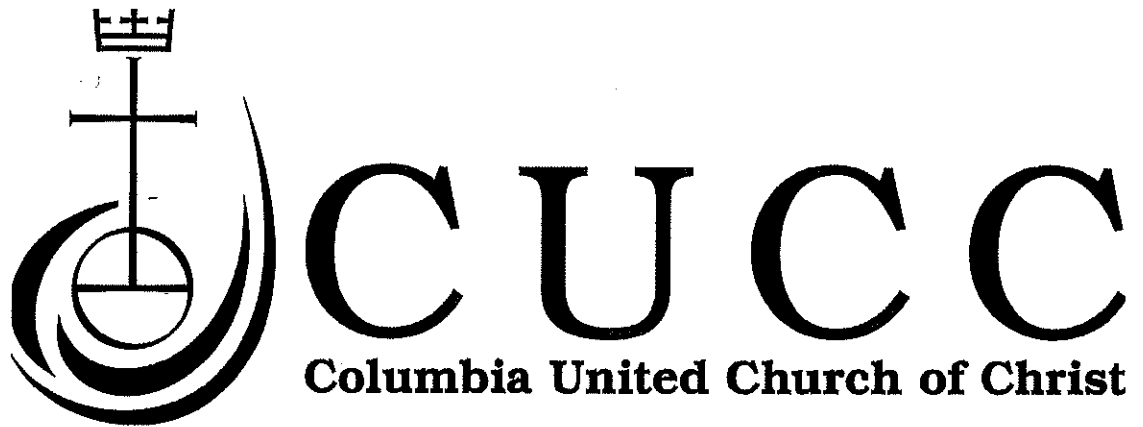


# Columbia United Church Of Christ

September 26, 2021  
American Indian Ministries



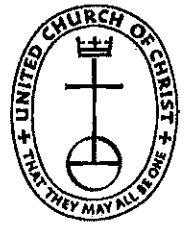
## **CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:**

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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Of Christ



September 26, 2021

10:30 Worship

"Perspectives"

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

*"...if it had not been God who was on our side...when our enemies attacked us...they would have swallowed us up alive..."*

*-Psalm 124:1-3*

Gathering Music

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude "Lacquiparle"

Amy Crousore  
*Native Melody*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Lil Smith

\*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 124)*

Seth Smith

Flood waters sweep over us; raging waters seeking to destroy.  
We cry out; who is God in the midst of this?

**Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
Who made heaven and earth!**

Death and destruction threaten to swallow us up;  
Yet we escape, as a bird escaping the snare of the fowlers.

**Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
Who made heaven and earth!**

Bless God's Holy name, present among us!  
Bless God's Steadfast presence, on our side always!

**Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
Who made heaven and earth!  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn "God of Change and Glory"

#177

\*Opening Prayer

Seth Smith

**Creator of all that is; everywhere we go is a Sanctuary to you, a testimony to your blessing. You call us to walk lovingly on your Creation and care for your gift of Creation. Yet often we fail in this task. We forget the call to stewardship that is in front of us and focus instead on worldly affairs. Today we come into this Sanctuary to give ourselves over to you. Teach us to be open to the diversity of your Creation and forgive us when we fail. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

When we live as if this planet and all of Creation, even ourselves, is a Sanctuary, a Holy Place full of the Creator's presence on this earth, we tread lightly and with care on the ground God has given us. You are always on sacred ground, and You are always sacred. You are Blessed, You are Beloved, You are Forgiven. 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

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!

**And also with you!**

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!*

Reception of New Members

Invitation & Questions of the Candidates

Pastor Rick

\*Welcoming Our Newest Members

Kristy Odneal

By God's grace, you have always been one with us in the body of Christ, the church universal. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith that has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this family of faith. Let us, the members of Columbia United Church of Christ, stand and express our welcome:

**We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We give thanks to every church that has been your home on your spiritual journey, for the formation they have given you. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we all continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love.**

Welcome and Presentation

Pastor Rick

Mission Moment "Neighbors in Need" Dorothy Vetter

Anthem "Promised Land"

New Testament Lesson James 5:13-20 Seth Smith

*The Book of James is all about practical application of faith. This book, which barely even mentions Jesus by name, is all about how to be a Christian. In today's reading, James talks about the importance of prayer in developing a closer communion with God. (pg. 983)*

Gospel Lesson Mark 9:38-50 Seth Smith

*Jesus empowers others to do good deeds in his name, and implores the disciples to not admonish those who do so. This is typical of Jesus' ministry, deflecting glory from himself to others, or to God. His analogy about salt is particularly appropriate to this identity. (pg. 821)*

\*Hymn "O God, in Whom all Life Begins" #401

Sermon "Salted with Fire" Pastor Rick

\*Hymn "De Colores" #402

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; and 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

Presenting our Gifts

*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](http://www.columbiaucc.com)*

Offertory "Sonata in D Major" Amy Crousore  
Josef Haydn

\*Response

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

*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

Seth Smith

**Creator of all that is; we know that everything we have is a gift from you, and everything we are is because of your abundant blessing. In gratitude, we return these gifts to you; praying that they may be used to build the bonds of community with your children in need, and lift up the sacred blessing that is within each one. Amen.**

\*Benediction

Pastor Rick

\*Response:

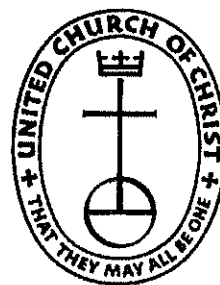
“Let There be Peace on Earth”

**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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Amy Crousore  
Martin Luther



*If you try to fit God into your life,  
You will never have time for God.  
If you try to fit your life into God,  
You will always have time for what matters.*

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Seth Smith  
**Acolyte:** Lil Smith  
**Ushers:** Audrey Lasley  
**Greeters:** Helen Schultz  
**Technology Booth:** Mike Pierson & Matt Lucas  
**Hospitality:** Melba Shaffer  
**Council Steward:** Jessica Jenks & Tricia Price



## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Pat Forward  
**Acolyte:**  
**Ushers:** Jo Ellen Grace  
**Greeters:** Linda Neale  
**Technology Booth:** Carissa Graves & Brent Marcks  
**Hospitality:** Stefanie Zimny  
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**BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is "Bring a Friend" Sunday. Bring a Friend to worship! The Membership & Care Ministry Team will have a special treat for your friends. This is a great time to invite others to come to worship!

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is also World Communion Sunday. We will have breads from around the world for Communion! We will also reflect on our Global Community and our role as Servant Leaders in that community.

**FOOD BANK FUN WITH CUCC**

For fun, fellowship, and service to help the hungry, please join the CUCC Food Bank shift on Tuesday September 28, 5:30-7:30 pm. Please sign up in advance. If you have questions or trouble signing up, contact Mahree Skala at [skalamahree@yahoo.com](mailto:skalamahree@yahoo.com) or 573-474-2195. CUCC works at the Food Bank every fourth Tuesday, and select other days. Come join the fun!

**LODO PUMPKIN PATCH DAY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

LODO Pumpkin Patch will be on Friday, October 15. The LODO Pumpkin Patch is created on the North Hill of CUCC. We will have various game and activity stations where we need assistance from CUCC volunteers to help run the activities so that our staff can focus on keeping students safe. Email Erika Maltsbarger at [littleonesdayout@yahoo.com](mailto:littleonesdayout@yahoo.com) if you are interested in volunteering at this fun event. You can also stop by Erika's office to let her know!

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	9/26	Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Healthy Relationships Training (Safe Church)	11:30am
		Pastor Rick leads worship at Lenoir	6:00pm
Mon	9/27	Staff Meeting	10:15am
		Nurture & Education Team Meeting	6:30pm
Tue	9/28	Quilters	10:00am
		Food Bank	5:30pm
		Alpha Hart Lewis PTA Meeting (Zoom)	6:00pm
		Inclusion & Affirmation Team Meeting	6:30pm
Wed	9/29	Finance & Stewardship Team Meeting	6:30pm
		Joyful Ringers (Bell Choir) Practice	6:30pm
		Celebration Singers (Choir) Practice	7:30pm
Thu	9/30	Vision Team	6:30pm
Fri	10/1	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	10/3	<b>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

**SAVE THE DATE FOR TRUNK OR TREAT ! SATURDAY, 10/30**

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

*Please keep in your prayers this week...*

The family and friends of Gene Koepke... on their loss  
Jim Gordon... health issues (Eddie Diehl's friend)

Caitlin Herritt... serious health issue (David and Ann Stone-Meyer's daughter)

Sheila Colin... anticipating shoulder surgery (Jackie Asher's cousin)

Alex Kuhn... health issue (April Rothweiler's friend)

Christie O'Very... on hospice (Kim Oberle's aunt)

Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothweiler's Aunt)

Linda Lau... living with cancer (Alisa Lau-Sieckman's sister)

Mary Rinne... living with cancer (Donna Marsh's daughter)

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier, Malicoat, Lasley

Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

## *Health Issues:*

Deborah Heather (Eddie Diehl's niece); Helen Schultz

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Christine Mseke;

Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)

Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

## *Living in Care Facilities:*

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank

## *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:*

Raul Santiago... serving in Puerto Rico

## *2021 Confirmation Class:*

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,

Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons

*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*



## 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

EPIPHANY SEASON

C F C F G

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

Detailed description: This system contains the first line of music. The treble staff has a melody of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: C major, F major, C major, F major, G major. The lyrics are: "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,

Detailed description: This system contains the second line of music. The treble staff has a melody of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: C major, F major, G major. The lyrics are: "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!

Detailed description: This system contains the third line of music. The treble staff has a melody of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: F major, C major, G7, C major. The lyrics are: "hal - low - ing our days. For the Giv - er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!".

## O God in Whom All Life Begins

401

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1992

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,  
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts  
 3 Through tears and laugh - ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.  
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.  
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;  
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name  
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray,

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.  
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.  
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Carl P. Daw, Jr., is an Episcopal priest who began hymnwriting while serving on the text committee for The Hymnal 1982. He has held academic positions at the College of William and Mary and the University of Connecticut, where he was also vicar-chaplain.

Tune: NOEL C.M.D.  
 Traditional English melody  
 Arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874

# De colores (Sing of Colors)

*Mexican folk song*  
Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1995

A A7 D

1 De co - lo - res, de co - lo - res se vis - ten los  
1 Sing of col - ors, sing of col - ors that o - ver the  
2 Sing, re - joic - ing! Ev - ery crea - ture that breathes raise a

Em

cam - pos en la pri - ma - ve - ra. De co -  
hills in pro - fu - sion are spring - ing; Sing of  
song to the God of cre - a - tion. Sing, re -

A7 A9 Em7 A7(#11) A7

lo - res, de co - lo - res son los pa - ja - ri - tos que vie - nen de a -  
col - ors of the birds that fly out - side my win - dow their can - ti - cles  
joic - ing! Sing to God who so ear - nest - ly cares, who has of - fered sal -

D D A7 D

fue - ra. De co - lo - res, de co -  
sing - ing; Sing of col - ors, in the  
va - tion. Sing the good news! Sing the

*This Mexican folk song is known by many Mexican-American churchgoers, and has also been popular among the United Farm Workers.*

Tune: DE COLORES  
*Mexican folk song*  
Arr. Alfredo Morales, F.S.C.

