

October 11, 2020

10:30 Worship

"Access/ADA Sunday"

*\* indicates those who are comfortably able may stand*

*"...the LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want..."*

*-Psalm 23:1*

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Ode to Joy"

Lucy Smith  
*Beethoven/Faber*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Lil Smith

\*Call to Worship *(adapted from Psalm 23)*

Sue Ann Schaefer

God is our Shepherd; we want for nothing.  
God brings us pastoral peace and comfort!

**God brings us blessings and Salvation,  
Restoring our souls!**

God leads us through the depths of despair;  
Through the darkest valleys of life.

**We do not fear misery or evil;  
For God is with us, guiding us and protecting us!**

God showers us with abundant blessings;  
Healing and restoring us, we forever belong to God!

**God's Goodness and Mercy will pursue us always;  
And we will endeavor to dwell in God's House forever!  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

*NCH #4*

\*Opening Prayer

Sue Ann Schaefer

**God of blessing and provision; you have provided us with all that we need in life and challenged us with opportunities for service. Forgive us when we forget about your blessings and take your provision for granted. Teach us to open our eyes and see all you have done. Remind us of our blessings. We admit that often we fail to affirm those whose abilities differ from ours and neglect to see the blessings they are in our lives, and the blessings you have given them. Teach us the true lessons of inclusion and affirmation, God; that we may all come to know and express your abundant love for all. As we prepare for your great banquet, remind us to invite all of your children. We ask these prayers in Jesus' name; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Jesus teaches us that as we are blessings to the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind we are repaid with blessings in our lives as well. But even when we forget this message of inclusion, God still welcomes us to the banquet. 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

"Festival of Sharing"

Mahree Skala

Stewardship Moment

"50 for 50 Progress"

Sue Ann Schaefer

Anthem

"A Rainbow of Friends"

Kristin Veteto and Friends  
*arranged by Kristin Veteto*

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 25:1-9

Sue Ann Schaefer

*The prophet Isaiah, writing in a time of national turmoil, imagines God's deliverance from the pressures of their current context. The prophet looks to the past, their history with God, and praises all that God has done. The prophet sees these actions as an indicator of the Salvation that will come from God in the future.*

Gospel Lesson:

Luke 14:12-24

Sue Ann Schaefer

*The author of the Gospel attributed to Luke has Jesus tell a parable of a wedding feast very much unlike the one in Matthew. In this parable, Jesus advocates including those who have been excluded because of differing physical ability. By including and affirming them, the host is also affirmed.*

Sermon:

"Speaking Prophetically- ADA"

Pastor Rick

\*Meditation Hymn

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

NCH #551

\*Affirmation of Faith

*In recognition of Access/ADA Sunday, we will recite together our Congregational Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant, affirming our desire to be inclusive of all people, no matter their ability.*

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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.**

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. 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

Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts

Lucy Smith  
Faber

"Jazz Reflection"

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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

Sue Ann Schaefer

**God of love; you have blessed us with much, and called us to be blessings in your world. In that spirit, we give our gifts today; that they may bless the world with messages of hope. Multiply these gifts, that all may share in the bounty of your provision. 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

"Trumpet Tune"

Lucy Smith  
*Henry Purcell*

### **CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:**

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*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*

*Luke 18:35-43**Fanny Crosby (1820-1915); alt.*

1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;  
 2 Let me at your throne of mer - cy find a sweet re - lief;  
 3 Trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it, would I seek your face;  
 4 Be the Spring of all my com - fort, more than life to me;



While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.  
 Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, help my un - be - lief.  
 Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, save me by your grace.  
 Not just here on earth be - side me, but e - ter - nal - ly.

*Refrain*

Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;



While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.




*Fanny Crosby was already a successful writer when she became associated with gospel hymnists Sankey, Sweney, Root, and others. She directed her talent to gospel songs in her early forties, and collaborated with William Doane on many hymns.*

Tune: PASS ME NOT 8.5.8.5. with refrain  
 William H. Doane (1832-1915)



## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13



Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.




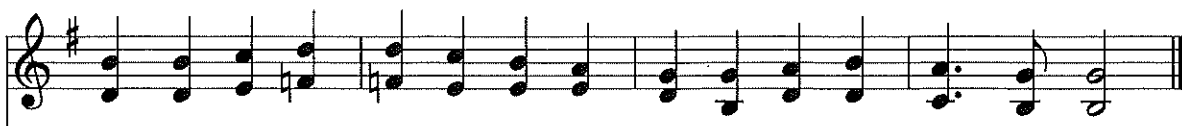
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;  
2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,  
3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed;  
4 Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;


Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
Bound - less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;  
Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, teach us what our praise should be.  
Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.



Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759-1805) that inspired Beethoven.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.  
Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824  
Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846