

Columbia United Church Of Christ



October 13, 2024

“ADA/Access Awareness Sunday”



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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;
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No matter your social, economic, educational, legal, or life circumstances;
You are welcome here!

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10:30 a.m.

"ADA Sunday"

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

"... My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"

-Psalm 22:1

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Come, All Christians, be Committed"

Connie Loveless

The Sacred Harp, Arr. Mark Hayes

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 22)

Kennedy Lucas

We cry out to God in times of distress;
We feel lost, alone, forsaken.

**But we know, even in times such as this,
God is with us always.**

We offer prayers to God, but hear no answer;
We wonder if God hears our cries for help.

**But we know God is Holy;
Ever present in all times and places!**

Our ancestors cried out to God for justice and peace;
God heard their prayers; and God hears us, too.

All who know God, praise God's Holy Name!

Those who seek God will know God and our hearts will rejoice!

Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

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*Opening Prayer

Kennedy Lucas

God of steadfast presence; we know that for You, all things are possible. You give us Your law and encourage us to follow, knowing that doing so will bring us closer to You. We are reminded through the wisdom of our traditions that You are with us always in the challenges of life; even when we cannot feel Your presence. Forgive our doubts, our fears, our faithlessness. Remind us again that with You, all things are possible; and inspire us to always follow the way that You have set before us. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God is with us always, no matter what challenges face us. But even when we forget this presence, God still loves us and forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response

“Seek Ye First”

***Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God
And God's Righteousness!
And all these things will be added unto you
Al-le-lu, Alleluia!***

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

(Sung as children return to their seats)

***Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear
Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here.
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me!***

Faith Sharing Moments

“Festival of Sharing”

Jessica Jenks

New Testament Lesson

James 2:1-17

Kennedy Lucas

The author of the book of James talks about the practical application of faith. He tells the reader that they cannot have faith if they show partiality to the privileges of the world. Preferential treatment of those with privilege is not true faith. He concludes this section saying that faith without works is dead. If we truly have faith, he tells us, we will not show partiality to the privileged.

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Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:17-27

Kennedy Lucas

Jesus shows a plethora of Wisdom in these brief ten verses. He talks about priorities, humility, perspective, and attitude. This wisdom challenges us to discern wisdom for ourselves in challenging times. He concludes by affirming that with God, all things are possible.

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Anthem

“Fantasia on ‘To God Be the Glory’”

Celebration Singers

Mark Hayes

Sermon

“The Ups and Downs of Relationships”

Pastor Rick

*Hymn

“In Christ There is No East or West”

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*Affirmation of Faith

In recognition of Access/ADA Sunday, we will recite together our Congregational Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant, affirming our desire to be inclusive of all people, no matter their ability.

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Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

The LORD's Prayer

In an effort to encourage inclusion, we suggest using the address "Creator God" in our unison recitation of The Lord's Prayer. You are certainly welcome to say "Our Father" instead of "Creator," "Trespases" instead of "debts," or "Thy" instead of "Your" if you prefer.

Creator God in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Invitation to the Offering

*To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041
You can also give online by visiting our website:
www.columbiaucc.com*

Offertory

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Connie Loveless
John Leavitt

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Rick

God of love; You have blessed us with much, and called us to be blessings in Your world. In that spirit, we give our gifts today; that they may bless the world with messages of hope. Multiply these gifts, that all may share in the bounty of your provision. 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

“Theme from ‘Pastoral’ Symphony No. 6, Final Movement”

Connie Loveless

Beethoven, Arr. Dan Fox

***The United Church of Christ:
“United in Christ’s Love, A Just World for All”***

SCOUTING AMERICA AND CUCC

We are the Charter Organization for four Scouting America units, which includes over 150 children, youth, and adult leaders. These units are:

- **Cub Scout Pack 5183** – The younger group of Scouts, with boys and girls from kindergarten age through 5th grade. They meet every other Monday.
- **Scouting America Troop 4475** – The girls troop. They are a very active troop of girls from 6th-12th grades. They meet every Monday.
- **Scouting America Troop 708** – The boys troop. They are from 6th-12th grades and are very active. They meet every Monday, too.
- **Venture Crew 5334** – This is a focused co-educational group of older youth, from High School through college age.

As the Charter Organization for these four units, they are a part of us and we are a part of them. “They are our scouts, and we are their church.” Working together, in covenant, we will share the joys of common life and enhance one another’s mission, all to the glory of God.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

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| Worship Leader: | Kennedy Lucas |
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| Greeters: | Jessica Lucas |
| Technology: | Doug Privitt & Judi Privitt |
| Hospitality: | Lena Muench |
| Council Stewards: | Lena Muench |

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

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| Worship Leader: | Audrey Lasley |
| Ushers: | Christine Staelens & Phillip Neale |
| Greeters: | Donna Marsh |
| Technology: | Mike Pierson & John Graves |
| Hospitality: | Christine Staelens & Judi Privitt |
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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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP Sunday School needs some volunteers! They are looking for Sunday School Leaders and Greeters/Floaters. Everything is preplanned and explained prior to classes the morning of. Talk to Lena to volunteer. Thank you for your help!

AVID ACADEMY AT ALPHA HART LEWIS 10/18

You are invited to Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary 10/18 for their AVID Academy presentation on careers! Students will be making career presentations from 8:30-9:00 a.m. Come and hear the students make their presentations!

TEAM EARTH LUNCH & LEARN 10/20– RECYCLING

The first “Team Earth” Lunch and Learn will be 10/20, right after worship. Stick around for a lunch served by Team Earth, and hear our guest speaker from our Columbia Recycling Facility talk about recycling! There is a sign up sheet in the rear of the Sanctuary to RSVP– please do so today!

FALL FESTIVAL AT CUCC 10/20

The Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team will be hosting a Fall Festival at CUCC on Sunday, October 20 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. We will have a hot dog roast, s’mores, chips and drinks with lots of fun outside activities like horseshoes, ladder golf and more; fun for all ages! Come celebrate fall, y’all!

FOOD BANK 10/22

Our next shift at the Food Bank is 10/22. Check the Friday email for a sign up link, or talk to Mahree Skala!

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

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| Sun | 10/13 | Sunday School | 9:00 a.m. |
| | | Fellowship Time | 10:00 a.m. |
| | | Worship (in person and livestream) | 10:30 a.m. |
| | | Young Adult Gathering at Privitt’s House | 4:00 p.m. |
| Mon | 10/14 | Scouting America | 6:00 p.m. |
| | | Fellowship & Hospitality | 6:30 p.m. |
| Tue | 10/15 | Quilters | 10:00 a.m. |
| | | Staff Meeting | 10:30 a.m. |
| | | Church Council Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| Wed | 10/16 | Pastor Rick leads worship at The Bluffs | 10:00 a.m. |
| | | Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers | 6:00/7:00 p.m. |
| Thu | 10/17 | Race Onward in Gathering Area | 1:00 p.m. |
| | | Troop 4475 meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| Fri | 10/18 | AVID Academy at Alpha Hart Lewis | 8:30 a.m. |
| Sun | 10/20 | Sunday School | 9:00 a.m. |
| | | Fellowship Time | 10:00 a.m. |
| | | Worship (in person and livestream) | 10:30 a.m. |
| | | Team Earth Lunch and Learn– Recycling | 12:00 p.m. |
| | | Fall Festival | 4:00 p.m. |

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

The family of Richard Schieber... on their loss (Lori Melton's father)

Pat Schroeder... health issues

Jim & Sharon Elliott... health issues

Steve Price... recovering from surgery

Julia Marsh... health issues (Donna Marsh's Daughter)

Jennifer... diagnosed with cancer (Edie Diel's niece)

Joanne Good... health issues (Sue Beckman's friend)

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our partnership friend

The people of Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine

Health Issues:

John Adams, Cheryl Cobb, Barry Kirchhoff

Connie Hackman Fairley, Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's niece)

Challenges in Life:

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

Living in Care Facilities:

Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Don Privitt, Alice Moon

Serving us in the military:

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden

Did you know we have a Prayer Team here at CUCC, lifting up the prayer concerns of our congregation? If you are interested in joining our Prayer Team or have a prayer request for our team to lift up please contact

Melba Shaffer (573) 474-2997 whals@centurytel.net

Or Tricia Soncasie (314) 374-7477 tsoncasie@aol.com

CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:

Welcoming all God's Children;

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***

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7**Latin, 6th-8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.
St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992*

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain

chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, Urbs beata Jerusalem, based on passages from Ephesians, 1 Peter, and Revelation. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry T. Smart, 1867

Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Luke 18:35-43

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915); alt.

1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;
 2 Let me at your throne of mer - cy find a sweet re - lief;
 3 Trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it, would I seek your face;
 4 Be the Spring of all my com - fort, more than life to me;

While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.
 Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, help my un - be - lief.
 Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, save me by your grace.
 Not just here on earth be - side me, but e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain

Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;

While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.

Fanny Crosby was already a successful writer when she became associated with gospel hymnists Sankey, Sweney, Root, and others. She directed her talent to gospel songs in her early forties, and collaborated with William Doane on many hymns.

Tune: PASS ME NOT 8.5.8.5. with refrain
 William H. Doane (1832-1915)

James 2:1-17

2 My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?

2 For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,

3 and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet,"

4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

5 Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

6 But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court?

7 Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

8 You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

9 But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

11 For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery,"

also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

13 For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?

15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,

16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 10:17-27

17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

18 Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

19 You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’ ”

20 He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.”

21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”

24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

26 They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”

27 Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”