

Columbia United Church Of Christ

June 2, 2019
Paul and Silas



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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***

"Ascension"

***Summer time change: Worship starts at 9:30 6/9-9/1*

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

*"...they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;
And they were continually in the Temple blessing God..."*

-Luke 24:52-53

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

Amy Crousore & Dr. Mary Brewer, vocalist

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Spiritual

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 47)*

Judi Privitt

Clap your hands, all you people;
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**Through the stories of our ancestors, we hear of God's power;
God's love governs all of Creation!**

God's Ascension is triumphant;
God's glory shines radiantly through us.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to the Creator; Sing of God's love!**

God's provision surrounds us; gathering us together.
God's mercy reins down; instructing us in the ways of life.

**We gather as people of Abraham;
People united in purpose, following God's glorious example.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn "Sing Praise to God"

#22

*Opening Prayer

Judi Privitt

God of Blessings, we hear of Jesus' Ascension and the blessings he leaves in his midst. He challenges us upon his departure to carry out his ministry and be blessings to the world. Often we forget, distracted by worldly influences and pressures of society. Teach us to put aside those distractions and focus on the lessons Jesus shares with us this morning. Like Paul and Silas, may we ever be focused on your will, instead of the ways of the world. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Paul and Silas brought New Life to the girl who was possessed; and were chastised and jailed for their actions. But they forgave their jailer and their mercy brought New Life to him as well. Like that forgiven jailer, we are all blessed and forgiven by God's gracious love. Alleluia!

*Prayer Response "LORD, Listen to Your Children Praying"

LORD, listen to your children praying!

LORD, send your Spirit in this place!

LORD, listen to your children praying!

Send us Love, send us power, send us grace!

*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

"This Little Light of Mine"

#524

(Sung as children return to their seats)

The Sacrament of Baptism

*Today we celebrate the baptism
of Matthew Mitchell Baker
Son of Holly and Jonathan Fuller*

Welcome and Proclamation

Questions for the Baptismal Candidate

*Congregational Assent

Baptism & Blessing

Baptismal Prayer

Presentation & Sending Forth

Mission Moment

"Strengthen the Church"

Dorothy Vetter

"PET- Mobility Worldwide"

Mahree Skala

Anthem

"Sing and Rejoice"

Celebration Singers

Russell Robinson

New Testament Lesson:

Acts 16:16-34

Judi Privitt

Paul and Silas heal a girl possessed by an evil spirit, and possessed by the inhumanity of her treatment. They are chastised and jailed for this. Singing praises to God in jail, an earthquake destroys their prison. They testify to the jailer and he receives Salvation. Page #900

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:44-53 Judi Privitt
40 days after Jesus' Resurrection (Easter), after several appearances, Jesus finally leaves his disciples by ascending to Heaven. As he does he blesses them, opens their mind to the Wisdom of the Holy Scriptures, and promises them the gift of the Holy Spirit. Page #861

Sermon "Ascension" Pastor Rick

Invitation to Communion

*We will celebrate altar communion this Sunday, coming forward to receive the elements. **EVERYONE** is welcome to partake in this meal.*

*Come forward through the **center** aisle. There will be two communion stewards on the North side of the Sanctuary, and two on the South side. You can go to either pair. Take a piece of bread, **pause a moment and eat with the steward**; then proceed to the cup. **Pause a moment and drink the cup with the steward**; then place the cup back in the communion tray.*

The small vessels on the bread plate contain gluten free bread, the center ring of cups contains grape juice, the outer rings contain wine. For those with mobility challenges, communion will be brought to you.

Jesus shared many post-Resurrection meals with his friends. When he did, he reminded them of the Commandment that he shared with him at that Last Supper: to be blessings in the world. As we gather for this meal, we do so remembering those post-Resurrection messages and committing ourselves to blessing God by being blessings in God's world.

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer & Invocation

Blessing the Children

During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a special blessing from Pastor Rick.

"I Come With Joy" #349

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

Communion Music Amy Crousore & Dr. Mary Brewer, vocalist
"Give Me Jesus" *Spiritual*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we thank you for this meal; and ask that through it, the passion of your call to service may be rekindled in our hearts. We thank you for sending Jesus into our midst to remind us of your wisdom, to teach us how to live and to point us to you. We thank you for calling forth your church for service in the world; and for everyone who has dedicated themselves to your service in every time and place before us, and all who will dedicate themselves to your service long after we are gone. We thank you for Jesus teaching us how to pray; and in that Spirit, we gather together as one church, uniting together in prayer:

*The LORD's Prayer *(sung by congregation, led by Kristin Veteto)*
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.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Presenting our Gifts Amy Crousore
Ken Medema
"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
*To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041 and follow the prompts
You can also give online by visiting our website: www.columbiauicc.com*

*Response #425
"Thanks Be to God"
**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 Pastor Rick

*Closing Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *(insert)*

*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 Amy Crousore
Pachelbel
"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

*Summer time change:
Worship starts at 9:30 June 9–September 1*

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Stefanie Zimny
Ushers: Mike & Sharon Rapp
Sound Booth: Pete Jaberg
Worship Leader: Judi Privitt
Hospitality: Doug Privitt
Acolyte:

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Sue Beckman & Bryan Crousore
Ushers: Brent Marcks & Charlie Marcks
Sound Booth: Phil Dennis
Worship Leader: Peter Jaberg
Hospitality: Cliff Beckman & Sue Beckman
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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PENTECOST NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Pentecost, the day we remember the Holy Spirit blowing into the house where the disciples were staying and firing them up. To celebrate, wear red to church! The Nurture & Education Ministry Team will also be hosting a Pentecost Bake Sale, with RED items to sell to benefit our Camp Scholarship Fund. Bring a red item to donate, and plan on purchasing some red items as well! (Non-red items are welcome, too!)

NEW COOKBOOK COMING

The Women's Fellowship is putting together a new CUCC Cookbook! We need your recipes to make it happen. The women are collecting recipes until July 31. You may submit your recipe in the pot outside the sanctuary or e-mail it to the Church Office. For more information, talk to Mariann Bullerd.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	6/2	<i>VBS Preview Sunday/Picnic after worship/last 10:30 service</i> Last day of Sunday School until 9/8 Fellowship Time Worship All Church Picnic	9:00am 9:30am 10:30am 12:00pm
Tue	6/4	Quilters Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team Worship Technology Team	9:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm
Wed	6/5	Fellowship Hall Reserved Boundary Awareness Training (Conference)	12:00-9:00pm
Thu	6/6	Conference Annual Gathering at Holiday Inn	11:00am-9:00pm
Fri	6/7	Conference Annual Gathering at Holiday Inn	9:00am-9:00pm
Sat	6/8	Conference Annual Gathering at Holiday Inn	9:00am-12:00pm
Sun	6/9	<i>Pentecost– Wear Red to church!</i> <i>Nurture & Education Team Bake Sale for Camp Scholarships</i> Fellowship Time Worship Nurture & Education Ministry Team	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am

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Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Matthew Baker & Family... anticipating surgery this Tuesday 6/4
Ginny Van Hove... recovering from knee surgery 5/29
Sharon Elliott... for speedy recovery from health issues
Barb & Beth... health issues (Anne Heine's sisters)
Those affected by tornados... and other climate change symptoms
Friends involved in car accident... for healing (Mindy Trout's friends)
Randall Siddens... for healing (Christine Staelens' friend)
Nephew in the NICU (Tricia's friends)
Friends and family grieving (Tricia's friends)
Loss of mother and 4 children in car accident (Tricia's friends)
Our church... as we discern next steps as an ONA congregation
Harold Hackman... anticipating knee replacement in June
Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon; Sue Beckman
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
Emily & Patrick Hanks

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:

Brigitte Eale, serving in Kenya

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;
Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp