

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

April 14, 2019  
Palm Sunday



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**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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**April 14, 2019**

**10:30 Worship**

**“Palm Sunday”**

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

*“...He emptied himself by taking the form of a servant...  
He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death...  
Even death on a cross...”- Philippians 5:8*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“The Palms”

Connie Loveless and Amy Crousore  
*Jean Baptiste Feure*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Zabibu Kibaro

\*Gathering Scripture

John 12:12-19

Josie Arms

*The next day, the huge crowd that had arrived for the Passover Feast heard that Jesus was entering Jerusalem. They broke off Palm branches and went out to meet him. And they cheered:*

*“Hosanna! Hosanna!*

*Blessed is the one who comes in God’s name!*

*Blessed is the coming Kingdom of David!*

*Hosanna in the Highest Heaven!”*

*The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, was there giving eyewitness accounts. It was because they had spread the word of this latest miracle that the crowd swelled to a welcoming parade.*

*But the Pharisees took one look and threw up their hands and said,  
“It’s out of control.”*  
*(From “The Message”)*

Praise Songs & Palms Processional

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

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“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” (*verses 1, 2, 4 only*)

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\*Prayer Petition-

“Jesus, Remember Me”

(*Luke 23:42*)

**Jesus, Remember me,  
When you come into your Kingdom!**

**Jesus, Remember me,  
When you come into your Kingdom!**

\*Opening Prayer

Pastor Rick

\*Prayer Response

“Jesus, Remember Me”

(Luke 23:42)

**Jesus, Remember me,**

**When you come into your Kingdom!**

**Jesus, Remember me,**

**When you come into your Kingdom**

\*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.**

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. Starting today, we will be 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*

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 21:1-11

Josie Arms

*Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem on a donkey contrasts with Pilate’s entry into Jerusalem on a regal war horse. What symbolism can we draw from Jesus’ entry that day?*

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Anthem

Celebration Singers & Youth Choir

“Sing Children, Sing Hosanna”

Patti Drennan

Sermon

“From Palms to Passion”

Pastor Rick

\*Meditation Hymn

“Journey to Gethsemane”

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*(ushers will collect blue prayer cards during the hymn)*

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

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Amy Crousore

*Melchior Teschner*

*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

“Thanks Be to God”

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**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

**God of Palms and Passion, the money that we offer to your glory today is a shout of Hosanna; a testimony to our love. As you ride on into Jerusalem and the events of this week, we walk with you showing *our* love by spreading *your* love. May these offerings we lay at the foot of your cross today be used to love you back in our world every day. Amen**

\*Closing Hymn:

“The Old Rugged Cross”

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\*Gospel Reading:

Mark 15:1-20

\*The Light of Christ is Extinguished

\*Tolling of the Bell

*After the bell tolls, you may depart in silence*

**What Kind of King?  
By Rev. Michael Gehrling**

What kind of king are you?  
What kind of king  
rides on a donkey  
a donkey that might be borrowed,  
or might be hijacked?  
What kind of king  
builds a castle  
with a wide open door for children to enter  
but a needle-eye sized hole for the rich?  
What kind of king  
rides on a donkey  
into the city where  
his assassins are waiting?  
What kind of king  
enters his assassins' city  
with a ragtag commotion for all to see  
and not one security guard?  
What kind of king  
lets his subjects treat him like a  
military liberator but doesn't  
come with a single sword or weapon?  
What kind of king  
lets his followers send a  
public message to the competing powers  
with no intent of answering a single  
challenge?  
What kind of King are you?

What kind of King  
can send two followers  
to fetch a donkey  
and know exactly what they'll need to say?  
What kind of king  
can tell a blind beggar  
"your faith has made you well."  
And actually make him see?  
What kind of king  
can weep at the funeral of his friend  
only to say, "Lazarus, come out!"  
and watch him come back to life.

A King who keeps his promises  
A King who I can trust  
A King who can save  
A King I want to follow

And so I come to you, Jesus  
not to be served by you  
but to serve you  
and to give my life to you.

So take my cloak  
use it to clothe the naked  
or use it for your donkey to step on.  
I don't care  
so long as you're the one taking it.

Because you're the only one who  
will give me a new garment in return,  
a white robe made of saints righteous  
deeds,  
a garment that fits so well it'll be  
a new self, your self.

Use me, King Jesus,  
all of me.  
As you see fit.  
Make me a knight or a bishop or a rook,  
or make me an expendable pawn.  
I don't care what piece I am.  
So long as yours is the hand that's moving  
me.  
And all along this long rough road  
let my song be:

Hosanna!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord!  
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our  
father David!  
Hosanna in the highest!

*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:** Jan Barry & Christine Staelens  
**Sound Booth:** Jamie Rapp  
**Worship Leader:** Josie Arms  
**Hospitality:** Brent Marcks  
**Acolyte:** Zabibu Kibaro

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** Bryan & Sharon Crousore  
**Ushers:** Lloyd Viehland  
**Sound Booth:** Phil Dennis  
**Worship Leader:** Pat Forward  
**Hospitality:** Lena Muench  
**Acolyte:** Abby Dennis



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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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### **HOLY WEEK STARTS NEXT TODAY 4/14**

The Holiest time of the Christian year starts next Today– Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm for a service of love and servanthood. Good Friday we will worship at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Easter morning worship will be at 6:30am (outside) and 10:30am (inside).

### **INTERPRETIVE DANCE AT CUCC STARTS TODAY 4/14**

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 on April 14, April 28 and May 5. If you are interested, email [kmarienfeld@gmail.com](mailto:kmarienfeld@gmail.com).

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

Sun	4/14	<b><i>PALM SUNDAY</i></b>	
		Men's Breakfast	7:30am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Worship	10:30am
Mon	4/15	Staff Meeting	12:00pm
		Loaves and Fishes	4:30pm
Tue	4/16	Quilters	9:00am
		Church Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wed	4/17	Bible Study	6:00pm
		Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:30pm/7:30pm
		Confirmation	7:00pm
Thu	4/18	Maundy Thursday Worship	7:00pm
Fri	4/19	Good Friday Worship	7:00pm
Sat	4/20	Fellowship Hall Booked	9:00am-4:00pm
Sun	4/21	<b><i>EASTER SUNDAY/Nurture &amp; Education Bake Sale</i></b>	
		Sunrise Service	6:30am
		Easter Breakfast	7:30am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Easter Egg Hunt	10:00am
		Worship	10:30am

# **Columbia UCC Prayer List**

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

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

Erika Maltsbarger... recovering from surgery 4/1

Gary Sieckman... continuing his recovery; ups and downs

Harold Hackman... anticipating knee replacement 4/24

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:*

Elena Huegel, serving in Chiapas, Mexico

## *2019 Confirmation Class:*

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;

Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp

*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.*