philadelphia which her father founded forty years earlier. In 2000, she joined the faculty at Boston University School of Theology where she held the Martin Luther King Chair in Social Ethics. In 1997, *Ebony* magazine named Hall number one on their list of Top 15 Greatest Black Women Preachers.

Rev. Prathia Hall Wynn died of cancer on August 12, 2002 in Boston, Massachusetts at the age of 62.

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Isaiah Jackson-Post  
**Acolyte:** Abby Dennis  
**Ushers:**  
**Technology Booth:** Mike Pierson/James Melton  
**Hospitality:**  
**Council Stewards:**



## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Audrey Lasley  
**Acolyte:**  
**Ushers:**  
**Technology Booth:** Mike Pierson/James Melton  
**Hospitality:**  
**Council Stewards:**

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**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BREAKFAST ALTERNATIVE**

Men's Fellowship is sponsoring a virtual fund raiser for Habitat for Humanity. Please make checks out to "Men's Fellowship" and bring it by or mail it to the Church Office; or you can give through Kindrid on the church website. We are collecting through the end of February.

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP...and then Sundays starting 2/21**

Lent begins this Wednesday with Ash Wednesday on 2/17! We will observe Lent with in-person worship at 7:00pm, but we will NOT be imposing ashes. We will observe a penitence ritual using sackcloth instead of ashes. This will be our first in-person worship of 2021, but we will also livestream. Come and find out what Ash Wednesday and Lent are all about!

**CUCC SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The CUCC Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. If you will be in college this fall, pick up an application in the church office. All applications are due by April 1.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH PASTOR RICK STARTS 2/21**

Next Sunday, Pastor Rick will begin a 6-week Sunday School Series on "Your Bible- The Study Begins." This introductory Bible course has much to offer everyone. The more we have, the richer the discussion will be. Come join us Sunday mornings during Lent in the Fellowship Hall!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING LENT – FEBRUARY 21-MARCH 28, 2021**

Preschool through High School Youth will celebrate each Sunday in Lent, 2021 with a special Lent program organized and created by Lena Muench and Gina Pierson during the Sunday School hour, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Pre-registration for children and youth will be required in order to provide supervision and a safe, healthy environment. Click here to register: **Lenten Sunday School**

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	2/14	Worship (online only)	10:30am
Mon	2/15	Staff Meeting	10:15am
		Loaves & Fishes	4:30pm
		Confirmation	6:00pm
Tue	2/16	Church Council	6:30pm
Wed	2/17	<b><i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i></b>	
		Confirmation	6:00pm
		Worship (in person and livestream)	7:00pm
Thu	2/18	Women's Fellowship	9:30am
		LODO Ministry Team	5:30pm
		Inclusion & Advocacy Ministry Team	6:30pm
Sun	2/21	<b><i>SUNDAY IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESUMES</i></b>	
		<b><u>Lenten Bible School Program</u></b>	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

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

The family of Robert Little... on their loss  
Donna Wilmsmeyer... recovering at home from pneumonia  
Lloyd Viehland... recovering at home from cardiac event and procedure  
Andy Geisert... on hospice (Jo Ellen Grace's brother)  
Ardith Wilson... on hospice (Mark Wilson's mother)  
Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothwieler's Aunt)  
Nell Redhage... recovering from back surgery (Jo Ellen Grace's sister)  
Cedric Anderson... suffering from gallstones (Aimee's husband)  
Amy Croushore... recovering from oral surgery, anticipating more  
Andrew Hill... challenges in life (April Rothweiler's son) and April, too..

All who are suffering from COVID-19 virus and other viruses  
All who are on the front lines, serving those with COVID-19

Sheila... challenges in life and faith  
The Zimny, Lasley, Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,  
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

## *Health Issues:*

Mariann Bullerd, Jan Barry... recovering at home from health issues  
Paul Plaspohl (Ann Stone Meyer's friend);  
Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell  
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);  
Riley Gregg (Alisa Lau-Sieckmann's neighbor); Christine Mseke,  
Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)  
Dennis Froeschner... anticipating knee replacement surgery  
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

## *Living in Care Facilities:*

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

## *Serving us in the military:*

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson  
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)  
Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)  
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);  
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

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

RJ Howard... serving in Fiji

## *Pregnancies in our church family:*

Ed Rollins & Jess Wolfe

## *2020 Confirmation Class (Confirmation on delay until...?):*

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly

## *2021 Confirmation Class:*

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,  
Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons