

Columbia United Church Of Christ

February 3, 2019
Seeing and Believing



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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 3, 2019

10:30 Worship

“Prophecy”

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

*“...In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame...”
-Psalm 71:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Amy Crousore
John Carter

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Abby Dennis

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 71)*

Kaden Lucas

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

**God is our rock of refuge;
Our strong fortress of 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 more and more every day!
Come, let us worship God together!**

*Opening Hymn *“Gather Us In”*

(insert)

*Opening Prayer

Emmanuel Kibaro

God of challenge and call; you challenge us to speak your prophetic word in the midst of challenging times; and to focus our lives on your ministry of love and passion for justice. Too often we let the sensationalism of the world distract us with conspiracy theories and fear, driving a wedge between our lives and your presence. Heal our hearts, divided by worldly sin. Teach us to repent, turning to you and embracing the love that you emulate; and help us recognize you in our midst. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Emmanuel, God is with us, right here, right now. We often do not recognize God in our midst because the world distracts us with pride and prejudice, fear and paranoia. But even when we succumb to the sensationalism of the world, God loves us and accepts us, forgiving our sins of separation. This is the Good News; we all belong to God, forgiven and beloved. Praise 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

*At this time, you are invited to greet one another
with a hug or a handshake and the words,
“May God’s Peace be with you!”*

Children’s Time

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
(Sung as children return to their seats)

**I have decided to follow Jesus; (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.**

Affirmation of Ministry

Recognizing and installing the elected leaders of this church

Introduction & Presentation of The 2019 Church Leadership Team

Affirmation of Servanthood

*Covenant

Members of this household of faith; you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God’s call to service. Let affirm our intention to live in covenant together:

We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, to honor your leadership, and to assist you; that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

*Prayer

Installation & Declaration

Recognition of Retiring Officers/Leaders

Living our Mission “Eden Theological Seminary”

Pastor Rick

Anthem

“Love Never Fails”

Kristin Veteto
by Brandon Heath

Hebrew Scriptures: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Kaden Lucas

The prophet Jeremiah, writing in a time of national turmoil, protests the popular opinion that God was a God of cruel testing, paying no heed to human misery or grief; or a God of Creation alone, aloof and unattached to human affairs. In this climate he envisions a God that knew him from conception and intimately puts God's words in his mouth.

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Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:31-37

Emmanuel Kibaro

Jesus begins his Galilean ministry, teaching with an authority that was new and refreshing. He begins to heal those with ailments and casting out demons, astounding the crowds and causing people to wonder who this is that speaks and acts with divine authority.

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Sermon

“Seeing and Believing”

Pastor Rick

Invitation to Communion

Throughout his ministry, Jesus was one who reached across human borders and boundaries, seeing in everyone a common heritage as a child of God. In like manner, everyone is welcome to partake in communion today, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey.

We will celebrate seated communion today. The ushers will serve you where you sit. The small vessels on the bread plate contain gluten free bread; The center ring of cups contains grape juice; the outer rings contain wine.

The invitation is simple: come and eat. Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul. We receive the bread and the wine connected to the ages. Woven into this time, the hopes and fears of all the generations are present in this meal. There is great joy here! Nobody is turned away when God is the host!

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer & Invocation

Blessing the Children

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

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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Communion Music

“Arioso”

Amy Crousore
JS Bach

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, God for refreshment at your table; where your Wisdom intercedes in our lives in places where we need it most. When the pressures and priorities of the world distract us, you summon us to remember the commandment to love everyone, just as you first loved us. Thank you for this meal. Now we gather together as your people, singing together the prayer you taught us:

The LORD's Prayer

(sung by congregation, led by Kristin Veteto)

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

Presenting our Gifts

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Amy Crousore
Folk Tune

*Response

“We Praise You, O God”

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**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

Kaden Lucas

We offer you our gifts, Creator God, as a symbol of our desire to serve you. Take these gifts from our heart and from our lives and use them to share the Good News of your Holy Presence with all the world; especially those hurting and in need. May these gifts enable your ministry to flourish, transforming this hurting world into your Heavenly vision of Shalom. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

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*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

“Grand Jeu”

Amy Crousore
Jean Guilan

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Stefanie Zimny & Audrey Lasley
Ushers: Brent Marcks & Charlie Marks
Sound Booth: Phil Dennis
Worship Leader: Emmanuel Kibaro & Kaden Lucas
Hospitality: Sue Ann Schaefer & JoEllen Grace
Acolyte: Abby Dennis

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Paula Wilson & Pat Forward
Ushers: Doug & Judi Privitt
Sound Booth: Doug Privitt
Worship Leader: Llona Weiss
Hospitality: Judi Privitt
Acolyte: Riley Hayward

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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 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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2018 GIVING STATEMENTS; 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2018 Giving Statements are available on the table in the Coat Room; 2019 offering envelopes are on that table as well. If you have any questions about your statement or if you did not receive offering envelopes and would like some, contact Doug Privitt, Recording Treasurer.

CUCC PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The CUCC Men's Fellowship Group will have their annual pancake breakfast on February 16, 2019 from 7:00-11:00am. This event is our annual fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. Come and eat pancakes, sausage and more; enjoy the fellowship of your church family and lift up the work of Habitat while you are eating! CUCC youth will help serve. Don't miss out!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	2/3	<i>Seminary Sunday</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Worship	10:30am
		Nurture & Education Team Meeting	12:00pm
Mon	2/4	NO Staff Meeting	
Tue	2/5	Quilters	9:00am
Wed	2/6	Chapel Ringers	6:30pm
		NO Confirmation	
		Celebration Singers	7:30pm
Sun	2/10	<i>Nurture & Education Bake Sale</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Worship	10:30am

Pastor Rick will be on vacation February 4-10, returning to the office on February 11. During this time he will not be checking emails or phone messages. If you need pastoral assistance during this time, contact John Graves, Moderator.

Next Sunday, in Pastor Rick's absence, Quinn Rosenthal will be our guest worship leader. Quinn is a recent graduate of the University of Chicago Divinity School, awaiting ordination in the Illinois Conference. Quinn is currently working as a Chaplain at University Hospital.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The Family and friends of Mike Provin... on their loss (Lois' son)

Our church... as we discern next steps as an ONA congregation

Hal Shaffer... health issues

Gary Sieckman... anticipating back surgery 2/25

Linda Batson... recovering from knee replacement surgery 1/14

Sue Beckman... recovering from latest surgery

Delaney Hartgrove... premature baby, doing well (Lauren's friend)

Baby Silas... prayers for a miraculous recovery (1/27)

Prayers for our church; that we may do God's inclusive will (1/27)

Michael, moved to ICU after 3 months in hospital (1/27)

A friend's mother battling and beating pancreatic cancer (1/27)

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon; Tommie Wildmon;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Margaret Abbott;

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family; Remeika/Johnson family

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Sylvia Mosberger;

Nathan Schnell and Wendy (Isaiah's friends); Christie O'Very;

Janet Shepard; Kathy Kindrick

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)

Pregnancies in our church family:

April & Parker Rothweiler;

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Ben Drolet, serving in Lebanon

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;

Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp