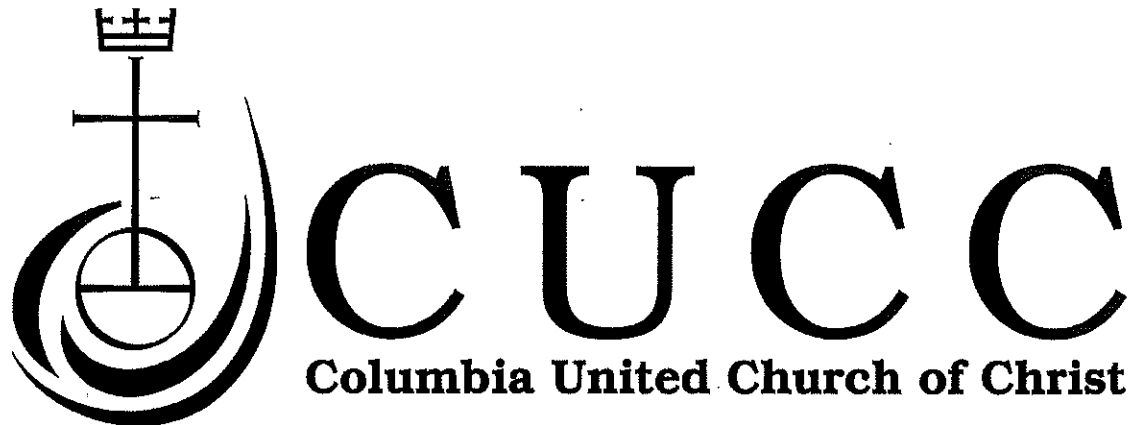


Columbia United Church Of Christ

June 19, 2022
Juneteenth



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;

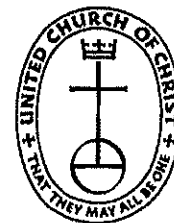
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;

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*



June 19, 2022

9:30 Worship

"Juneteenth"

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

*"...As a deer longs for flowing streams,
So my soul longs for you, O God..."
-Psalm 42:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"This Is My Father's World"

Special Ensemble
Sheppard/Hopson

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Lawson Flood-Lorber

*Call to Worship

Lydia Whitacre

As deer long for flowing streams,
Our souls long for a deeper connection with God.

**Our souls thirst for God;
We seek God's presence in our lives.**

We realize that our busy lives often distract us from God;
Our spirits are disquieted, our hopes are misplaced.

**But we remember joining the congregation praising God,
The joys we felt as we lifted our voices in praise.**

We ask God, "Why have you forgotten us"
When in truth God is always there; we have turned away.

**Our hope is in God; we praise God's Holy name!
We retreat, turning away from the distractions of the world.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Gathering Hymn

"This Is My Father's World"

(insert)

*Opening Prayer

Lydia Whitacre

Creative God; like an ideal parent, you guide us, showering us with love and inspiring us to live into our fullest potential. Like an ideal parent, you give us unconditional love, accepting us and affirming us and embracing us no matter what. Forgive us for the times when we forget the lessons of your love. Teach us to embrace the possibilities you offer us and have confidence in your call; that we may serve you fully. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick

We see God in many ways; father, mother, friend; Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. No matter how we describe God, our descriptions fall short. But no matter what, we know that God is there for us, forgiving us and loving us unconditionally. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response "Spirit of the Living God" #283

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!

*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" #525

(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!

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-13 Lydia Whitacre

King Ahab and his consort, Jezebel, were two of the most ruthless tyrants to rule over Israel in the time of the monarchy. During their rule, they forsake their covenant with God and tore down altars to God, favoring Ba'al instead. Elijah resisted their oppressive religious reforms and paid the price; his privilege and comfort were stripped of him and he became destitute. But even in the midst of that, God was with him.

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Gospel Lesson: John 16:25-28 Lydia Whitacre

Jesus tells his friends about his relationship with God and how their relationship with God could be similar. Jesus uses the image of a father to talk about God, since they are in a patriarchal culture and that is what they would understand.

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Anthem "Here's One" Susan Felten

Sermon: "Freedom Day" Pastor Rick

*Hymn: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" #593

*Juneteenth Reflection and Remembrance Litany

Let us pray...Celebration rises, up from the deep places, finding voice in the light and air no longer denied.

**Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
with the harmonies of liberty.**

Celebration rises, not blind to the suffering, not blind to the sorrow.
Celebration comes at a cost.

**Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days
when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat have not our
weary feet come to the place for which our people sighed?**

Celebration rises, remembering the way we have come, the paths taken that have brought us here now to this place and time of celebration. Celebration rises, up and up, full of remembering. Remembering the ones led to freedom; remembering lives and freedom stolen

**We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have
come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered.
Out from the gloomy past till now we stand at last where the white
gleam of our bright star is cast.**

Celebration rises, recognizing what has been done and left undone, knowing there is still much to do, so much further to go.

Celebration rises, naming the victories, recognizing the challenges yet ahead. Celebration rises on voices offering unfinished praise.

**Lest our feet stray from the places, our God where we met You;
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget You;**

Celebration rises, resisting illusions, to be embraced by the real and abiding presence of God who breaks our chains, and sets us free for freedom, in power and love and joy.

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears You who have
brought us this far on our way; You who have by Your might led us
into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.**

Celebration rises, with the power of healing wings and promise to endure. Celebration rises, celebrating that by God's grace, I am because you are, you are because I am; Celebrating that the fullness of my humanity does not diminish yours and the fullness of your humanity does not diminish mine.

**Shadowed beneath Your hand may we forever stand, true to our
God, true to our native land. True to who we are, True to who we
have been and who we are becoming, thanks be to God. Help us to
use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations
everywhere, to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.**

Juneteenth Anthem

Brandon Brown

Community Prayer & Recognition of Fathers

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

Pastor Rick

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

“Humbly I Adore Thee ”

Susan Felten

Benedictine Plainsong Chant

*Prayer of Dedication

Lydia Whitacre

God, take these gifts and use them to spread freedom and justice to all of your children everywhere who are oppressed. Use these gifts for advocacy and action to make Your Holy Spirit visible in the world through us. 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

“Trumpet Tune in D”

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Worship Leader: Lydia Whitacre
Acolyte: Lawson Flood-Lorber
Ushers: Phillip & Linda Neale
Greeters: Helen Schultz
Technology Booth: Lorry Dreier & Brent Marcks
Hospitality: Brent Marcks
Council Stewards: Lorry Dreier & Lydia Whitacre



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Llona Weiss
Acolyte: Aidan Pierson
Ushers: Dave & Pat Forward
Greeters: Jessica Lucas
Technology Booth: Josh Muench & Doug Privitt
Hospitality: Inclusion Team
Council Stewards: Tricia Price

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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!

VBS ENROLLMENT FOR VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Enrollment is open for VBS volunteers and participants. VBS will be August 1-3, but participants must register by July 10 so we know how many supplies to order. See the enclosed flyer for a QR code to use to register, or click the link in the Friday email. If you have any questions, ask Lena Muench or Gina Pierson.

LODO PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPEN

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 School Year is in full swing! Please share with friends and family to let them know that we have *limited space available* for Fall 2022! Interested families should contact Erika Maltsbarger at 573-445-2661 or LittleOnesDayOut@yahoo.com or for availability and to schedule a tour.

CARPET SQUARES

The Worship & Music Ministry Team is looking at possible carpet choices for the Sanctuary, and has narrowed it down to three. Mike Pierson will have carpet samples available for viewing this Sunday and next Sunday after worship. Talk to Mike and give him your opinion of the choices.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	6/19	Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am
Mon	6/20	Staff Meeting	10:30am
		Loaves & Fishes	4:30pm
		Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting	6:30pm
Tue	6/21	Quilters	10:00am
		Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wed	6/22	Confirmation	12:00pm
		Sabbatical Team Meeting	6:30pm
Thu	6/23	Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team	6:30am
Fri	6/24	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	6/26	<i>ONA SUNDAY– Celebrating our Identity as an Open and Affirming Congregation</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am

*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*

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The family and friends of Chuck Boots... on their loss (Doug Privitt's friend)

Holly Frieden... recovering from severe burns (Doug Privitt's friend)

Lena Muench... recovering from foot surgery

Families in Buffalo, NY... grieving their loss

Families in Uvalde, Texas... grieving their loss

Families in Tulsa, Oklahoma... grieving their loss

Schoolchildren and their families everywhere... in the wake of gun violence

Tiffany Brookshire... recovering from surgeries

Glenn Duermeier... health issues

David Martin... health issues

Corine Remeika... recovering from knee surgery

Levi Markway... health issues (Tim & Jo Ellen Grace's son-in-law)

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

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;

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:

Jeffrey Mensendiek... serving in Japan

2022 Confirmation Class:

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

This Is My Father's World

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1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears, all
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise, the
 3. Our God has made this world; oh, let us ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the flow - ers bright, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 Our God has made this world and shines in all that's fair; in
 God trusts us with this world, to keep it clean and fair. All

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; God's hands the won - ders wrought.
 rust - ling grass I hear God pass, who speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 earth and trees, the skies and seas, God's crea - tures ev - ery - where.

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901, alt.
 MUSIC: Traditional English melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

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Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1921; alt.

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has

har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing
 days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y
 brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your

rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the
 beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our
 might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
 peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

Poet James Weldon Johnson was the first African-American to pass the bar examination in the state of Florida, and served as U.S. consul in Venezuela and Nicaragua. He collaborated with his composer brother, John Rosamond Johnson, to write Broadway operettas and edit song collections. John appeared in vaudeville, directed London musicals, and headed the Music School Settlement in New York.

Tune: LIFT EVERY VOICE Irr.
 J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

CITIZENSHIP

faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the
 way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our
 plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the
 wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white
 neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our

on till vic - to - ry is won.
 gleam of our bright star is cast.
 God, true to our na - tive land.