

Columbia United Church Of Christ

May 5, 2019

Faithful Disciples– Paul (Saul)



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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10:30 Worship

“Saul/Paul”

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

*“...I will extol you, O God, for you have drawn me up...
I cried to you for help and you have healed me...”
-Psalm 30:1-2*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

Amy Crousore & Connie Loveless

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Fred Bock

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Abby Dennis

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 30)*

Llona Weiss

Sing Praise to God!

Give thanks to God’s Holy Name!

God’s favor is with us all of our lives.

Weeping may linger for the night;

But God brings joy with the morning.

In our prosperity, we have turned our backs on God,

Not remembering all our strength comes from God.

But soon we remember;

God is the source of all our joy.

God has turned our mourning into dancing;

God has clothed us with joy, so that our souls may praise God.

We will give thanks to God forever!

Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

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*Opening Prayer

Llona Weiss

God of empowerment and transformation; we hear the story of your presence transforming Saul from a persecutor to a prophet; from breathing threats and murder to breathing your Holy Spirit. In this story we see you working for good in all things; and that all things are possible when we repent, turn around, turn back to you. Forgive us for the times when we have strayed from your call; and teach us to have faith in all of your blessings. Transform us, and make us into your apostles. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Jesus cried out, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” and in a blinding light, Saul was transformed. His sins were forgiven and he was filled with the Holy Spirit. Likewise, no matter what we do, we are forgiven and affirmed as a worthy child of God. In the name of Jesus, we are all blessed and affirmed; sent forth to share the Good News with all. Alleluia!

*Prayer Response “LORD, Listen to Your Children Praying”

LORD, listen to your children praying!

LORD, send your Spirit in this place!

LORD, listen to your children praying!

Send us Love, send us power, send us grace!

*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

Anthem

LODO and CUCC Preschool Children

“This is the Day”

“Jesus Loves Me”

Mission Moment

“PET– Mobility Worldwide”

Lloyd Viehland

The CUCC Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team has selected “Mobility Worldwide” (the PET Project) as our mission focus for this quarter. We are focusing on Mobility Worldwide and the way they serve God’s children by providing Mobility Assistance to those in need in developing countries. Mobility Worldwide started here in Columbia in 1994, and is now an International Organization. Now in their 25th year, Mobility Worldwide has distributed more than 80,000 PETs around the world.



Our Goal between now and May 19, is to raise \$3600 to provide 12 PETs for those in need. You can contribute using the envelopes in today’s bulletin, scanning the QR code above and selecting “Mobility Worldwide” from the dropdown menu, or by texting “GIVE” to 573.240.4041 and following the prompts

New Testament Lesson:

Acts 9:1-20

Llona Weiss

The story of the conversion of Saul (Paul) from a murderous Pharisee who persecuted the followers of Jesus to a follower himself, transformed by Jesus and by God’s Saving Grace. Page #893

Gospel Lesson: John 21:9-17 Llonna Weiss
In one of many post-Resurrection appearances, reminiscent of the Last Supper, Jesus shares a meal with his friends and gives them a Love command: Feed My Sheep. Page #883

Sermon “Feed My Sheep” Pastor Rick

Invitation to Communion

*We will celebrate altar communion this Sunday, coming forward to receive the elements. **EVERYONE** is welcome to partake in this meal, no matter what your faith is, no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey.*

*Come forward through the **center** aisle. There will be two communion stewards on the North side of the Sanctuary, and two on the South side. You can go to either pair. Take a piece of bread, **pause a moment and eat with the steward**; then proceed to the cup. **Pause a moment and drink the cup with the steward**; then place the cup back in the communion tray.*

The small vessels on the bread plate contain gluten free bread, the center ring of cups contains grape juice, the outer rings contain wine. For those with mobility challenges, communion will be brought to you.

The invitation is simple: come and eat. Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul. We receive the bread and the wine connected to the ages. Woven into this time, the hopes and fears of all the generations are present in this meal. There is great joy here! Nobody is turned away when God is the host!

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer & Invocation

Blessing the Children

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.

Hymn: “Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult” #172

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

Communion Music Amy Crousore
“Adagio in A-Flat” Felix Mendelssohn

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, God for Spiritual nourishment at your table; where, like at that post-Resurrection breakfast you shared with your disciples on that beach long ago, your Wisdom convicts us and challenges us to exemplify your love. Let the spiritual nourishment presented here fill us with goodness and grace, so that we may be transformed into something more. We thank you for filling us up.

*The LORD's Prayer *(sung by 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 Amy Crousore
Mark Hayes
"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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You can also give online by visiting our website: www.columbiauicc.com*

*Response #425
"Thanks Be to God"
**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 Llona Weiss
God of love; take the gifts we offer today and use them to feed your sheep. By this and the love that we share, we pray that all may feel your transformative power, restoring the world and restoring our souls. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #173
"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

*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 Amy Crousore
John Carter
"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Carol Duermeyer & Stefanie Zimny
Ushers: Melba Shaffer & Audrey Lasley
Sound Booth: Brent Marcks
Worship Leader: Llona Weiss
Hospitality: Val Schoeneberg
Acolyte: Abby Dennis

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Pat Forward & Audrey Lasley
Ushers: Charlie Marcks & Brent Marcks
Sound Booth: John Graves
Worship Leader: Mahree Skala
Hospitality: Doug Privitt
Acolyte:



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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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INTERPRETIVE DANCE PRACTICE AT CUCC 5/5

There will be an opportunity for children in Kindergarten through eighth grade to participate in an interpretive dance in worship on Mother's Day, May 12. Katie Marienfeld will be practicing with interested children in this age range today. If you are interested, email kmarienfeld@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY– BOOK OF ACTS

Pastor Rick will be leading a 5-week Bible Study on the Book of Acts Wednesday evenings in the month of May. Join us in the Middle High/Confirmation Room upstairs each Wednesday at 6:00pm for a look at Acts!

LODO TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week for our Little One's Day Out Preschool Program! What can you do to show your appreciation for this great ministry of the church? Cards, flowers, sweet treats or other ideas for our teachers would be appreciated! See April in the church office if you would like some ideas about how to show your appreciation for LODO, Erika, and all they do!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	5/5	<i>LODO SUNDAY/PET Races</i> Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Interpretive Dance Rehearsal Nurture & Education Ministry Team	9:00am 9:30am 10:30am 11:30am 12:00pm
Mon	5/6	Staff Meeting <i>LODO PET Races</i>	12:00pm
Tue	5/7	Quilters <i>LODO PET Races</i>	9:00am
Wed	5/8	Bible Study– The Book of Acts Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers Confirmation	6:00pm 6:30pm/7:30pm 7:00pm
Thu	5/9	Women's Fellowship Conference Youth Leaders Meeting here	9:30am 10:30am
Sun	5/12	<i>Mother's Day/Interpretive Dance in Worship</i> Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship	9:00am 9:30am 10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The family of Steven Bailot... on their loss (Kim Oberle's cousin)
The Family of Rev. Paul Porter and the Congregation of Eden UCC,
Affton MO... on their loss (Pastor Rick & Kim's home church)
Those killed or hurt in the Easter Day Sri Lanka explosions (4/21)
Those killed or hurt at UNC- Charlotte... victims of violence
Our church... as we discern next steps as an ONA congregation
Harold Hackman... anticipating knee replacement in June
Sue Beckman... living with cancer; anticipating next steps

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;
Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Margaret Abbott;
Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family; Remeika/Johnson family

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Sylvia Mosberger;
Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Christie O'Very;
Janet Shepard; Kathy Kindrick;

Pregnancies in our church family:

Erin & Levi Markway
Nancy Liang & Corey Grace

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)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Nishan Bakalian, serving in Lebanon

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;
Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp