Columbia United Church Of Christ

November 15, 2026
"Be Awake"

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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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November 15, 2026 ***10:30 a.m.*** ***"Rise and Shine"***

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

"LORD, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God." -Psalm 90:1-2

Welcome and Greetings Pastor Rick

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship/Opening Praise Songs

"Open the Eyes of My Heart" *Paul Baloche*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart!
I want to see You, I want to see You!
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart!
I want to see You, I want to see You!

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy!

[Repeat]

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" *Rick Founds*

Lord, I lift Your name on high! Lord, I love to sing Your praises!
I'm so glad You're in my life! I'm so glad You came to save us!

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way!
From the earth to the cross; my debt to pay!
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky!
Lord, I lift Your name on high!

[Repeat]

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From the earth to the cross; my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky!
Lord, I lift Your name on high! Lord, I lift Your name on high!

"Shine, Jesus, Shine!" *Graham Kendrick*

Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us! Shine on me, shine on me!

Chorus:
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with our God's great glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By Your love, I may enter Your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me!
[Repeat Chorus]

*Prayer Pastor Rick

*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick

*Response "Shine, Jesus, Shine!"

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with our God's great glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
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Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light!

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace Pastor Rick

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!

Misson Moment "VAC Holiday Program" Mahree Skala

New Testament Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Sue Ann Schaefer

The Apostle Paul, writing to the church in Thessalonica, encourages them to be "woke." He tells them to not fall asleep, as others do, but to be awake. He is not talking about literal sleep; he is talking to them about being aware of the needs of others. *Page #960*

Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:1-13 Sue Ann Schaefer

Jesus tells a parable about the Kingdom of God, relating it to a wedding party waiting for the groom. Five were foolish, five were wise. The foolish ones fell asleep, while the wise ones stayed "woke." When the groom came, the wise ones were prepared, the foolish ones were not. *Page #806*

Anthem "Let Your Light Shine" *Mary McDonald*

Celebration Singers with Christian Henry, percussion

Sermon "Be Awake" Pastor Rick

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer Pastor Rick

The LORD'S Prayer

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.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life Pastor Rick

Invitation to the Offering

To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041
You can also give online by visiting our website:
www.columbiaucc.com

Offertory "Blessed Be Your Name" *Matt Redman*

Section Leaders, Tim Guillaume, Mike Pierson, and Christian Henry

Congregation:

Blessed Be Your Name, In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness; Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away; You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name

You give and take away; You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your glorious name

*Prayer of Dedication Sue Ann Schaefer

God, you have made us stewards of all of the resources of Creation. On this day, we give our offerings to you knowing that all we have has come from you and that you will continue to provide. We lift these offerings up as a sign of thanksgiving for your love and care. Thank you, God, for all that we are, for all that we have, for all that we give. Amen.

*Benediction Pastor Rick

*Response "Let Your Light Shine" *Mary McDonald*
Celebration Singers with Christian Henry, percussion

Let your light shine, shine, shine; for Jesus all the time, time, time
Walk in the light, beautiful light of his love!

Let your voices praise, praise, praise; Let your love for Jesus raise!
Walk in the light, beautiful light, Walk in the light, heavenly light
Walk in the light, beautiful light of his love!

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Sue Ann Schaefer
Song Leader:	Katie Jones, Sarah Young, Killian Boyd, Kai White
Ushers:	Christine Staelens & Llona Weiss
Greeters:	Sue Ann Schafer & Carol Duermeyer
Technology:	Carissa Graves & John Graves
Council Stewards:	Christine Staelens & Mahree Skala

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Tricia Soncasie
Song Leader:	Mike Pierson
Ushers:	Keith Birkes & Jerry Kiesling
Greeters:	Donna Marsh
Technology:	Judi Privitt & Doug Privitt
Council Stewards:	Jessica Lucas & Tricia Soncasie

COLUMBIA UCC CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator:	Jerry Kiesling
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Worship & Music:	Kitty Rogers

Online Giving

NURSERY CARE is available for children in kindergarten and younger in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSALS BEGIN

It's your time to shine! We're organizing the Sunday School Christmas Program, which will be December 20 during worship, and would love to have your help! Rehearsals will be every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. during the Sunday School hour.

LENTEN PSALMS PROJECT

This year, we will be using Psalms as a focus for our Lenten Devotions- based on reflections we are asking ***YOU*** to write! To select a psalm and sign up, check out the display in the rear of the Sanctuary. If you want to choose a different psalm than the ones suggested, that is okay, too! Questions? Ask Pastor Rick.

SCOUTING AMERICA PANCAKE BREAKFAST - 11/21

One of our Scouting America units will be hosting a pancake breakfast here at CUCC on 11/21 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. This event is a fundraiser to help pay for their camping activities and leadership development programs. The cost is $10/adults, $5/children. Come support our scouts!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	11/15	Bible Study/Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
Mon	11/16	Loaves & Fishes	4:30 p.m.
		Scouting America	7:00 p.m.
		Merry Old Missouri Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Tue	11/17	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Staff Meeting	10:00 a.m.
		Pause to Color Group	1:00 p.m.
		Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed	11/18	Good Dads - Strong Schools @AHL	7:00 a.m.
		Pastor Rick leads worship @The Bluffs	10:00 a.m.
		Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:00/7:00 p.m.
Thu	11/19	LODO Thanksgiving Feast	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	11/21	Scouting America Pancake Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Sun	11/22	Bible Study/Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Inclusion & Affirmation Meeting	12:00 p.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

Shelley Brandenburg… health issues
The family of Mark Shaffer…on their loss

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our Partner in Education

All those whose lives are affected by state sanctioned terrorism...

Our US Military... deployed in the Middle East

In Hospice Care:
Joyce Andersen (Aimee's mother-in-law),
Julie Roper (Alexandra's mother), Fred Wilke (Alethea's father)

Health Issues:
Jeff Kies, Barry Kirchhoff, Glenn Duermeyer, Evie Marcks, Jan Barry
Julia Marsh, Becky Weston, Connie Fairley, Cody Kile, Dr. Ryan Link,
Kenny & Jane Holtgrewe (Marsha Posz's parents), Rev. Dale Parson
Cassandra Gartner (Edie's friend), Rev. Carolyn Held (Edie's niece),
Martha (friend of the Veteto family), Ken (Adam Veteto's cousin),
Mary Jane Johnson (Joe Remeika's sister), Kay Kanger (Edie Diel's friend),
Betty Modesty (Ashley Ramirez's grandmother),
Jan Keithley (Donna Marsh's friend)

Challenges in Life:
Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families, the Trout &

Living in Assisted Living Facilities:
Dean & Jan Barry, Vernie Blank, Gary Ehrhardt

Living in Independent Living Facilities:
Sue Beckman, Linda Evans, Don Privitt, Walter & Patty Schroeder

Serving us in the military:
Aaron Dachroeden, Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson,
Garrett Holtgrewe… (Marsha Posz's nephew)

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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1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do
not need to have anything written to you.
2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like
a thief in the night.
3 When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction
will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and
there will be no escape!
4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise
you like a thief;
5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the
night or of darkness.
6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be
sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get
drunk at night.
8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate
of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.
9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through
our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live
with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you
are doing.

Matthew 25:1-13

1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took
their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.,
2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took
their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil
with their lamps.
5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.
6 But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come
out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their
lamps.
8 The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are
going out.’
9 But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you
had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’
10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who
were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was
shut.
11 Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’
12 But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’
13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.,