

Columbia United Church Of Christ

March 15, 2020
Lenten Vision: Renewal



CUCC

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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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March 15, 2020

10:30 Worship

"Renewal"

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

*"...Come, let us sing to the LORD;
Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation!"
-Psalm 95:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Spirit of God"

Amy Crousore
John Carter

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Abby Dennis

*Call to Worship *(adapted from Psalm 95)*

Matt Lucas

Come, let us sing to praises to God!

Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation!

We come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

Come, let us bow down;

Let us approach God with reverence and joy.

For God is our Creator, our shepherd;

And we are the people of God's pasture;

the sheep of God's hand.

Today we listen to God's voice;

God brings joy to all God's precious children.

In this Lenten Season we gather,

Embodying God's lesson of renewal in our lives!

Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

#18

*Opening Prayer

Matt Lucas

God of renewal; like the Samaritan woman at the well, we often feel ashamed to face you, to come into your presence. We are sorry for the things we have done, and even more so for the things we have left undone. But just as you did for that woman, you bring us hope for renewal, restoring our dignity. Thank you for your gracious love; and remind us of our call to extend this same treatment to others. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Jesus restores dignity to those who have been beaten down; brings hope to the hopeless and renewal to those in need. In Jesus, our example for eternal living has been set; we are all blessed and beloved, called to love others just as Jesus first loved us. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response "Jesus, Remember Me"

Jesus, Remember me...

When you come into your Kingdom.

Jesus, Remember me...

When you come into your Kingdom.

You may be seated after the prayer response.

"Passing the Peace" will resume on Easter

Children's Time "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!

Living our Mission "One Great Hour of Sharing"

Dorothy Vetter

Stewardship Moment "Time and Talent"

Keith Birkes

Anthem

Celebration Singers

"Ubi Caritas"

Bryan Sharpe

Gospel Lesson:

John 4:5-42

Matt Lucas

Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well. He has vision to see her life for what it is and the potential for what it could be. The vision of her potential is restored by Jesus, who shows her what she could be.

Jesus restores her dignity; Jesus renews her.

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Sermon:

"Renewal"

Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn "The Water God Gives Us"

By Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Tune: "How Firm a Foundation" page #407 in the New Century Hymnal

Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn

The water God gives us in wondrous supply

Is water that's living and never runs dry.

For everyone drinks and is thirsty again,

But God's living water gives life without end.

O God, we confess that we seek empty things;

We strive after wealth and the comfort it brings.

We buy things in hopes that our spirits will soar

Yet still we are thirsty and left wanting more.

**Then just like that woman who went to the well,
We hear you, O Christ, and the truth that you tell.
You know who we are and you know what we've been;
You know us and love us in spite of our sin.**

**The gift that you give is the greatest of wealth;
You give living water! You give us yourself!
May we, like that woman, go back where we live
And tell those we know of the life that you give.**

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.
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

Stewardship Moment

George Zimny

*At this time, you will be invited to bring your Time and Talent Sheets
forward, and your pledge cards. We will dedicate them to God's glory.
Please bring your offering forward at this time, also. The usher in the
center with the red basket will collect your time and talent sheets; you
can put the pledge cards in the offering plates with your offering.*

Presenting our Gifts

"Theme and Variations"

Amy Crousore
WA Mozart

*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*

*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 bless your Holy name, glad praises we sing!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Matt Lucas

**God from whom all blessings flow; we dedicate our time and talent
sheets, our financial pledges for this year, and the money we bring
forward today to your glory. May our allocation of time, talent and
treasures always reflect your presence in our lives. Take these gifts
and use them to your will; bringing your Kingdom of Peace and
Justice ever closer to reality in our midst. 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

“Recessional”

Amy Crousore

Robert Hughes

NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH ALPHA HART LEWIS ELEMENTARY

The Church Council has approved the opportunity for Columbia United Church of Christ to be a Columbia Public Schools “Partnership Friend” with Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary School!

The Outreach Committee is starting off our partnership with a “CUCC Drive for Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary School” by collecting:

- *Kleenex*
- *Clorox/Lysol wipes*
- *Hand sanitizers (Germ-X), and*
- *Shoes and boots for the Kindergarten through 2nd grade students*

The Outreach Committee will bring our total collected donations to Alpha Hart at the Partnership kickoff on 3/31.

We have a display in the Gathering Space to collect these items. Please consider picking up a few of them the next time you are at the store. These items fill one of the greatest needs at this time in the school year with all the colds and germs, and snow/rain.

Also, Alpha Hart has a Carnival Event night scheduled for **May 8** and would like volunteers from CUCC to help with the booths and handing out items. There are short forms that our congregation volunteers need to complete and sign if you are going to work with the students. These volunteer forms are available at the display in the Gathering Space, or from Llona Weiss, or in the church office. We are very excited about this wonderful outreach opportunity with our youth and the public schools!



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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Keith Birkes & Anne Heine
Ushers: Hugo Wilmsmeyer & Christine Staelens
Worship Leader: Matt Lucas
Acolyte: Abby Dennis
Sound Booth: Dennis Froeschner
Hospitality: Jane Duncan
Council Steward: Jane Duncan

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Sue & Cliff Beckman
Ushers: Charlie Marks & Brent Marcks
Worship Leader: Judi Privitt
Acolyte:
Sound Booth: Doug Privitt
Hospitality:
Council Steward:



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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 leave it in the offering plate when it is passed. 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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SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS If you are a graduating Senior or are attending college currently, applications are available in the church office for scholarships from the NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND! Applications are due in the church office by April 1. *(Contributions to this Fund are welcome also, so we can continue this ministry!)*

BOOK STUDY

Pastor Rick is hosting a daytime Book Study on the book “Transgender and Christian” all month, as a follow up to Austen Hartke’s presentation in February. The time for the Book Study is Wednesdays at noon, and we will utilize Zoom technology so people can participate from home or work using their laptop or cell phone. Copies of the book are available in the church office. *(This week the Book Study will be at 5:00pm)*

YOUTH FUNDRAISER MEAL TODAY

The Youth will be serving a meal after worship TODAY– Baked Chicken with all the trimmings! Stick around after worship for a great meal! This is a fundraiser for their July Mission Trip to Indiana, and participating in the National Youth Event.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sun	3/15	<i>PLEDGE CARDS/TIME AND TALENT SHEET DEDICATION</i> Fellowship Time/Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am
		Youth Group Chicken Dinner	11:30am
		Youth Group “Second Sunday”	7:00pm
Mon	3/16	Pastor Rick leads worship at Mill Creek	11:15am
		Loaves and Fishes	4:30pm
		LODO Advisory Board Meeting	5:45pm
Tue	3/17	Quilters	9:00am-2:00pm
		Pastor Rick at Hickman High School	9:00-10:30am
		Staff Meeting	11:00am
		Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wed	3/18	Pastor Rick at Hickman High School	9:00-1:00pm
		Book Study: “Transforming”	5:00pm
		Bells/Choir	6:30/7:30pm
		Confirmation	6:30pm
		Confirmation 2.0	8:00pm
Thu	3/19	LODO Dad’s Night in Fellowship Hall	5:30pm
		Membership & Care Ministry Team Meeting	6:30pm
Sun	3/22	Fellowship Time/Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Congratulations to:

Coleen & Tim Williams on the birth of their baby boy (Bullerd's daughter)

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The Family of Rose Begemann... on their loss

The Family and friends of Rev. Dr. David Beebe... on their loss (Oberle's friend)

Aimee Anderson... hospitalized with health issues

All who are suffering from seasonal viruses

For Harry Besleme's sister Kate in South Korea going thru a divorce

Donna Sifford, recovering from surgery (Riley Hayward's grandmother)

Gladys Koepke... health issues after a fall (Gene's mother)

Jo Ellen Grace's brother... living with cancer

Friend recovering from a car accident (3/8)

Daughter recovering from melanoma surgery (3/8)

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Joe & Corrine Remeika

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family

The Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families...going through tough times

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Eddie Diehl's niece); Christie O'Very;

Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Sharon Elliott; Rev. Jim Elliott; Shirley Lawler;

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Sue Beckman; Wayne Gartner (Laura's brother)

Pat Enos (Alisa's brother-in-law)

Pregnancies in our church family:

Makayla Smith and Joey Oberle

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson

James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)

Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson, Chuck Sheller (Oberles' friends);

Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Phyllis Byrd, serving in Kenya

2020 Confirmation Class:

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly