

Columbia United Church Of Christ

February 2, 2025
"Scouts Sunday"



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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February 2, 2025

10:30 a.m.

"Revelation"

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

*"In You, O God, I take refuge;
Let me never be put to shame."
-Psalm 71:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"God Has Chosen Me"

Steve Jannetti
Bernadette Farrell

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 71)

Lydia Whitacre

In You, O God, we take refuge;
You deliver us and rescue us.

**God is our Rock and our Refuge;
Our strong fortress and our Salvation.**

You, O God, are our hope.
You are our trust, from the time of our youth.

**We have leaned upon God since our birth;
Our praise is continually focused on God.**

God, do not be far from us.
God, make haste to rescue and deliver us.

**We will continue to have hope for God's Presence and Salvation;
We will continue to praise God evermore, everyday.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Hymn

"We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness"

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*Opening Prayer

Lydia Whitacre

God of inspiring revelation; You spoke to Your people through visions of what could be, firing them up with the Wisdom of Your Holy Spirit. They took these apocalyptic teachings into their lives and became Your voice for justice in the world. Forgive us for the times we have let Your revelation be confined by human terms and cultural sensationalism. Open our hearts and our minds to the realities of Your presence; that we may continue Your work and be Your voice for justice in this time. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Through vision and revelation, God's Holy Spirit shows us the possibilities of what could be if we just trusted God. But even when are blind to this apocalypse, God loves us and forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved, and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response

“Weave”

***Weave, Weave, Weave us together!
Weave us together in unity and love!
Weave, Weave, Weave us together!
Weave us together, together in love!***

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

“This Little Light of Mine”

(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!***

Scouting Moment

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New Testament Lesson

Revelation 1:9-20

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The book of Revelation is a message of hope for the early Christian Church. We are led to believe that this vision to a man named John who was imprisoned on the island of Patmos for preaching the message of Jesus Christ. This is one long vision, designed to give hope not only to John, but to all Christians in his first century community.

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Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:31-41

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In the early days of Jesus' ministry, he traveled the Galilean countryside healing many of their diseases and casting out demons. Why did he do this to such a degree? The crowds saw these miracles as a revelation of God's divinity and Jesus' authority. Jesus' apocalyptic practices revealed God's glory to people who desperately needed such a revelation.

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Anthem

“Prayer of St. Patrick”

Celebration Singers

John Rutter

Sermon

“Revelation”

Pastor Rick

Invitation to Communion

Jesus reached across human borders and boundaries, seeing in everyone a common heritage as a child of God. Whether they were a child, a tax collector, a Samaritan, or a leper, even when others turned them away, Jesus welcomed them. In like manner, all are welcome to partake in communion today, no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey.

In this season of Epiphany, we explore how God’s love is suddenly revealed to us. As we gather around the communion table, God’s love is suddenly revealed most clearly to us. We remember the Wisdom of Christ’s ministry that is represented by the bread and the promise of Eternal Living that is represented by the cup. As God’s children, let us gather together for this meal.

Communion Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, & Silent Prayer; Invocation

Blessing the Children “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

In the Sacrament of Communion, we most clearly see Jesus in our midst. Our desire to share this presence prompts us to celebrate with our children, granting them a special blessing just as children were blessed by Jesus. During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a blessing from Pastor Rick.

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

Communion Music

“Hungry”

Steve Jannetti
Kathryn Scott

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Rick

God of sudden revelation, You call us together to be your people and you energize us through this meal. Partaking of these elements, we are reminded of the Wisdom You shared with us in the ministry of Jesus Christ. We have been fed by Your Wisdom; we pray that we may be equal to the task of feeding others who are hungry. Teach us to take this meal into the world and be the revelation of hope so many desire, glorifying You in all of our actions. Now we gather, Creator God, as one family, singing the prayer that you taught us,

The LORD’s Prayer *(sung by the congregation, led by Casey Wood)*

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

Pastor Rick

Invitation to the Offering

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You can also give online by visiting our website:
www.columbiaucc.com*

Offertory

"Etude in G Minor"

Steve Jannetti
Moritz Moszkowski

*Prayer of Dedication

Lydia Whitacre

God of mercy, we have been richly blessed and we pray that these gifts may richly bless your children, as well. Take them and use them to season your creation, to give light to the world. Through these offerings, we let our light shine, glorifying your name and leading others to Your Wisdom. Amen.

*Benediction

Pastor Rick

*Response: "Jesus, the Light of the World" (*verse 3 only*) #160

***Christ, by highest heaven adored; Jesus, the Light of the World;
Christ, the everlasting Word, Jesus, the Light of the World.***

***We will follow the light, beautiful light,
Come where the dew drops of mercy are bright,
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.***

*Postlude

"Postlude in E Major"

Steve Jannetti
J. Blied

SCOUTING AMERICA AND CUCC

CUCC is the Charter Organization for four Scouting America units, over 150 children, youth, and adult volunteers. 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. We welcome them to worship with us today as we celebrate "Scouting Sunday" together!

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Lydia Whitacre
Ushers:	Keith & Deborah Long Birkes
Greeters:	Jolene Kirchhoff
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Council Stewards:	Lena Muench & Kristin Veteto

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Llona Weiss
Ushers:	Charlie Marcks & Pat Forward
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Council Stewards:	Mary Lorber



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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!

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH PASTOR RICK 2/3

Pastor Rick will be hanging out at the Toasty Goat Coffee Company at 515 Scott Blvd. from 2:00 p.m. to about 3:30 p.m. one last Monday– tomorrow. Whatever you want to talk about, the Toasty Goat is the place! Hope to see you there!

SOUPERBOWL COLLECTION NOW THRU 2/9

Donate now to the Souperbowl! The next few weeks, our CUCC youth will be holding soup pots to collect money to address hunger issues in our community through Loaves and Fishes and the Food Pantry. We will also be collecting canned goods. Bring your donations now through Superbowl Sunday, 2/9.

ALPHA HART LEWIS COLLECTIONS THRU 2/23

There are two carts in the lobby for AHL– we are collecting for “Love Month.” One cart is for boxed valentines. We are collecting these to be given to classroom teachers for distribution to students; this collection will end 2/9. The other cart, which will be out until 2/23, is for goodies to stock the teacher’s lounge ahead of conferences week. Bring your donations for AHL!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2/22

The annual CUCC Habitat for Humanity Pancake Breakfast will be 2/22 in the Fellowship Hall. The Men’s Fellowship is coordinating this, but they could use your help serving– and eating! If you want to help, talk to Brent Marcks or Doug Privitt. They also have tickets available– bring a group! Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for those ages 6-12, and free to those 5 and under. All profits are donated to Habitat for Humanity.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 3/2– POT LUCK MEAL!

Bring your favorite dish on March 2 for Stewardship Sunday! We will celebrate everyone’s talents by sharing a meal together. We also will have, as our special guest, professor Kristin Leslie from Eden Seminary, who will share the joy of church with us. Don’t miss celebrating with your church family on March 2!

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sun	2/2	<i>SCOUTS SUNDAY</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
Mon	2/3	Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Rick	2:00 p.m.
		Scouting America	7:00 p.m.
Tue	2/4	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
Wed	2/5	Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:00/7:00 p.m.
Thu	2/6	LODO Math & Science Night	6:00 p.m.
		Troop 4475 Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Sun	2/9	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

Those affected by the wildfires in California

Edie Diel... health issues

Neal Sprick... health issues

Lloyd Mickelson... health issues

Kristan Whelihan... health issues (Russell Eveler's teacher)

The family of John Adams... on their loss (Shelly Adams' husband)

Ann Wilke... health issues (Alethea's mother)

Sharon Elliott... on hospice

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

The people of Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine

Health Issues:

Jim Elliott, Cheryl Cobb, Lauren Helmreich, Pat Schroeder

Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's niece), Jennifer (Edie Diel's niece),

Julia Marsh (Donna Marsh's Daughter),

Joanne Good (Sue Beckman's friend), Mark Fairley & Connie Hackman Fairley

Marilyn Coronado (Corinne Remeika's friend)

Challenges in Life:

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

Living in Care Facilities:

Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves, Sharon Elliott

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

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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***

We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness

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Dosia Carlson, 1986; rev. 1993

1 We yearn, O Christ, for whole - ness and for your heal - ing touch;
 2 We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our side,
 3 We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O Christ of Gal - i - lee,

too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.
 strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al - lied;
 a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its free.

For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings heard,
 As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us low,
 No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each place.

in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.
 com - mu - ni - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.
 Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.

Dosia Carlson is noted for her ministry at Beatitudes United Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, and for her hymnwriting. This text was inspired by a sermon given by Harold Wilke during the International Year of Persons with Disabilities (1983).

Tune: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.
 Hans Leo Hassler, 1601
 Harm. J. S. Bach, 1719
 For another harmonization, see 202

Revelation 1:9-20

9 I, John, your brother who shares with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

10 I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

11 saying, "Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

12 Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,

13 and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest.

14 His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire,

15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters.

16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force.

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,

18 and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.

19 Now write what you have seen, what is, and what is to take place after this.

20 As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Luke 4:31-41

31 He went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and was teaching them on the sabbath.

32 They were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority.

33 In the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice,

34 “Let us alone! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.”

35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” When the demon had thrown him down before them, he came out of him without having done him any harm.

36 They were all amazed and kept saying to one another, “What kind of utterance is this? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and out they come!”

37 And a report about him began to reach every place in the region.

38 After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her.

39 Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them.

40 As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them.

41 Demons also came out of many, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah.

305 You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim

Rev. 4:9-11; 5:11-14

Charles Wesley, 1744; alt.

1 You ser - vants of God, your Sov - ereign pro - claim,
 2 God rules from on high, al - might - y to save,
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
 4 Then let us a - dore and ren - der God's right,

and pub - lish a - broad that won - der - ful name:
 and still God is nigh, whose pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud for what God has done.
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol,
 The great con - gre - ga - tion God's tri - umphs shall praise,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 All hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

who, sov - ereign and glo - rious, now rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus al - ways.
 still veil - ing their fac - es, they wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fin - ite love.

Written at a time of anti-Methodist sentiment, this hymn was included in Charles Wesley's Hymns for Times of Trouble and Persecution. The tune is attributed to William Croft, composer at England's Chapel Royal and organist at Westminster Abbey.

Tune: HANOVER 10.10.11.11.
 Attrib. to William Croft, 1708