

Columbia United Church Of Christ

February 17, 2019
Conflicting Doctrines



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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

“Faithful”

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

*“...happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
Or take the path that sinners tread...”*

-Psalm 1:1

Welcome and Greetings

John Graves

Prelude

“Seek Ye First”

Amy Crousore

Mark Albrecht

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Riley Hayward

*Call to Worship

Mahree Skala

Blessed is the one that does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly,
That does not stand in the way of sinners,
That does not sit in the seat of the scornful;

**But delights in the law of the LORD;
And meditates on God’s law day and night.**

They will be like a tree planted by rivers of water
That brings forth fruit in its season.

The leaf will not wither, and whatsoever they do shall prosper.

**The ungodly are not so;
but are like the chaff which the wind drives away.**

Therefore, the ungodly shall not stand in judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous;
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.**

Come, let us worship God together!

*Opening Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

#436

*Opening Prayer

Mahree Skala

**O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you:
Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness
of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us
the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may
please you both in will and in deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever
and ever. Amen.**

*Assurance of Blessing Rev. Bryan Crousore
Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory to God from generation to generation in the church; and in Christ Jesus now and or ever and ever. Amen.

*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 Rev. Bryan Crousore
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 Rev. Bryan Crousore
“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.

Living our Mission “Loaves and Fishes” Audrey Lasley

Anthem Celebration Singers and Peter Jaberg, brass
“Sing, With all the Saints in Glory” *Henry V. Gerike*

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 Mahree Skala
Paul, writing to the Church in Corinth, deals with a doctrinal conflict within the new Judeo-Christian community regarding the afterlife. Remnants of teachings from the Jewish sect of Sadducees linger, denying the afterlife. Paul calls upon these new Christians to open themselves to new ways of being faithful, putting aside the doctrines of the past. Page #935

Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:17-26 Mahree Skala
In Jesus; inaugural address, he speaks to the crowds of paradoxes; situations where he juxtaposes the Kingdom of God against the Kingdom of the world. The situation that should be elevated by worldly standards is denigrated; and vice versa. A similar set of paradoxes is set up in Psalm 1, today’s Call to Worship. Page #838

*A Reading Before the Sermon (Psalm 133) Rev. Bryan Crousore

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Sermon Rev. Bryan Crousore

*Meditation Hymn

“God, Speak to Me that I May Speak” #531
ushers will collect prayer request cards during hymn

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer Rev. Bryan Crousore

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.
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 John Graves

Presenting our Gifts Amy Crousore
“Courante” *JS Bach*

*Response “We Praise You, O God” #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 Mahree Skala

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised
through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered
together in his Name, you will be in the midst of them. Accept then,
these offerings that are from your own hand, returned now to you.
Fulfill, O LORD, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to
come life everlasting. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

“For the Healing of the Nations”

#576

*Benediction

*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

“Fugue”

Amy Crousore
Louis Clerambault

Pastor Rick and Lauren Helmreich are at Camp MoVal this weekend with 10 of our High School Youth, at the Conference Youth Event. Many thanks to Rev. Bryan Crousore for filling in for Pastor Rick today. Pastor Rick will be back in the office Tuesday.



*CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:
Welcoming all God's People;
Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;
Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;
Building a supportive church family;
Transforming both the congregation and community
through service and outreach*

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: John & Brenda Muench
Ushers: Mike & Sharon Rapp
Sound Booth: John Graves
Worship Leader: Mahree Skala
Hospitality: Elaine Trout
Acolyte: Riley Hayward

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Bryan Crousore & Carol Duermeyer
Ushers: Hugo Wilmsmeyer & Doug Privitt
Sound Booth: Dennis Froeschner
Worship Leader: Jim Loveless
Hospitality: Brent Marcks
Acolyte: Riley Hayward

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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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MONEY AND MINISTRY MATTERS AT CUCC

This Saturday the Missouri Mid-South Conference is sponsoring an event here at CUCC dealing with Money and Ministry Matters– everything from planned giving to investment opportunities. Registration is required by Wednesday 2/20– talk to Pastor Rick if you are interested in attending!

STEWARDSHIP POT LUCK NEXT SUNDAY– MAXIMUM IMPACT

The Finance and Stewardship Ministry Team is hosting an event next Sunday to discuss the ways we, as a congregation, can have a Maximum Impact on God's World in 2019. Bring a dish to share and listen to Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel, who will be our guest speaker. She will also be sharing worship time with Pastor Rick. This will be an inspirational Sunday for us all to share!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 3/3

There will be a very brief Congregational Meeting after worship on March 3 to officially elect James Melton as our new Church Council Vice Moderator. James has agreed to serve, and will be in succession to become Moderator in 2020. The meeting will take place at the end of worship and will be very brief.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	2/17	Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Worship	10:30am
		Senior High Youth at MoVal for CYE	
Mon	2/18	NO Staff Meeting	
		Senior High Youth return from MoVal/CYE	4:00pm
		Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	6:00pm
Tue	2/19	Quilters	9:00am
Wed	2/20	Chapel Ringers	6:30pm
		Confirmation	7:00pm
		Celebration Singers	7:30pm
Thu	2/21	LODO Board Meeting	5:45pm
		Membership and Care Ministry Team	6:30pm
Sat	2/23	Money and Ministry Matters at CUCC	10:00am-3:00pm
Sun	2/24	<i>Stewardship Sunday-MAXIMUM IMPACT!</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Worship	10:30am
		Stewardship Dinner/Pot Luck– bring a dish!	11:30am
		Middle School Youth to Lazer Lanes	4:00-7:00pm

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Our church... as we discern next steps as an ONA congregation

Hal Shaffer... health issues

Gary Sieckman... anticipating back surgery 2/25

Sue Beckman... living with cancer; anticipating next steps

Joe Schroeder... recovering from pacemaker surgery

Shirley Gallaher... recovering from health issues

Rusty... recovering from cardiac surgery (April's mother in law)

Ashley... diagnosed with thyroid cancer (April's friend)

Jane... anticipating knee surgery (April's mother)

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon; Tommie Wildmon;

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 and Wendy (Isaiah's friends); Christie O'Very;

Janet Shepard; Kathy Kindrick

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)

Pregnancies in our church family:

April & Parker Rothweiler;

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Danielle Lee, serving in Thailand

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;

Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp