

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

January 5, 2020  
Epiphany



# 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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January 5, 2020

10:30 Worship

"2020 Vision"

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

*"Arise, Shine; for your light has come..."*

*-Isaiah 60:1-6*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"We Three Kings"

Amy Crousore  
Carol Tornquist

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Katelyn Odneal

Adoration of the Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

Pat Forward  
(page # 783)

\*Gathering Song

"We Three Kings"

(insert)

*(verses 1-4 sung by Magi; Congregation rise and sing verse 5)*

\*Call to Worship

*(from UCC "Worship Ways")*

Pat Forward

In the Beginning was the Word;

**The Word was in God's presence;**

**And the Word was God.**

The Word was present to God from the beginning;

Through the Word all things came into being.

**In the Word was life; and that life was humanity's light.**

And the Word became flesh; and stayed for a little while among us.

**We saw the Glory of the Word.**

Let us rejoice in the glory of the Word, come to us!

**Come, let us worship God!**

\*Petition

"The First Noel"

(insert)

\*Opening Prayer

Pastor Rick

**God of Love, your people have searched you through the ages, looking for your presence and promise in our lives. Wise Magi have sought you, forsaking the riches of the world and humbling themselves in your presence. Teach us to do the same; to put your will over the ways of the world and embrace your Wisdom, your Word. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Response

"Brightest and Best"

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**\*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**

**"Epiphany Carol"**

**Pete & Ally Jaberg  
Stephen De Cesare**

**Psalter Lesson;**

**Psalm 72:1-14**

**Pat Forward**

*The Psalmist, writing about King Solomon, talks about God's understanding of what it means to be a king; offering preferential treatment for the poor and oppressed; and prays that this divine justice will be understood by those in power.*

*(page #464)*

**Hebrew Scriptures Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Pat Forward**

*The prophet Isaiah, writing in a time of national reunification after the Exile, appeals to the people of Israel to praise God for the restoration of the nation; and lifts up a vision of future potential for the people of Israel.*

*(page #602)*

**Sermon:**

**"2020 Vision"**

**Pastor Rick**

**Invitation to Communion**

*We will be celebrating altar communion this morning; and no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are invited forward to celebrate this joyful meal.*

***Take generous portions of bread; there is plenty!***

Matthew's Gospel tells us of the Magi who searched all over the Gallilean countryside for Jesus and, upon finding him, bowed down and worshipped him. They were courageous enough to maintain their search; and they were faithful enough to recognize him when they found him. Like the Magi, we search for Jesus. Often, we find him in this memory meal; this sacrament of communion. As we gather around this table we are reminded of Jesus' incarnation in our hearts and in the world; and Jesus' command to love everyone extravagantly. As we gather, we express that extravagant welcome, inviting all to join us. All are invited, all are welcome, all are called. Come, join in the feast!

## Pastoral Prayer; Silent Prayer

### Invocation

Blessing the Children                      “What Child is This”                      *(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. During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a special blessing from Pastor Rick.*

### Institution; Fraction; Distribution

*Please come forward via the center aisle to receive and share communion, remembering the ministry of Jesus Christ and the blessings he brings us. Pause at the communion steward with the bread and, as the Magi did long ago, anticipate Jesus' presence in your life as you partake of the bread, celebrating Jesus' ministry with us. Then move to the steward with the cup and share the promise of New Life and Resurrection. The center ring of cups contain grape juice, and the vessels on the paten contain gluten free bread.*

### Communion Music

“Themes and Variations on We Three Kings”

Amy Crousore  
JH Hopkins

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Rick

**We thank you, Most Holy God, for refreshment at your table where, along with your saints, we receive all Christ's gifts. Give us the grace to praise you with our lives, our words, our deeds. We give thanks for the vision of the Magi, searching diligently for you and recognizing you when they found you as an infant. And now, promising to continue the quest of the Magi and search for Jesus in our world every day, we gather together as one family of faith, singing the prayer you taught us:**

### The LORD's Prayer      *(sung by the congregation, led by Kristin Veteto)*

**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

### Presenting our Gifts

“We Three Kings”

Amy Crousore  
Gordon Young

*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

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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**For the Fruit 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

*(from UCC “Worship Ways”)*

Pat Forward

**With these gifts, dear God,  
accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts,  
which rejoice in your goodness and love.  
Let our gifts point to your presence in the world,  
and further your dream for your Creation  
through Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us.**

\*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

“Kings of Orient”

Amy Crousore  
*Hal Hopson*

## **Do You Have 2020 Vision?**

What is your vision for 2020 regarding your relationship with Columbia United Church of Christ? As we enter the New Year, we often make “resolutions” to do something different or reallocate our time. What is your reallocation regarding Columbia United Church of Christ?

With the wisdom of the Magi as our inspiration, we strive to develop relationships with the church that are intentional, rather than accidental; not to perpetuate an institution, but because of the Spiritual Development and Cultural Transformation that happens because of that relationship.

So as you prepare for 2020, strive for 2020 Vision in your church life. Make a resolution about how much time, talent and treasure you are planning to commit to this church; and stick with it all year! Make an intentional commitment to be present in worship on a regular basis, to participate in church activities, and to contribute a certain amount to the work of the church. Stick with it in 2020 and see how your life is changed for the better!

***If you try to fit God into your life, you will never have time for God.  
If you try to fit your life into God, you will always have time for what matters...***

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** Stefanie Zimny & Carol Duermeyer  
**Ushers:** Mark & Jane Duncan  
**Worship Leader:** Pat Forward  
**Acolyte:** Katelyn Odneal  
**Sound Booth:** Jamie Rapp  
**Hospitality:** ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***  
**Council Steward:** Mahree Skala



## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** Donna Marsh & Helen Schultz  
**Ushers:** Doug Privitt & Christine Staelens  
**Worship Leader:** Josie Arms  
**Acolyte:** Katelyn Odneal  
**Sound Booth:** Brent Marcks  
**Hospitality:** ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***  
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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 leave it in the offering plate when it is passed. 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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### **SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS**

If you are a graduating Senior or are attending college currently, applications are available in the church office for scholarships from the NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND! Applications are due in the church office by April 1.

### **BAKED POTATO/SALAD BAR JANUARY 12**

Mark your calendars for the first Youth Group fundraiser of the year! The High School Youth are raising money to go to the National Youth Event/Mission Trip next summer. Join us after worship for potatoes, salad, and all the toppings you would like!

### **COMO VALUES DIVERSITY BREAKFAST**

The CUCC Inclusion Team is sponsoring a table at the COMO Values Diversity breakfast on January 16, 2020; 7:00am at the Holiday Inn Expo Center (arrive by 6:45). This annual MLK Weekend event features speakers, essays and music all centered around the theme of Inclusion. If you would like a seat at the table, contact Alisa Sieckman or Pastor Rick.

### **CHIAPAS PRESENTATION JANUARY 19**

Pastor Rick will be hosting a gathering during the Sunday School hour on January 19 to talk about the Mission Immersion Experiences he has had in Chiapas, and what this year's Mission Immersion Experience will be like. All are invited to attend and hear more about the upcoming trip, as well as the 4 trips that he has taken in the past.

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND CHILI COOKOFF**

Our Annual Congregational Meeting and Chili Cookoff will be Sunday, January 26 right after worship! Have your chili here by 10:30 for entry into the contest. The Annual Congregational Meeting will start right after we eat, around 12:30 or so.

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

Sun	1/5	<i>Epiphany/The Visit of the Magi</i> Fellowship Time/Sunday School Worship	9:00am 10:30am
Mon	1/6	LODO Back By-Laws Team Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team	11:30am 6:00pm
Tue	1/7	Quilters Staff Meeting	9:00am-2:00pm 10:00am
Thu	1/9	Women's Fellowship	9:30am
Sun	1/12	<i>Baptism of Jesus/Youth Group Dinner after Worship</i> Fellowship Time/Sunday School Worship	9:00am 10:30am
Mon	1/13	Music & Worship Ministry Team	6:30pm

# **Columbia UCC Prayer List**

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

The family and friends of Tee Fitzgerald... on their loss (*Shirley Gallaher's niece*)

The family and friends of Ken Kavanaugh.. on their loss (*Amy Crousore's friend*)

The family and friends of Rev. Jim Iwig... on their loss (*Deb Koepke's uncle*)

Victims of violence at church in Texas and the Rabbi's home in New York

Pat Enos... health issues (*Alisa's brother-in-law*)

Gladys Koepke... recovering from fall (*Gene's mother*)

Evan's great grandfather... health issues (12/29)

Cousin having heart trouble (12/29)

Donna Marsh's Son recovering from surgery Tuesday 12/31

Harold Hackman... recovering from knee surgery 12/6

Rev. Dr. David Beebe... living with cancer (*Oberle's friend*)

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

Daughter-in-law's mother living with cancer (12/24)

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

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

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; Shirley Lawler;

Finn Price (*Tricia's nephew*); Sue Beckman; Wayne Gartner (*Laura's brother*)

Donald Long (*Vena's husband*)

## *Pregnancies in our church family:*

Makayla Smith and Joey Oberle

Coleen & Tim Williams (*Bullerd's daughter*)

## *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*);

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

Victor Makari, serving in Israel/Palestine

## *2020 Confirmation Class:*

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly