

Columbia United Church Of Christ



August 18, 2024

"Wisdom"



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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August 18, 2024

9:30 a.m.

“Wisdom”

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

*“... Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart
in the company of the upright, in the congregation...”*

-Psalm 111:1

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“Gigue”

Steve Jannetti
George F. Handel

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 111)

Llona Weiss

Praise God! Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart.
Let the congregation come together shouting praises to God.

**God’s works are holy and just; full of honor and majesty.
God’s righteousness endures forever.**

God’s wonderful deeds are praised by all;
Exemplifying God’s gracious and merciful nature.

**God’s provision brings us satisfaction;
God always remembers the covenant shared with us.**

Knowledge of God’s love is the beginning of Wisdom;
Let us practice living into God’s glorious Wisdom.

**God’s praise endures forever!
God’s covenant is with us always!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Hymn

“Bring Many Names”

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*Opening Prayer

Llona Weiss

**God of love and instruction, You teach us the ways of Your world
through the stories of our traditions and our pursuit of wisdom.
Forgive us for the times we let apathy or lethargy get in the way of
our continued pursuit of wisdom. Remind us that You are our
Rock and our Salvation, and that the blessings You bring us are far
more than the riches of the world. Help us to celebrate the blessing
You are to us by sharing Your wisdom with the world. In Jesus’
name we pray; Amen.**

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed as richly as those who walk humbly with God. But even when we forget this lesson in humility, God 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

“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!*

Blessing the New School Year

Everyone involved in Academic Instruction will be invited to stand to receive a blessing on their involvement in the new school year. Administrators, Faculty and Staff of all academic environments will be asked to stand first, then the students.

Exhortation; Blessings; Prayer; Sending Forth

Faith Sharing Moment

“The CROP Walk”

Jessica Jenks

Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 3:3-14

Llona Weiss

After King David died, his son Solomon ascended to the throne of Israel. God asks Solomon what he wishes; and Solomon wishes for wisdom. God is impressed that Solomon did not ask for long life, health or riches. Accordingly, God gives him both what he asked (great wisdom) and what he did not ask (riches and honor).

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Gospel Lesson

John 6:51-58

Llona Weiss

The author of the Gospel attributed to John tells us of Jesus using bread as a metaphor once more. He speaks of his body and his blood metaphorically, calling on his followers to take them fully into their lives. The religious authorities do not understand, thinking he is speaking literally about body and blood.

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| Anthem | “I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness” Casey Wood/ Paul Anderson II | <i>Antonin Dvorak</i> |
| Sermon | “More than the Minimum” | Pastor Rick |
| *Hymn | “God of Change and Glory” | #177 |
| Community Prayer & Silent Prayer | | Pastor Rick |

The LORD’S Prayer

In an effort to encourage inclusion, we suggest using the address “Creator God” in our unison recitation of The Lord’s Prayer. You are certainly welcome to say “Our Father” instead of “Creator,” “Trespases” instead of “debts,” or “Thy” instead of “Your” if you prefer.

Creator God in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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| Sharing our Announcements of Community Life | Pastor Rick |
| Invitation to the Offering | |

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| Offertory | “Ave Verum” | Steve Jannetti <i>Franz Haydn</i> |
| *Prayer of Dedication | | Llona Weiss |

God of all Wisdom; You inspire us to put Your Wisdom ahead of the distractions of the world. We do this by offering our gifts; blessings from our bounty, shared with You and with all our neighbors. Take them and use them to share Your Wisdom with all the world. Amen.

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| *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!**

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| *Postlude | “Jesus Shall Reign” | Steve Jannetti <i>John Heldon</i> |
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
STEPHENS LAKE PARK – GORDON SHELTER
1:00 P.M. REGISTRATION | 1:30 P.M. WELCOME AND
STEPOFF | 1:45-3:00 P.M. WALK
NEW - 3:00-3:45 P.M. MUSICAL SHOWCASE

“BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES” is the theme of this year’s CROP Hunger Walk. For 29 years, the Columbia CROP Walk has provided another opportunity for our community to respond to the needs of the poor, the hungry, the unemployed and those dealing with disaster, both locally and around the world.

Four Columbia ministries that provide hunger relief will receive 25% of the money donated. They are: Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen, Russell Chapel Community Food Pantry, Destiny Worship Center Food Pantry and Fifth Street Christian Church “Feed the Community” Program. In 2023 these programs received over \$6,200 from the CROP Walk. Church World Service (CWS) receives 75% of the donations. CWS is a collaborative ministry of 30 faith organizations, working to provide customized, innovative and sustainable solutions to hunger and poverty in the USA and around the world.

As in past years, all locations of Shakespeare Pizza will donate 15% of all sales on Walk Day. Now that’s a good excuse to eat pizza, put a few in the freezer and buy gift cards for your early holiday shopping!

The inaugural Cross Missouri CROP Walk was a great success last year. Don Harter, a member of Broadway Christian Church, walked from Columbia to St. Louis and Columbia to Kansas City to promote the CROP Hunger Walk. Don is organizing a walk again this year AND adding a bike ride. If this is something you would be interested in exploring, please contact Don at HarterD@missouri.edu or call 573-443-3258.

THE 2024 CROP HUNGER WALK HAS FOUR GOALS: 1) Collect \$26,000; 2) have 125 walkers; 3) together have a tally of 800 miles walked; and 4) collect at least 250 cans of food.

For these last 29 years, CUCC has been an avid supporter of the CROP Hunger Walk. The goal this year is \$4,000. How can you help achieve this goal? Donations can also be made through Kindred Giving on CUCC website or by check in the Sunday offering or to the church office. Donations can also be made on CROP Walk Day at the event. Want to do more? At the same website, you can join a team or create a team of your own. Then contact family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, etc. asking for support of the CROP Walk.

Mark your calendar for September 15 to lace up your shoes and join us for a walk to help in BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES one step at a time through the 2024 COLUMBIA CROP HUNGER WALK.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

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| Worship Leader: | Llona Weiss |
| Ushers: | Phillip Neale & Lloyd Viehland |
| Greeters: | Donna Marsh |
| Technology: | Brent Marcks & Lorry Dreier |
| Hospitality: | Jedd Schneider & Mark Duncan |
| Council Stewards: | Jedd Schneider & Mark Duncan |

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

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| Worship Leader: | Pat Forward |
| Ushers: | Audrey Lasley & Mary Lorber |
| Greeters: | Brenda & John Muench |
| Technology: | Ted Dachroeden & Josh Muench |
| Hospitality: | Ted Dachroeden & Tricia Price |
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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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH PARENTS GATHERING

Families of kiddos and youth from age 3-12th grade, stick around after worship on August 25 for a Lunch and Learn detailing new and exciting programs happening this fall at CUCC! LUNCH WILL BE SERVED– CATERED FROM DICKY’S BBQ! We have a lot of great things up our sleeve for this coming year – we promise it will be fun! Please RSVP to Alexandra in the church office by TODAY. Other questions? Talk to Lena Muench! Nursery will be provided!

MINISTRY TEAMS FAIR NEXT SUNDAY

Don’t miss worship on August 25! Our Ministry Teams will be offering special presentations in worship about what they do, and how you can intersect with their ministries. We will be talking about all the ways CUCC impacts God’s world in extraordinary ways. It will be a fun filled fair for all!

TURNING POINT DONATIONS

Turning Point is in need of ground, caffeinated coffee- regular flavor and no pods please. They are also in need of individual hotel soaps. When traveling, consider asking at the front desk for donations. Many times they will accommodate a customer with a donation. Place donations in the coat room in the Turning Point collection basket.

CROP WALK 2024

Mark your calendar for the COLUMBIA CROP HUNGER WALK, September 15, Stephen’s Lake Park, Gordon Shelter, 1:00-3:45. Interested in hiking and/or biking all/or part of the way across Missouri to promote the Crop Hunger walk? Interested in being part of a new event on Crop Walk day - a celebration Musical Showcase at the end of the Walk? Contact Don Harter for details at HarterD@missouri.edu or 573-443-3258. We are collecting canned goods starting today! Bring in cans of meat, soup, etc. to put in the cart in the Gathering Area.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

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| Sun | 8/18 | Bible Study | 8:30 a.m. |
| | | Fellowship Time | 9:00 a.m. |
| | | Worship (in person and livestream) | 9:30 a.m. |
| Mon | 8/19 | Loaves & Fishes | 4:30 p.m. |
| | | Scouts BBQ | 5:00 p.m. |
| Tue | 8/20 | Council Executive Team | 5:30 p.m. |
| | | Council Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| Wed | 8/21 | Opportunity Campus gathering at Midway | 4:00 p.m. |
| Thu | 8/22 | Nurture & Education Curriculum Workshop | 6:00 p.m. |
| | | LODO Back to School Night | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sun | 8/25 | <i>Ministry Team Fair</i> | |
| | | Bible Study | 8:30 a.m. |
| | | Fellowship Time | 9:00 a.m. |
| | | Worship (in person and livestream) | 9:30 a.m. |

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

The family of Deb Koepke... on their loss (Deb Koepke's mother)

Pat Schroeder... health issues

Sharon Elliott... health issues

Steve Price... recovering from surgery

Jonathan Schultz... recovering from hand injury

Jennifer... diagnosed with cancer (Edie Diel's niece)

Joanne Good... health issues (Sue Beckman's friend)

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

The people of Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine

Health Issues:

John Adams, Cheryl Cobb, John Graves, Barry Kirchoff

Connie Hackman Fairley, Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's niece)

Challenges in Life:

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families, Steve (Pastor Rick's Cousin)

Living in Care Facilities:

Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Don Privitt, Alice Moon

Serving us in the military:

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden, Jeffrey Sanderson

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

Melba Shaffer (573) 474-2997 whals@centurytel.net

Or Tricia Soncasie (314) 374-7477 tsoncasie@aol.com

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***

Bring Many Names

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Brian Wren, 1989

Gen. 1:27

Unison

1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the
 4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing

par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:
 strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
 e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:

Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger,
 on the move,
 say - ing no to false - hood and
 un - kind - ness,
 cry - ing out for jus - tice,
 giv - ing all you have:
 Hail and Ho - san - na,
 young, grow - ing God!

6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,
 clos - er yet than breath - ing,
 ev - er - last - ing home:
 Hail and Ho - san - na,
 great, liv - ing God!

The author states that aspects of the divine are revealed in our maleness, femaleness, youth, and age in a moving, growing matrix of life in God. The tune Westchase was composed especially for this text.

Tune: WESTCHASE 9.10.11.9.
 Carlton Young, 1989

God of Change and Glory

1 Cor. 12:4-27

Al Carmines, 1973

1 God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,
 2 God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,
 3 Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new - ness of each night,

when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.
 you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.
 you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.

In the midst of chang - ing ways give us still the grace to praise.
 As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.
 This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

Refrain

Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

Al Carmines, composer, playwright, performer, and teacher, has served as minister for two United Church of Christ congregations in New York City. This hymn, commissioned in 1973, was one of the first modern texts to claim diversity as a gift from God.

Tune: KATHERINE 6.5.6.5.7.7.
 Al Carmines, 1973

C F C F G

In our dif - fer - ence is bless-ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise

C F G

one Giv-er, one Word, one Spir-it, one God known in man-y ways,

F C G7 C

hal-low-ing our days. For the Giv-er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

1 Kings 3:3-14

3 Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places.

4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you."

6 And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

7 And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

8 And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

11 God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,

12 I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

13 I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you.

14 If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

John 6:35,41-51

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

53 So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.

56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”