

Columbia United Church Of Christ

July 14, 2019
Love of Neighbor



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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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9:30 Worship**

“Love of Neighbor”

***Summer Schedule: 10:30 Worship resumes 9/8*

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

*“...rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked...”*

-Psalm 82:4

Welcome and Greetings

John Graves

Prelude

Raelyn Zimny

“Reading in my Hammock”

Melody Song

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 82)

Rev. Bryan Crousore

God rules over all; bringing hope to the oppressed.

God’s merciful rule is upon us; God’s place is assured.

God’s justice reins down on the weak and the orphan;

God’s mercy is with the lowly and destitute;

God rescues the weak and the needy.

Deliver us, O God; we, who are weak in the flesh;

From all things wicked and evil,

Even that which is within our own being.

Though we walk in darkness you, O God, are our light.

You are the foundation of our being.

Rise up, O God; for all belongs to you.

Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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*Opening Prayer

Rev. Bryan Crousore

God of Love; you send us your son, Jesus Christ, to teach us the ways of your Kingdom against the ways of the world. Through parable and story he bestowed wisdom upon us, teaching us to love our neighbor. But often we put qualifications on that love, asking who our neighbor is in an attempt to restrict whom we are required to love. Teach us to tear down the human walls that are erected to place boundaries on your love; and open ourselves to the wideness of your mercy and the wholeness of your Love. Teach us to be the servants you would have us be. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Quinn Rosenthal

God's command to love our neighbor is all-encompassing; freeing us from the weight of human pressure and obligations that separate us. Exemplifying Jesus' mandate to love our neighbor, we are freed from the sins of humanity. God's love justifies us, forgives us and frees us. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

*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

*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

Quinn Rosenthal

“This Little Light of Mine”

#524

(Sung as children return to their seats)

Mission Moment

“VAC School Supply Drive”

Llona Weiss

Ebenezer UCC, Levasy

Mahree Skala

Anthem

Susan Felton & Amy Crousore

“The Beatitudes”

GF Handel

Old Testament Lesson:

Deut. 30:9-14

Rev. Bryan Crousore

God's presence is assured; and the relationship between God and the Hebrew people is solidified through the Commandments God gives them. The author exhorts the reader that the Word of God is in our hearts, and is in our mouths.

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Gospel Lesson:

Luke 10:25-37

Rev. Bryan Crousore

Jesus shares a parable about a man on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho who is set upon by robbers; his aid comes from an unlikely source. This story is in response to a question posed of him, “...and who is my neighbor?”

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Sermon

Quinn Rosenthal

*Meditation Hymn

“God, Speak to me that I May Speak”

#531

Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn

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

John Graves

Presenting our Gifts

Susan Felton & Amy Crousore

"Ave Maria/Canon in D"

Pachelbel/Bach

*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

"Thanks Be to God"

#425

**For the Fruits of all Creation, thanks be to God!
For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God!
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Bryan Crousore

Loving God, we offer these gifts to you as a way to love you back for the love you first showed us. Through them, we love our neighbor, your precious children, and all of creation. Bless them and multiply them, we pray. Amen.

*Benediction

Quinn Rosenthal

*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

"Trumpet Voluntary in D Major"

Amy Crousore
Henry Purcell

FLOOD RELIEF COLLECTION FOR EBENEZER UCC, LEVASY

In early June, Ebenezer UCC in Levasy, MO was damaged by floodwaters. Over a foot of water settled in the Sanctuary and Parsonage. The waters have receded, but the clean-up work continues. They did not have flood insurance. To address their needs, Columbia UCC will be taking up a special collection today and next Sunday, with all contributions being donated directly to Ebenezer UCC. You can donate using the envelopes in the bulletin, or you can donate online using the QR code to the left or by visiting www.columbiaucc.com and clicking on the “Donate to CUCC” tab and selecting “Ebenezer UCC Levasy” from the “Choose a Fund” dropdown menu.



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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Stefanie Zimny & Audrey Lasley
Ushers: Hugo Wilmsmeyer
Sound Booth: Brent Marcks
Worship Leader: Bryan Crousore
Hospitality: Helen Schultz
Acolyte: *ACOLYTE NEEDED*

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Carol Duermeyer & Bryan Crousore
Ushers: *2 USHERS NEEDED*
Sound Booth: Carissa Graves
Worship Leader: Llona Weiss
Hospitality: *HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED*
Acolyte: *ACOLYTE NEEDED*



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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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NEW COOKBOOK COMING

The Women's Fellowship is putting together a new CUCC Cookbook! We need your recipes to make it happen. The women are collecting recipes until July 31. You may submit your recipe in the pot outside the sanctuary or e-mail it to the Church Office. For more information, talk to Mariann Bullerd.

BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTIONS IN JULY

The Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team will be collecting school supplies for the Voluntary Action Center Back to School Fair. We will be collecting on July 7, 14 and 21. Items we are collecting include the following:

Backpacks; Dry Erase Markers; 24-Pack Crayons; Pink Erasers; Scissors;
Earbuds; 1 Subject Spiral Notebooks; Loose-Leaf Paper; 8 Pack #2 Pencils;
Blue & Red Ballpoint Pens; Composition Notebooks; Glue Sticks;
10 Pack Washable Markers; 12 Pack Colored Pencils; Highlighters

There will be a collection point in the Gathering Space for these items. Help out children in need this year through Voluntary Action Center!

THE CHRISTMAS FUND- CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Christmas Fund is an annual mission offering of the United Church of Christ to support retired clergy and church workers, as well as low-income clergy or clergy in crisis situations. We will be receiving this collection on July 28.

SIGN UP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS sign ups will be concluding soon! If you are a helper, or if your child is a participant, everyone is asked to sign up. You can do so using the link in the Friday email, or by visiting the CUCC website and clicking on the VBS link. Meals will be served for everyone starting at 5:00 each evening.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	7/14	<i>Back to School Fair Collection</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship	9:30am
		Nurture & Education Ministry Team	11:00am
Mon	7/15	Loaves and Fishes	4:30pm
Tue	7/16	Quilters	9:00am
		Church Council Meeting	6:30pm
Sun	7/21	<i>Back to School Fair Collection</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship	9:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Erika Maltsbarger... recovering from surgery

Harold Hackman & Sue Beckman... anticipating knee surgery

The family of Aileen Dohm... on their loss (Judi Privitt's mother)

The Dohm/Privitt families celebrating Christ's promises while grieving

Jody Sawyers... receiving treatment for cancer (Megan Hall's mother)

Sharon Elliott... living with cancer, receiving chemotherapy

Rev. Jim Elliott... for speedy relief from health issues

Infant Finn Price and the Price family... Finn is diagnosed with Myotonic
Dystrophy (Tricia's nephew)

Barb & Beth... health issues (Anne Heine's sisters)

Molly... recovering from car accident

Those affected by flooding... and other climate change symptoms

Ebenezer UCC, Levasy ... flood damages

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

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Remeika/Johnson family

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family;

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Kathy Kindrick;
Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Christie O'Very; Jeff Kies

Pregnancies in our church family:

Erin (Grace) & Levi Markway; Nancy Liang & Corey Grace
Emily & Patrick Hanks; Ashley (Skala) & Stephen Scott

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)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Victoria Peagler, serving in Botswana

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;
Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp