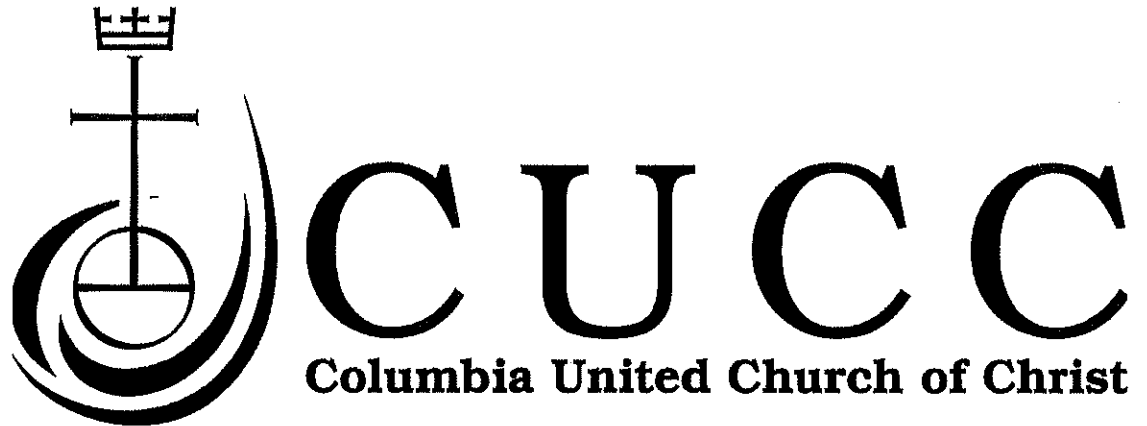


# Columbia United Church Of Christ

July 4, 2021  
Independence Day Weekend



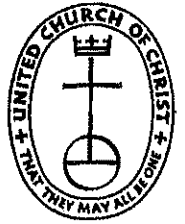
## **CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:**

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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Of Christ



July 4, 2021

9:30 Worship

"Fruits of the Spirit"

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

*"...we ponder your Steadfast Love, O God, in the midst of your Temple.  
Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth..."  
-Psalm 48:9-10*

Gathering Music		Amy Crousore
Welcome and Greetings		Pastor Rick
Prelude	"America the Beautiful"	Amy Crousore John Carter
Carrying in the Light of Christ		Lil Smith
Lighting the Flames of Love		CUCC Youth
*Call to Worship	(based on Psalm 48)	Sue Ann Schaefer

Praise God!

In the community of our LORD, may God's praises resound!

**God's presence brings us joy;**

**God's community bows down in worship!**

God's community is established forever;

God's presence is known to all nations!

**We ponder God's Steadfast Love;**

**God's name reaches to the ends of the earth!**

**Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn "O God, in Whom all Life Begins" #401

\*Opening Prayer Sue Ann Schaefer

**Creator God; like grapes growing on the vine, we gather nourishment from your constant presence. We know that to grow abundantly we only need to abide in your Steadfast Love and follow Jesus' teachings. Yet we often we fall victim to the ways of our culture and seek personal independence, turning our backs from you. Forgive us for the times we put selfish freedom ahead of community responsibility; nationalism ahead of patriotism; and teach us to turn back to you, our Source and our Strength. Help us to love humbly, confidently, extravagantly, In Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick

Jesus calls us to live humbly, interconnected as grapes on the vine. Paul challenges us to live by the Spirit, harvesting the fruits of the Spirit as the result of our labor. But God forgives us when we fall short of this goal. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven! We are blessed and beloved; 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  
*Pastor Rick will offer the words, "May God's Peace be with You" and you are invited to respond with the words, "And also with you."*

May God's Peace be with you!

**And also with you!**

Children's Time - Pastor Rick

Response "This Little Light of Mine" #524

*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!*

General Synod Moment Pastor Rick

Anthem

New Testament Lesson Galatians 5:13-26 Sue Ann Schaefer  
*Paul talks about what true Freedom is; living in servitude to one another, as Christ calls us to do. If we live by the Spirit, we will love one another as ourselves; and the Fruits of the Spirit will be products of our Spiritual choices* (pg. 948)

Gospel Lesson John 15:1-11 Sue Ann Schaefer  
*In a parable, Jesus tells us that the way to bear good Spiritual Fruit is by abiding in God's Love and Jesus' teachings to love one another as he first loved us.* (pg. 878)

\*Hymn "For the Healing of the Nations" #576

Sermon: "Fruits of the Spirit and Freedom" Pastor Rick

\*Hymn "O For A World" #575

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

Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Amy Crousore

*Bradbury/Folkemer*

*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

“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

Sue Ann Schaefer

**Take these gifts, O God, and use them to bring peace and justice to your world; that all your children may be lifted up and affirmed, and nations wage war no more. Let your reign of peace rule in your cities, gracious God; and let these gifts help make that peaceful reign a reality. Amen.**

\*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

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Amy Crousore

*Carlson*

## GENERAL SYNOD RESOLUTION FOCUS ON BANNING "CONVERSION THERAPY"

The 33rd General Synod of the United Church of Christ, meeting virtually in July, will be considering a Resolution of Witness calling for a ban on the practice of "Conversion Therapy." This Resolution was submitted to General Synod by the Open and Affirming Coalition and the UCC Mental Health Network, two groups who have seen the traumas caused by this practice.

This Resolution urges congregations and other settings in the United Church of Christ to advocate for a ban on this practice; which is legal in all 50 states.

While the practice of "conversion therapy" has caused demonstrable harm to the mental and physical health of LGBTQIA persons, it continues to be legal in the US. Practitioners claim the sexual orientation or gender identity of LGBTQIA persons is a disease, defect, or developmental disorder. This claim has been repudiated by every professional association in the field of health care, many of which have advocated for a ban on the practice.

According to research done by the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law, LGBTQIA people who were subjected to this practice have shown a greater risk of suicidal thoughts and attempted suicide than LGBTQIA people who were not including:

- 92% greater odds of lifetime suicidal ideation
- 88% greater odds of committing suicide
- 75% greater odds of planning to attempt suicide

*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.*

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Sue Ann Schaefer  
**Acolyte:** Lil Smith  
**Ushers:**  
**Greeters:** Jolene Kirchhoff  
**Technology Booth:** Brent Marcks & John Graves  
**Hospitality:** Elaine Trout  
**Council Steward:** Sue Ann Schaefer



## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Matt Lucas  
**Acolyte:** Abby Dennis  
**Ushers:**  
**Greeters:** Jessica Lucas  
**Technology Booth:** Josh Muench & James Melton  
**Hospitality:** Lena Muench  
**Council Stewards:** Lorry Dreier/Jessica Lucas

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### CORONAVIRUS VACCINE INFORMATION

The Boone County Health Department has a very helpful website with COVID-19 Vaccine information, answering questions about the safety and efficacy of the vaccines and dispelling misinformation that is being spread. Go to [www.como.gov/covidvaccine/](http://www.como.gov/covidvaccine/) to read up on the vaccine and hopefully answer any questions you may have. You can also schedule a vaccine at Hy-Vee or Walmart by visiting their websites. Let's all do our part to get **EVERYONE** vaccinated!

### MEXICAN MISSION MEAL AT CUCC 7/15

Mark your calendars! On Thursday, July 15 we have the rare opportunity to host Global Ministries Missionary Elena Huegel here at CUCC! She is our missionary stationed at INESIN in Chiapas, Mexico! Elena is supported by us through our gifts to Global Ministries (through OCWM and OGHS). She will be speaking about the work she does on our behalf in Mexico. We will also share a Mexican meal prior to her talk! Come by for supper on July 15 at 6:00. Elena will start speaking around 6:45 and we will wrap up by 7:30. It will be a fun evening for all! Everyone is welcome! (Churros for dessert!)

### VBS 2021- ADVENTURE ISLAND!

August 2 - 4, 2021 5:15 - 8:15 each evening

**SAVE THE DATE** to join us for a GREAT (& free!) 3 evenings of FUN @ CUCC's Vacation Bible School 2021 for those ages 3-finishing 8th Grade! Lots of hands on deck needed, so come volunteer! We'll even take care of dinner. Registration for Volunteers and Participants is open! Register today!

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	7/4	<b>No Communion- moved to 7/11</b>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am
Mon	7/5	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
Tue	7/6	Quilters	10:00am
Thu	7/8	Women' Fellowship Trip	
Fri	7/9	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	7/11	<b>Communion Sunday</b>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am

***We are on our Summer Schedule!***

***Worship is at 9:30am Fellowship time at 9:00am***

***(No Sunday School)***

***Regular schedule resumes Rally Day, September 12***

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

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

The family of Ashley Wegner... on their loss (CPS teacher)  
Helen Schultz... health issues

Matt Lucas... recovering from knee surgery

Beth Schoeneberg... health issues (Jason's mother)

Mary Rinne... living with cancer (Donna Marsh's daughter)

Esther Rollins... health issues (Ed's mother)

Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothwieler's Aunt)

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Zimny, Lasley, Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,

Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

## *Health Issues:*

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece);

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);

Christine Mseke; Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell;

Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)

Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

## *Living in Care Facilities:*

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

## *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); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

## *UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:*

Andrew Larsen... serving in Philippines

## *2021 Confirmation Class:*

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,

Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons

*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*



## O God in Whom All Life Begins

401

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1992

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,  
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts  
 3 Through tears and laugh - ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.  
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.  
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;  
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name  
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray,

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.  
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.  
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Carl P. Daw, Jr., is an Episcopal priest who began hymnwriting while serving on the text committee for The Hymnal 1982. He has held academic positions at the College of William and Mary and the University of Connecticut, where he was also vicar-chaplain.

Tune: NOEL C.M.D.  
 Traditional English melody  
 Arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874

# For the Healing of the Nations

Fred Kaan, 1965

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with  
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your  
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing  
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,  
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,  
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of  
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through  
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon  
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.  
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.  
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.  
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

*Fred Kaan's most widely published text was first sung at Pilgrim Church in Plymouth, England, at a service of worship marking Human Rights Day in 1965. It has been used for many subsequent occasions, including the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.*

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.  
 Henry Purcell, c. 1680  
 Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

# In Egypt under Pharaoh

574

Dosia Carlson, 1989

Exod. 1:1-14; 7:8-11:10; 14:21-31

1. In E-gypt un-der Pha-raoh the Is-rael-ites were bound,  
from plag-ues and trib-u-la-tions no re-spite could be found.  
Praise God who in sur-pris-ing ways gave pas-sage through the waves.  
Our Lib-er-a-tor res-cues, our Lib-er-a-tor saves.
2. From Af-ri-ca to gang-planks, a-cross a friend-less sea,  
black cap-tives harsh-ly treat-ed all strug-gled to be free.  
Praise God who strength-ened ad-vo-cates with power that does and dares.  
Our Lib-er-a-tor res-cues, our Lib-er-a-tor cares.
3. Wher-ev-er hurt-ing hu-mans un-just-ly live in pain,  
the hun-gry, home-less, hope-less, cry out for growth and gain.  
Praise God whose great re-deem-ing love each ser-vant free-ly gives.  
Our Lib-er-a-tor res-cues, our Lib-er-a-tor lives!

Dosia Carlson wrote this text in 1989 for the United Church of Christ celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Amistad event.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.  
Henry T. Smart, 1836

# O for a World

575

Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,  
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,  
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.  
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.  
Carl G. Gläser, 1828  
Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839