



October 4, 2020

10:30 Worship

"World Communion Sunday"

** indicates those who are comfortably able may stand*

"...let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

Be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and y redeemer..."

-Psalm 19:14

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Bread of the World"

Amy Crousore
Lani Smith

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Abby Dennis

*Call to Worship

(adapted from Psalm 19)

Lauren Helmerich

The heavens are telling about God's glory;
The skies proclaim the wonder of God's handiwork.

**Day by day, God inspires us with Wisdom;
At night, God's presence comforts and assures us.**

As the sun shines on all, God's love also shines on all,
Affirming and welcoming all of God's Children.

**God's Wisdom is perfect, illuminating our souls.
God's purposes are clear, sharing love and compassion.**

Knowing God brings comfort and challenge,
We gather today open to both!

**May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
Be acceptable to God, our Rock and Redeemer!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn

"We Are One in the Spirit"

Chalice Hymnal #494

*Opening Prayer

Lauren Helmerich

God of unity; we gather around your table today in solidarity with Christians all over the world, confessing our sins and reconciling ourselves to each other and to you. Forgive us for the times when we turn a blind eye on our neighbors in need. Forgive us for the times when we forget who our neighbors are. Forgive us for the times when we forget that we are all your children worthy of love and affirmation. Teach us the Wisdom of your love that knows no boundaries or division. Unite us as one global community, working for the good and welfare of all by sharing your love, as you taught us to do. We ask these prayers in Jesus' name; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

We are one in the Spirit; we are one, united in Christ Jesus; and we pray for the day when unity will be restored. But even when we work against unity, when we speak words of division or leave undone things we should do, God forgives us. We are all God's children, blessed and beloved, forgiven and free! 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!**

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response

"I Have Decided to follow Jesus"

**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
The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me
No turning back, no turning back.**

Living our Mission

"Neighbors in Need"

Lauren Helmreich

Anthem

"Christ has Broken Down the Walls"

Ed Rollins

Mark Miller

Old Testament Lesson:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Lena Muench

Lena will read the lesson in Spanish, celebrating our World Communion. The text will appear in English on the screens in the Sanctuary, and on the livestream. You may wish to follow along in your Bible as well.

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 25:34-40

Mwashite Mseke

Mwashite (Christine) will read the lesson in Swahili, celebrating our World Communion. The text will appear in English on the screens in the Sanctuary, and on the livestream. You may wish to follow along in your Bible as well.

Sermon:

"One World Communion"

Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn

"Light Dawns in a Weary World"

Presbyterian Hymnal #79

*Invitation to Communion

In today's Sacrament of Communion, we will be remembering the meal in which Jesus gave us instruction to be servant leaders and to love one another even as he first loved us; however, we will not be partaking of bread and wine in the Sanctuary (people viewing at home may do so). In the act of blessing, elevation and fraction we remember God's presence in the life of Jesus; we remember Jesus' instructions throughout his life; and we remember God's Holy Spirit inspiring us to serve. For those present in the Sanctuary, we will take the presence of Jesus into our hearts in symbolic gesture, rather than physical nourishment; and all will receive a special blessing from Pastor Rick, reminding us of the blessings of community.

Luke the Evangelist wrote of our Risen Savior who, at table with two of his disciples, took bread; blessed it; broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized the Risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. As we symbolically join together in this sacred memory meal on this World Communion Sunday, it is in community with all of our brothers and sisters from above and below the equator; from the North and from Down Under; with our friends in Chiapas and Congo and Jamaica and Japan and Thailand; from every time zone all across the globe. As today's sunlight inches across land and sea, one Global Beloved Community gathers to celebrate their unity. All are invited, all are welcome, all are called. Come, join in the feast!

In company with all believers in every time and beyond time; in the presence of the Triune God whom we worship and adore; with hearts open to all of creation and to our brothers and sisters all across the globe, we come together in one world communion to know the risen Christ through this symbolic meal.

Communion Prayer; Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayer; Invocation

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God in unison with each other, with Christians everywhere, and with the poor and suffering neighbors in need, in whom we daily meet the living Christ.

Thank you, God, for the ministry of Jesus: for gladness in this bread and cup; for love that cannot die; for peace the world cannot give; for joy in the company of friends; for the glory of creation; and for the mission of justice you have made our own.

Give us the gifts of this holy communion; oneness of heart, love for our neighbors both globally and locally, peace in our families, forgiveness of our enemies, the will to serve you every day, and Eternal Living in this life and beyond. Now we gather with our brothers and sisters all across the globe, offering the prayer you taught us...

*The LORD'S Prayer

(sung by the congregation, led by James Melton)

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. 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

Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts

Amy Crousore

"Air"

JS Bach

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and follow the prompts

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*Response

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

NCH #425

**For the Fruit 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

Lauren Helmreich

God of Life; we open our hearts to your Wisdom, that we may let compassion be our law and love be our guide. Heal the rifts of division that keep us separated from each other and from You. Teach us to put aside the preconceived ideas and prejudices that perpetuate stereotypes and come together, one people united in the ways of compassion. Take the gifts we offer You today and let them be used to bring Justice, righteousness and Shalom your world, compassion to your children, and a renewed relationship to the whole world. Amen

*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!**

*Postlude

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Amy Crousore
Wesley/Smith

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.

*CUCC celebrates God’s boundless love by:
Welcoming all God’s People;
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*

494 They'll Know We Are Christians

Guitar capo: 1; play Em

Unison Em

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

Am Em

we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

Am Em

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain C G C G Em Am

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love,

WORDS and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

ST. BRENDAN'S
 76.76.86 w. refrain

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Em Am Bm Em

yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

Weave

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E♭ Gm Fm E♭ Fm E♭

Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth- er in

Fm B♭ E♭ Gm Fm E♭

u- ni- ty and love. Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er.

Fm E♭ B♭ E♭ A♭ E♭

Weave us to- geth- er, to- geth- er in love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Rosemary Crow, 1979

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WEAVE
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79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.