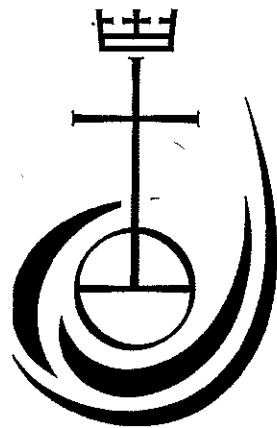


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Baptism of Christ



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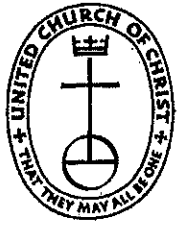
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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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January 10, 2021

10:30 Worship

"Baptism"

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

*"...ascribe to the LORD glory and strength;
Worship the LORD in Holy splendor"
-Psalm 29:1-2*

Gathering Music		Amy Crousore
Welcome and Greetings		Pastor Rick
Prelude		Amy Crousore <i>John Carter</i>
	"On Eagle's Wings"	
Carrying in the Light of Christ		
*Call to Worship	(based on Psalm 29)	Pat Forward

Praise God's glory and strength;
Worship God in Holy splendor!

God's voice is over the waters;
God's glory thunders from the deep.

God's voice is powerful, full of majesty.
God's voice shakes the wilderness and strips the forests bare.

**God is enthroned over the waters;
God gives strength and blessing to God's people.**

**Listen for the voice of God;
Calling out, blessing us and calling us by name.**

**Our mouths will sing of God's praise for generations;
And we will bless God's Holy Name forever and ever.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn "Sing of God Made Manifest" *Chalice #176*

*Opening Prayer Pat Forward

God of cleansing water, your voice on the Jordan River proclaims your steadfast love for us all. Through the waters of baptism, you claim us; through the action of repentance, we accept your call. Forgive us for the times we forget our baptisms and neglect to repent. Help us to remember that we are all your children, blessed and beloved; and inspire us to do things in the world that will cause you to proclaim, "with you I am well pleased." In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

John the Baptizer preached a message of repentance; that the one who repents their sins becomes open to God's Salvation. He prepared the way for Jesus; and prepared us for God's greatest gift. Like those repentant followers of John, we are also blessed and 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

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!**

Anthem

"I've Just Come from the Fountain"

Ed Rollins
Hobby

New Testament Lesson

Acts 19:1-10

Pat Forward

The Apostle Paul, passing through the region near Ephesus, found some people who had been led to Jesus' ministry by others. They had been followers of John, and had been baptized by John into repentance. Paul baptizes them into Jesus' ministry, invoking the Holy Spirit and opening the disciples to an entirely new direction.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:4-11

Pat Forward

Jesus is baptized by John in the River Jordan, and from there he begins his ministry. When he was baptized, the Holy Spirit lit upon him, and God's voice was heard to say, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Hymn

"Down By the Jordan"

*Written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, in "Songs of Grace" (2009)
To the tune "LOBE DEN HERREN" (NCH #22)*

**Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,
Preaching a message the people found bold and surprising
"God will forgive! Show that you'll change how you live!
Surely God's new day is rising!"**

**There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation!
"Are you God's chosen one, sent here to rescue our nation?"
"No!" John replied. "He who is mightier than I
Will come and offer Salvation."**

**Jesus, you went to be baptized with all of the others.
Taking your place among sinners, God's lost sons and daughters.
Then with great love, God's Spirit came as a dove!
Your work began in those waters.**

**Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.
Freed and forgiven, we're welcomed with Joy; can you hear it?
This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"
Let's take the Good News and share it!**

Sermon:

"Repent"

Pastor Rick

A Pandemic Sacrament of Baptism (Remembering your baptism)

Whether you have been baptized or not, you have been named and claimed by God. God blesses and redeems you just as you are.

Today we celebrate the baptisms of everyone in the congregation; members and guests alike. Pastor Rick will be inviting everyone who wishes to participate virtually using hand sanitizer or wipes to remember the cleansing waters of baptism. Pastor Rick will give more instructions about how to proceed in your homes.

If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to participate as well. When Pastor Rick says, "remember your baptism" know that you are being reminded that God loves you and claims you, even if you have not participated in the Sacrament of Baptism. You are God's beloved child, with whom God is well pleased.

Baptismal Prayer:

Creator God; through the grace of Jesus Christ you have accepted each of us, your children, through the waters of baptism. Now, nourish us with your blessings. Receive us as your children, disciples of Christ, and members of your Universal Church. Inspire us to be blessings in your world, as we emerge from the waters of baptism and go forth, sharing the Good News of your love. Amen.

*Hymn:

"Borning Cry"

NCH #351

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

Presenting our Gifts

"Waltz in A Minor"

Lucy Smith
Chopin

*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

Pat Forward

God, you name us and claim us and call us beloved. You bless us with abundance and challenge us to be servants of all. With that in mind, we offer our gifts; that we may not only be blessed, but also be blessings in your world. Take these gifts and multiply them; that they may be used in your service. 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:

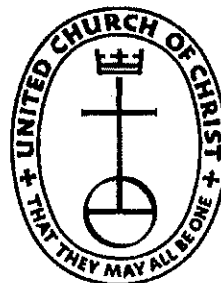
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!

Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!

*Postlude

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Amy Crousore
Thygerson



Sing of God Made Manifest

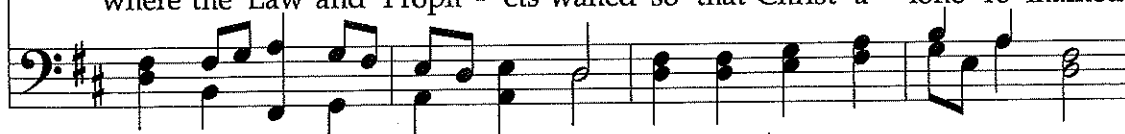
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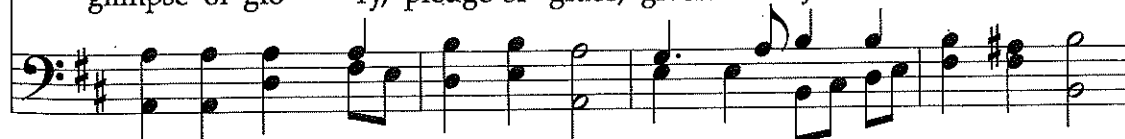
1. Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
2. Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
3. Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
4. Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud - capped moun - tain's crest,



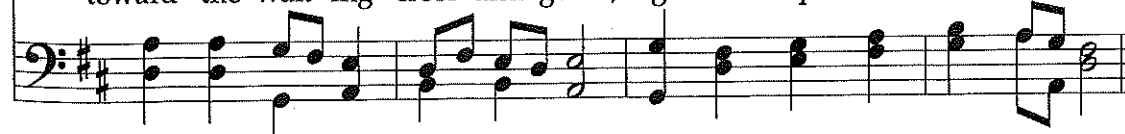
to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the Law and Prop - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - mained:



ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:
 Then from heav - en a dou - ble sign— dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 toward the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.



I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

John Ylvisaker, 1985; alt

Unison

D7 G D G D G D

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

G D G D7 G D

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

G D G C D7 G

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long,
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

G/B C G

I was there when you were but a child, with a
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

John Ylvisaker is the composer of a number of collections of music in the "contemporary" or "folk" idiom, as well as soundtracks for various media productions. This is perhaps his best-known song.

Tune: BORNING CRY 9.7.9.6.D.
John Ylvisaker, 1985

CONFIRMATION

Am D G G/B C

faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A7 D *to beginning*

wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

My God, Accept My Heart This Day

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Matthew Bridges, 1848; alt.

Gal. 4:5; Eph. 1:5

1 My God, ac - cept my heart this day, and make it al - ways yours,
 2 Be - fore the cross of One who died, I bow in deep re - gret.
 3 A - noint me with your love and grace, a - dopt me for your own,
 4 Let ev - ery thought and work and word be given, O God, to you.

That I from you no more may stray as long as life en - dures.
 Let ev - ery sin be cru - ci - fied, and ev - ery wrong off - set.
 That I in heaven may find my place and wor - ship at your throne.
 In life and death, may I be stirred your pur - pose to pur - sue.

Influenced by the Oxford Movement, Matthew Bridges left the Church of England and became a Roman Catholic in 1848, the year this confirmation hymn was published. He wrote numerous other prose and poetry works.

Tune: ST. STEPHEN C.M.
 William Jones, 1789

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Pat Forward
Acolyte:
Ushers:
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson/James Melton
Hospitality:
Council Stewards:



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Judi Privitt
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ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

If you are a ministry team leader and have not turned in your Annual Report yet, please do so! April and Pastor Rick will be working on these this week. We plan to have the Annual Report ready for distribution by Sunday, January 24.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2021 giving envelopes are ready. Those that usually receive envelopes can pick them up at the church office during normal office hours (Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm) or coordinate with Brent Marcks to get them. If you aren't currently receiving envelopes but you would like to please contact Brent Marcks. You can reach Brent by phone at (573) 819-5145 or by email at brentmarcks@gmail.com

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BREAKFAST ALTERNATIVE

Due to the ongoing struggle with the COVID pandemic, the Men's Fellowship is canceling the annual Uel Blank Habitat for Humanity benefit breakfast this year. We still want to help Habitat for Humanity as best we are able, so we are sponsoring an online fund raiser for them. We normally raise about \$1500. We are setting a goal of \$2000. We would appreciate it if you could help us with this goal. 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. Just select "Habitat for Humanity" from the dropdown menu on the "Give to CUCC" tab. We are collecting through the end of February. Thank you for your consideration.

CUCC COVID RESPONSE

The CUCC COVID Response Team met Tuesday, and decided to continue our practice of online-only worship for the next three Sundays, with the possibility of beginning a phased-in resumption of in-person worship starting January 31. We will be meeting again on January 19 to discuss this further, and decide if that plan is feasible. Keep the leadership of CUCC in your prayers as we go thru this discernment time together!

TECHNOLOGY BOOTH TRAINING

James Melton and Mike Pearson will be leading Technology Booth Training in the next few weeks. If you are interested in being part of this team, let them know!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	1/10	BAPTISM OF JESUS Worship (online only)	10:30am
Mon	1/11	Staff Meeting Confirmation	10:15am 6:00pm
Tue	1/12	Music & Worship Ministry Team Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	5:30pm 6:30pm
Fri	1/15	Pastor Rick's day off	
Sun	1/17	MLK DAY Worship (online only)	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The United States of America... for perseverance and courage to get through the next two weeks, rebuilding and recovery after attempted armed insurrection

On hospice: Sharon Tiemann (April Rothweiler's Aunt)

Ken Duermeyer & Family... recovering from COVID

Paul Plaspohl... health issues (Ann Stone Meyer's friend)

Karen Wittich... recovering from knee replacement 1/8 (Kim Oberle's mother)

Mariann Bullerd... health issues recovering from COVID

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:

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:

Debbie Colvin... serving in Ghana

Global Ministries Mission:

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