

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

August 14, 2022  
Therefore



**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.

*Columbia  
United Church  
Of Christ*



*August 14, 2022*

*9:30 Worship*

*"Therefore"*

*\*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 the sun to its setting."*

*-Psalm 50:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Dale

Prelude "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Amy Croushore  
Lafferty/Miller

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Aiden Pierson

\*Call to Worship

Mahree Skala

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of  
witnesses,

**Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.**

By faith, our ancestors moved forward, not knowing where they were  
to go, but trusting God to guide them.

**When we stumble and our faith falters, God's faithfulness  
bears us along.**

When our spirits soar and our faith grows strong,

**God's faithfulness lifts us to new heights of devotion.**

When our daily duties distract us, and our visions grow fuzzy,

**God's faithfulness pierces the fog to beckon us.**

God's faithfulness endures forever.

**We lift our hearts in praise to the One who is our God this day  
and evermore!**

**Come, let us worship God of our ancestors and our God!**

\*Gathering Hymn

"For All the Saints"

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\*Opening Prayer

Mahree Skala

**O God of steadfast love, we thank you for the lessons of the past. We  
remember all you have done for us; make us truly thankful. We  
remember times of joy and sorrow; may these experiences make us  
compassionate toward others. We share the memory of your people  
as they have journeyed through time; it is our story as well. May the  
richness of our past be the ground out of which love, hope and faith  
blossom; through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

\*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Dale

We are inheritors of God's grace, and by faith we claim that grace as our own. Like our spiritual ancestors of old, we do move forward by faith, not by sight. We have cairns, or markers, to help show us the way. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud witnesses, we run the race with perseverance, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

\*Prayer Response "Weave"

***Weave, weave, weave us together!  
Weave us together in unity and love!  
Weave, weave, weave us together!  
Weave us together; together in love!***

\*Sharing God's Gift of Peace Pastor Dale

May God's Peace be with you!  
**And also with you!**

Children's Time Pastor Dale

Response: "This Little Light of Mine"

*(Sung as children return to their seats)*

***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!***

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 11:29—12:2 pg.978

*The author of this letter continues a litany of the faithful who moved forward, trusting God to lead them. They were a strange assortment of folks, but each responded by faith. The writer likens the journey to a "race."*

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:49-56 pg.848

*Here, Jesus warns his disciples that his message will bring division—even within families. He speaks of a time to come that will not be a time of peace, but of discord. Jesus cautions followers against being smug and self-righteous.*

Anthem "Witness" Brandon Brown  
Hall Johnson

Sermon: "Therefore" Pastor Dale

\*Hymn: "Guide My Feet" #497

\*Pastoral Prayer Pastor Dale

\*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.**

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| Sharing our Announcements of Community Life | Pastor Dale             |            |
| Sabbatical Moment                           | Kristy Odneal           |            |
| Living Our Mission                          | “Veterans of the Cross” | Mark Dunan |
| Stewardship Moment                          | Keith Birkes            |            |

Invitation to the Offering

*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)*

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| Offertory | Amy Crousore<br><i>W.A. Mozart</i> |
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\*Prayer of Dedication Mahree Skala

**As we journey though this Sabbath time, O God, we have faith that you will be with us and provide for us, guiding us along the way. As a reflection of that faith, we offer these gifts to you. May they be used to bring faith to all who are in need, and to Glorify your name in all the world. Amen.**

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| *Hymn of Commitment | “I Sing A Song” | #295 |
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| *Benediction | Pastor Dale |
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\*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!**

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| *Postlude | “To God Be the Glory ” | Amy Crousore<br><i>Doane/Carter</i> |
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# ★ THE CHRISTMAS FUND

for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund

The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas “Thank You” gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees.



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*The Christmas Fund for Veterans of the Cross is managed by the Pension Boards.*

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Mahree Skala  
Acolyte: Aidan Pierson  
Ushers: John and Brenda Muench  
Greeters: Helen Schultz  
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson and Brent Marcks  
Hospitality: Melba Shaffer  
Council Stewards: Mike Pierson and Jessica Lucas



## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Jim Loveless  
Acolyte: Danielle Dreier  
Ushers: Phillip and Linda Neale  
Greeters: Lydia Whitacre  
Technology Booth: Lorry Dreier and Josh Muench  
Hospitality: Pat Forward  
Council Stewards: Lorry Dreier and Lydia Whitacre

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**NURSERY CARE**... is available for children in kindergarten and younger in room #201 in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

### **LODO AMAZON WISH LIST**

LODO is preparing for our upcoming school year and we are hoping to replace a few well loved items and to add to our learning materials. If you are interested in supporting the LODO Ministry, please consider purchasing an item from our LODO Amazon Wishlist. Purchased items can be shipped directly to LODO. Check out the Friday email for the link to the LODO Amazon Wish list.

### **ANNUAL HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS TRAINING**

Every year, CUCC members who will be working with children and youth are required to participate in Healthy Relationships Training (also called “Safe Church”) to maximize the way we interact with our youth. However, this training is good for everyone to maximize our potential interactions with others in our society. EVERYONE at CUCC is invited to participate. The next session is August 28 at 10:30am (after worship). You must register ahead of time; talk to Lydia Whitacre or Linda Neale, or click the link in the Friday email to register.

### **VAC BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR**

The Voluntary Action Center hosted a Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at Derby Ridge Elementary School. Backpacks full of school supplies were given to children in the Columbia Public School District. We are encouraging CUCC members to donate to defray the cost of backpacks, and to volunteer as able to help distribute them at the fair. You can find out more at [www.vacmo.org/programs/back-to-school/](http://www.vacmo.org/programs/back-to-school/) or donate through Kindrid on the CUCC website.

### **THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR**

|     |      |                                    |         |
|-----|------|------------------------------------|---------|
| Sun | 8/14 | Fellowship Time                    | 9:00am  |
|     |      | Worship (in person and livestream) | 9:30am  |
| Mon | 8/15 | Loaves and Fishes                  | 4:30pm  |
| Tue | 8/16 | Quilters                           | 10:00am |
|     |      | Fellowship and Hospitality         | 5:30pm  |
|     |      | Council Meeting                    | 6:30pm  |
| Wed | 8/17 | LODO CPR                           | 6:00pm  |
|     |      | Chapel Ringers Rehearsal           | 6:00pm  |
|     |      | Celebration Singers Rehearsal      | 7:00pm  |
| Sun | 8/21 | Fellowship Time                    | 9:00am  |
|     |      | Worship (in person and livestream) | 9:30am  |
|     |      | Vision Team                        | 10:30am |
|     |      | Nurture and Education              | 10:30am |
|     |      | Fellowship Hall Booked             | 12-4pm  |

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

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

Jolene Hackman... recovering from broken ankle & surgery  
Holly Frieden... recovering from severe burns (Doug Privitt's friend)  
Alexis... recovering from heart transplant (Elaine Trout's friend)

The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our partnership friend

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

## *Health Issues:*

Tiffany Brookshire; Glenn Duermeyer; David Martin; Levi Markway;  
Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christine Mseke;  
Gene Kelly... living with cancer (Jim & Connie Loveless's friend)

## *Living in Care Facilities:*

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,  
Mark Brumbach

## *Living in Independent Living Facilities:*

Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

## *Serving us in the military:*

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson, Dane Wilson  
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)  
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);  
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

## *2022 Confirmation Class:*

Danielle Dreier, Aidan Pierson, Trevor Pierson; Lawson Flood-Lorber

*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.*