

Columbia United Church Of Christ

March 13, 2022
Women's History Month



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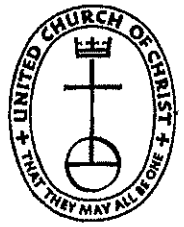
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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

"Stewardship"

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

*"...The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?" -Psalm 27:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Chapel Ringers
Linker/McFadden

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Abby Dennis

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 27)*

Lydia Whitacre

God is our light; God is our Salvation.
God is the Stronghold of our lives, our refuge and strength.

**With God as our light and Salvation,
Whom shall we fear?
With God as our refuge and strength,
Of whom should we be afraid?**

We gather to seek God's goodness and grace;
That we may envelop ourselves with God's presence,
That we may hear God graciously answering us,
That God hears our cries of desperation.

**We will sing and make melodies to God
With strong and courageous hearts.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Gathering Hymn "God of Change and Glory"

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*Opening Prayer

Lydia Whitacre

**God of many gifts; you Create us in your diverse image, many gifts,
called together by one Spirit to do your work in the world. As we
gather in your name, we ask your forgiveness for the times we have
been neglectful of the gifts you have given us, and the times we have
left your challenge go unanswered. Cleanse us, renew us and
redirect us that we may always be willing to reflect your abundant
blessing in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God gifts us with the ability to reflect on our time, talent and treasure and redirect them to God. But even when we fail to prioritize God in our lives, God still forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*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

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response

"This Little Light of Mine"

*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!*

(Sung as children return to their seats)

Women's History Month Presentation— Angela Merkel

Presented by Lydia Whitacre

Stewardship Presentation

Rev. Bob Atkinson

Old Testament Lesson:

Deuteronomy 26:1-13

Lydia Whitacre

God gives a command to the people of Israel concerning how they are to behave when entering the Promised Land. They are to give as a tithe the first fruits of their labor as an offering to God, caring for the aliens, the orphans and the widows living in their land. (page #158)

Gospel Lesson:

Luke 9:51-62

Lydia Whitacre

A Samaritan town refuses to receive Jesus; and two others agree to follow Jesus, but conditionally. Jesus rebukes them all, telling them that his true followers will do so unconditionally and immediately. In our world today, we often follow Jesus conditionally; when it is convenient for us. (page #843)

Anthem

"Follow Me"

Celebration Singers
Glenn Burleigh

Sermon: "Looking Back" Pastor Rick
*Hymn "Take My Life, God, Let it Be" #448
Community Prayer & Silent Prayer Pastor Rick

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!

Mission Moment Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary Llona Weiss

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

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*

Offertory "Just as I Am" Chapel Ringers
Arnold B. Sherman

*Prayer of Dedication Lydia Whitacre

God of Love; we bring our first fruits to you today in the form of our tithes and offerings. As we do, we remember your call to be stewards of your Creation and pray that these gifts may help towards that end. Take these gifts and bless them; that through them, we may serve your world. 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 "Alas! And did my Savior Bleed" Amy Crousore
Wilson/Linker

THE INSTITUTE FOR GENDER IN THE MEDIA

In the Netflix documentary, "This Changes Everything," Geena Davis talks about her personal experience with discrimination/sexism in the acting profession.

"If she sees it, she can be it" is the mantra of the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in the Media. The large and small screen images that are projected into all our homes have consequences. They give an impression of how we should see each other as human beings; they play a role in how policies are formed; they are also where ideas and dreams are imagined.

As we have noted previously, 50% of the population has been muzzled from sharing their perspectives and stories. That population being women. For decades the writers, directors, producers, studio heads, designers, make-up artists and other movie crew members have been primarily male. Actress Reese Witherspoon has commented that she has been the only woman in a room of 150 people during a shoot. The majority of actresses have had that experience.

Then came the film: "Thelma and Louise". It was written by a frustrated/out of work female director who had an idea for the plot while driving. She had never written a screenplay before. The characters, Thelma and Louise, are fully developed, strong, flawed, but resilient. Their friendship in the movie shows a tight bond between two very different women. This female-based film was a surprise hit in 1991 and grossed 45 million, 3 times what it cost to make.

It proved that female driven movies can be financially successful. Other successful women driven images have been, "Wonder Woman", "Norma Rae", "A League of Their Own", "Hidden Figures", to name but a few. Still, the industry continues to be a long way from reaching equality. More next week....

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Hospitality: Melba Shaffer
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NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE 4/1

2022 CUCC Scholarship applications are available in the Church Office; they are due 4/1. Check the application for eligibility details or ask a Council Member.

LUNCH BUNCH —THURSDAY, 3/24

CUCC Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, March 24, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Sally Robinson will be sharing about the Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry. As attendance has been down, we will discuss whether this group will continue, and who will take on the lead role of hosting and setting up speakers. We have enjoyed this gathering over the years and want it to be successful, but also want to provide good support and attendance for our busy speakers who take time out of their days to join us. Lunch Bunch is open to everyone, and is a pot-luck (or bag lunch) style meal. Join us this month, and invite a friend!

RESPONDING TO CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

Pastor Rick is leading a class on Sunday mornings, now through March 27 at 9:00 a.m., called "Responding to Christian Nationalism." Christian Nationalism is a serious problem in the US as people attempt to combine church with state. They then come up with a version of "Christianity" that is very much unlike Jesus. This class will give us an opportunity to define Christian Nationalism, discuss why it is problematic, and reflect on how Christians should respond to this threat to our faith. We will watch several video clips and discuss Biblical passages that address this issue. Join Pastor Rick at 9:00am on Sunday in the Fellowship Hall to discuss Christian Nationalism and how it is eroding our faith today.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	3/13	<i>Stewardship Sunday</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Fall Back Into Stewardship— Pot Luck Meal	12:00pm
Mon	3/14	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Tue	3/15	Quilters	10:00am
		Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team	5:30pm
		Church Council	6:30pm
Wed	3/16	Pastor Rick leads worship at The Bluffs	10:00am
		Confirmation	6:00pm
		Chancel Ringers Rehearsal	6:00pm
		Celebration Singers Rehearsal	7:00pm
Fri	3/18	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	3/20	Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The People of Ukraine... standing up to Russian oppression
The People of Russia... manipulated by their leadership
The People of Afghanistan... trying to live in a decimated country
Refugees everywhere... mourning their losses, looking for relief
The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our partnership friend
Gene Kelley... living with cancer (Loveless' friend)
Alexis... on heart transplant list (Elaine Trout's friend's granddaughter)
Sheila... challenges in life and faith
The Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christine Mseke; Barry Kirchhoff
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)
Gene Kelly... living with cancer (Jim & Connie Loveless's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,
Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

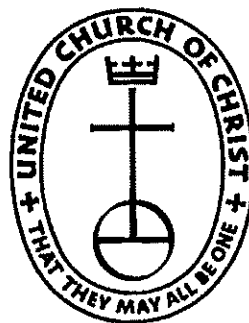
Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson, Dane Wilson
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Raul Santiago-Rivera... serving in Puerto Rico

2022 Confirmation Class:

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



*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.*

God of Change and Glory

1 Cor. 12:4-27

Al Carmines, 1973

C G C F G C

1 God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,
 2 God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,
 3 Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new - ness of each night,

E Am D7 G

when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.
 you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.
 you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.

G7 C F C G7 C G C

In the midst of chang-ing ways give us still the grace to praise.
 As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.
 This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

Refrain
C F G C F C

Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

Al Carmines, composer, playwright, performer, and teacher, has served as minister for two United Church of Christ congregations in New York City. This hymn, commissioned in 1973, was one of the first modern texts to claim diversity as a gift from God.

Tune: KATHERINE 6.5.6.5.7.7.
 Al Carmines, 1973

EPIPHANY SEASON

C F C F G

In our dif - fer - ence is bless - ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise

Detailed description: This system contains the first line of music. The treble clef staff has a melody of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The bass clef staff provides accompaniment with chords: C major (C-E-G), F major (F-A-C), C major (C-E-G), F major (F-A-C), and G major (G-B-D). The lyrics are: "In our dif - fer - ence is bless - ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise".

C F G

one Giv - er, one Word, one Spir - it, one God known in man - y ways,

Detailed description: This system contains the second line of music. The treble clef staff has a melody of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The bass clef staff provides accompaniment with chords: C major (C-E-G), F major (F-A-C), and G major (G-B-D). The lyrics are: "one Giv - er, one Word, one Spir - it, one God known in man - y ways,".

F C G7 C

hal - low - ing our days. For the Giv - er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

Detailed description: This system contains the third line of music. The treble clef staff has a melody of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The bass clef staff provides accompaniment with chords: F major (F-A-C), C major (C-E-G), G7 major (G-B-D-F), and C major (C-E-G). The lyrics are: "hal - low - ing our days. For the Giv - er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!".

Refrain

I do not know how long 'twill be, nor what the fu - ture holds for me,

But this I know, if Je - sus leads me, I shall get home some day.

Composer Charles A. Tindley, a prolific writer of gospel hymns, was a highly respected African-American Methodist minister in Philadelphia. It is Rev. Tindley whom Thomas Dorsey, perhaps the most famous gospel songwriter, credited as his influential predecessor.

Tune: SOME DAY 7.7.7.8.8.9.6. with refrain
Charles Albert Tindley, c. 1906
Transcribed by F. A. Clark, 1906

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Take My Life, God, Let It Be

Rom. 12:1

Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the house were "some unconverted . . . some converted but not rejoicing." Before she left, "everyone had got a blessing."

Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.
Justin H. Knecht, 1797
Alternate tune: HENDON