

**Columbia
United Church
Of Christ**



April 21, 2018

10:30 Worship

"Risen!"

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

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

*The Journey Begins with Palm Sunday (Mark 11:7-10)

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

*Palm Sunday Hymn-**FIRST** verse only

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" #216

*The Journey Continues Through Good Friday (Luke 23:44-46)

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the Temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

*Good Friday/Passion Hymn- **SECOND** verse only

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #190

*The Promises of Resurrection are fulfilled (Mark 16:2,5-7)

And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised! He is not here! Look, there is the place they laid him."

*Easter Praise Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" #233

*Carrying in the Light of Christ

Abby Dennis

*Call to Worship

Christ the Lord is Risen today!

The tomb is empty, our grief relieved!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

As the beloved disciple Mary received the message of Salvation,

We receive your message as well.

Christ is Risen!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

The women at the tomb were awestruck and faith-filled.

Believing God's message from the angel,

They went to Galilee to proclaim the Resurrection!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

Let us do likewise, proclaiming the Resurrection for all to hear.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

*Opening Prayer

Pat Forward

God of Hope, we confess that often we are like the guards at the tomb that Easter morning. Faced with the possibility of new life, and hope, we choose instead the hopeless ways of the world. We are sorry for the times we have neglected you and your will in our lives; choosing death over life, hopelessness over hope.

On this Easter morning, we pray that you will fill us with courage so that, like those women who came to the tomb expecting death, we may instead find the radiant new life that is ever before us. Come into our lives, God, and bring us Resurrection as well! In Jesus name we pray; Amen.

*Prayer Response "Hear Our Prayer"

**Hear our Prayer, O LORD;
Hear our Prayer, O LORD;
Hear our Prayer, O LORD;
And grant us thy Peace! A-men!**

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

*You are invited to greet those around you
with a handshake or a hug and the words,*

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" and the reply, "Alleluia!"

Children's Time

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

(Sung as children return to their seats)

**I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.**

The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)

No turning back, no turning back.

Mission Moment

"PET– Mobility Worldwide"

Lloyd Viehland

The CUCC Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team has selected "Mobility Worldwide" (the PET Project) as our mission focus for this quarter. We are focusing on Mobility Worldwide and the way they serve God's children by providing Mobility Assistance to those in need

in developing countries. Mobility Worldwide started here in Columbia in 1994, and is now an International Organization. Now in their 25th year, Mobility Worldwide has distributed more than 80,000 PETs around the world.



Our Goal between now and May 19, is to raise \$3600 to provide 12 PETs for those in need. You can contribute using the envelopes in today's bulletin, scanning the QR code above and selecting "Mobility Worldwide" from the dropdown menu, or by texting "GIVE" to 573.240.4041 and following the prompts

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:1-20 (page #811) Pat Forward

Easter Homily: "Conquering Death" Pastor Rick

Easter Anthem

Arranged by Kristin Veteto

Offered to God's Glory by the Celebration Singers and Chapel Ringers
With Peter Jaberg, Mason Jaberg, Buzz Cone and Harry Tyrer on brass

"Wondrous Love" Ron Kean

"Risen Today" Sondra K. Tucker

"Easter Alleluias" John H. Behnke

***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, all are welcome to partake in communion today, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, coming to Christ's table to partake in altar communion.

Come forward through the center aisle. There will be two communion stewards on the North side of the Sanctuary, and two on the South side. You can go to either pair. Take a piece of bread, pause a moment and eat with the steward; then proceed to the cup. Pause a moment and drink the cup with the steward; then place the cup back in the communion tray.

The small vessels on the bread plate contain gluten free bread, the center ring of cups contains grape juice, the outer rings contain wine. For those with mobility challenges, communion will be brought to you.

Communion Prayer, Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayer

Invocation

Blessing the Children "I Come With Joy" #349

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pat Forward

Thank you, God, for renewing us at your table. Thank you for the Bread of Life, that sustains us all and for the cup of blessing, promising New Life and Resurrection. May we continue to love you by testifying to others and proclaiming our faith boldly; as the women did at the tomb that day. Make our whole lives faithful to your ministry, shown to us through Jesus Christ; and may our lives embody the Resurrection promises given to us this day in your sacred meal.

*The LORD's Prayer (*sung by the 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

Amy Croushore

“That Easter Day with Joy was Bright” *by Hal Hopson*

*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 Pastor Rick

*Praise Hymn: “Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” #243

*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

Amy Croushore
Hal Hopson

“The Strife is Over”

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

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| Greeters: | Bryan & Sharon Croushore |
| Ushers: | Lloyd Viehland |
| Sound Booth: | Phil Dennis |
| Worship Leader: | Pat Forward |
| Hospitality: | Lena Muench |
| Acolyte: | Abby Dennis |

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

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| Greeters: | Carol Duermeyer |
| Ushers: | Brent Marcks & Charlie Marcks |
| Sound Booth: | John Graves |
| Worship Leader: | Judi Privitt |
| Hospitality: | Sue Ann Schaefer |
| 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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LUNCH BUNCH TO FEATURE PET SPEAKER 4/25

Gary, the Executive Director of Mobility Worldwide-Columbia (The PET project) will be our guest speaker for Lunch Bunch this month— April 25 at noon. All are welcome! Bring a dish to share (pot luck meal) and plan to hear about this great mission we support. PET is our mission project for April and May.

INTERPRETIVE DANCE PRACTICE AT CUCC 4/28

There will be an opportunity for children in Kindergarten through eighth grade to participate in an interpretive dance in worship on Mother's Day, May 12. Katie Marienfeld will be practicing with interested children in this age range on April 28 and May 5. If you are interested, email kmarienfeld@gmail.com.

TRIVIA NIGHT TO BENEFIT PET 5/4

May the fourth be with you! Our CUCC Trivia Night will be 5/4 sponsored by the Fellowship and Hospitality Minsitry Team to benefit Mobility Worldwide (The PET Project). If you have not signed up yet, do so today! Registration forms are in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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| Sun | 4/21 | EASTER SUNDAY/Nurture & Education Bake Sale | |
| | | Sunrise Service | 6:30am |
| | | Easter Breakfast | 7:30am |
| | | Sunday School | 9:00am |
| | | Fellowship Time | 9:30am |
| | | Easter Egg Hunt | 10:00am |
| | | Worship | 10:30am |
| Mon | 4/22 | No Staff Meeting | |
| | | LODO Board | 5:45pm |
| Tue | 4/23 | Quilters | 9:00am |
| | | Building and Grounds Ministry Team | 6:30pm |
| Wed | 4/24 | Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers | 6:30pm/7:30pm |
| | | NO Confirmation | |
| Thu | 4/25 | Lunch Bunch with PET speaker | 12:00pm |
| | | Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team | 6:30pm |
| Sun | 4/28 | Sunday School | 9:00am |
| | | Fellowship Time | 9:30am |
| | | Worship | 10:30am |

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The family of Joe Schroeder... on their loss

Luke Oberle... recovering from broken elbow (Pastor Rick's nephew)

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

Gary Sieckman... continuing his recovery; ups and downs

Harold Hackman... anticipating knee replacement 4/24

Sue Beckman... living with cancer; anticipating next steps

Prayer of healing for brother-in-law and family

on the loss of their mother (4/14)

Mark & Laura Hoobrink... on the loss of their home to a fire (4/14)

Cathy Barton... living with cancer (4/14)

Marilyn Wooldridge... recovering from broken kneecap (4/14)

2 Friends recovering from cancer surgery (4/14)

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;

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 (Isaiah's friend); Christie O'Very;

Janet Shepard; Kathy Kindrick;

Pregnancies in our church family:

Erin & Levi Markway

Nancy Liang & Corey Grace

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:

Sara Makari, serving in Israel/Palestine

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;

Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp