

Columbia United Church Of Christ

February 21, 2021
Black History Month



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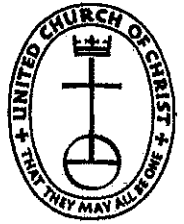
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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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10:30 Worship

"Rainbows"

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

*"...to you, O God, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust..."
-Psalm 25:1-2*

Gathering Music

Amy Crousoe

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"What Wonderous Love is This"

Amy Crousoe
John Carter

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Zabibu Kibaro

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 25)

Audrey Lasley

To You, O God, we lift up our souls.

O God, we put our trust in You.

We seek to know God's ways;

We seek to walk the paths God intends for us!

Lead us in Your truth, O God;

Teach us Your ways.

God is our Strength and our Salvation;

We seek God in our lives all week long!

We know that Your mercy is ours, O God;

Your Steadfast Love has been with us for generations.

The paths of God are steadfast and faithful

From generation to generation, God is our Salvation!

Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

"Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts" (vs. 1,2,4,5)

NCH #329

*Opening Prayer

Audrey Lasley

God of Salvation; your grace is seen in the Ark of Salvation that brought hope to humanity; and in the rainbow covenant that symbolizes your presence with us in all challenging times. Forgive us for the times we fail to see your rainbow in our midst. Forgive us for blaming you for the destruction we bring about. Forgive us for not truly understanding what your Salvation means. In this season of Lent, inspire us to walk more closely with Jesus; that, through Jesus we might more fully realize your grace in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing		Pastor Rick
<p>Noah was the vehicle for God's Salvation through the Parable of the great flood. God's Ark of Salvation brought hope to all humanity. That hope is still with us, as God's Rainbow Covenant promises us new life, even in the midst of death. Through Gods Salvation, we are forgiven! We have hope! We are God's beloved! Praise be to God!</p>		
*Prayer Response	"Jesus, Remember Me..."	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jesus, Remember me... When you come into your Kingdom. Jesus, Remember me... When you come into your Kingdom.</i></p>		
Sharing God's Gift of Peace		Pastor Rick
Children's Time		Pastor Rick
Response	"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"	
<p style="text-align: center;">I have decided to follow Jesus; (3x) No turning back, no turning back. The world behind me, the cross before me (3x) No turning back, no turning back.</p>		
Living our Mission	"Habitat for Humanity"	Audrey Lasley
Anthem		Lena Muench <i>Redford</i>
Black History Moment	Ibram X. Kendi	Tricia Price
Old Testament Lesson	Genesis 9:1-3, 7-17	Audrey Lasley
<p><i>In this Parable of Salvation, (The Ark Story) God finishes God's act of Salvation by making a covenant with God's people to provide for them and allow them to grow into their fullest potential. God's promise of presence is immediately ignored by Noah, who disinherits his grandson Canaan as a result of a misunderstanding between Noah and his son, Ham.</i></p>		
Gospel Lesson	Mark 1:40-45	Audrey Lasley
<p><i>Jesus' popularity grows, as he continues his healing tour of the backwater towns of Galilee. He heals a leper and tells the leper not to say anything to anyone about what happened; but the leper tells everyone what happened. Jesus became so popular among these people that he could not go anywhere freely without people making demands of him.</i></p>		
Hymn	"What Wondrous Love is This"	NCH #223
Sermon:	"Rainbow Connection"	Pastor Rick

Hymn: "O God, Our Hope in Ages Past" NCH #25

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 Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts Lucy Smith

"Long Ago, God Reached out in Love" Mark Wilson

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

*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 Audrey Lasley

God of Salvation; your Rainbow Covenant is our promise of hope.

Take these gifts and use them to bring hope to all who are hurting in

your world. Through these gifts, we love you back. 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 "Jesus, Lover of my Soul" Amy Crousore
Marilyn Brattsker

Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

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*Attrib. to Bernard of Clairvaux, c. 1150
Transl. Ray Palmer, 1858; alt.*

John 6:52-58; Heb. 13:8

1 Je - sus, the joy of lov - ing hearts, fount of our lives, and
 2 Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood; you plead with all to
 3 We taste of you, the liv - ing bread, and long to feast up -
 4 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our chang - ing
 5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our mo - ments

light of all: From ev - ery bliss that earth im - parts
 call on you; To those still seek - ing, you are good;
 on you still; We drink of you, the foun - tain - head;
 lot is cast; Glad, when your smile on us you turn,
 calm and bright! Oh, chase the cloud of sin a - way!

we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 to those who find you, life is new.
 our thirst - y souls from you we fill.
 blessed, when by faith we hold you fast.
 Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Bernard, founder of the monastery at Clairvaux, was respected by popes and royalty alike. From the forty-two-verse Latin poem, American Congregational minister Ray Palmer freely translated selected verses to create this version.

Tune: HESPERUS L.M.
 (QUEBEC)
 Henry W. Baker, 1854

What Wondrous Love Is This

John 19:17; Rev. 5:13

19th century, United States; alt.
First published in Mercer's Cluster, 1836

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

this! that Christ should come in bliss to bear the heav-y cross for my
Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul!
sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

This anonymous folk hymn, with its modal (dorian) tune, has appeared in many versions. William Walker, compiler of Southern Harmony, one of the most important nineteenth-century tune books in the United States, lived and died in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE 12.9.12.12.9.
(CHRISTOPHER)
Appendix to Wm. Walker's Southern Harmony, c. 1843
Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

ne - lam v'-gam ein sof I' - ach - du - to,
 the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!
 deep writ - ten on the hu - man heart, in ev - ery land.
 who was, and is, and ev - er shall be still the same!
 the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 90:1-2, 4-5

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 From ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream,
 soon bears us all away;
 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream
 fades at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in a - ges past,
 our hope for years to come,
 Still be our God while trou - bles last,
 and our e - ter - nal home!

Watts, minister of a Congregational church in London, wrote theological and philosophical works and hundreds of "hymns of human composure" (everyday language). He augmented the congregational singing of psalms with a new style of hymnody.

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.
 William Croft, 1708

PROFILES IN BLACK HISTORY— IBRAM X. KENDI

IBRAM X. KENDI is the Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities and the Founding Director of the Boston University Center for Antiracist Research. Kendi is a contributor writer at *The Atlantic* and a CBS News Racial Justice Contributor. In 2020, *Time* magazine named him one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Kendi is the author of *THE BLACK CAMPUS MOVEMENT*, which won the W.E.B. Du Bois Book Prize, and *STAMPED FROM THE BEGINNING: THE DEFINITIVE HISTORY OF RACIST IDEAS IN AMERICA*, which won the National Book Award for Nonfiction in 2016.

Kendi is also the author of three #1 *New York Times* bestsellers, *HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST*, an international bestseller that has been translated in several languages; *STAMPED: RACISM, ANTIRACISM, AND YOU*, co-authored with Jason Reynolds and a *Kirkus* Prize Finalist; and *ANTIRACIST BABY*, illustrated by Ashley Lukashevsky. *HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST* also made several Best Books of 2019 lists and was described in the *New York Times* as “the most courageous book to date on the problem of race in the Western mind.”

Kendi has published fourteen academic essays in books and academic journals, including *The Journal of African American History*, *Journal of Social History*, *Journal of Black Studies*, *Journal of African American Studies*, and *The Sixties: A Journal of History, Politics and Culture*. He co-edits the Black Power Series at NYU Press with historian Ashley Farmer.

Kendi strives to be a hardcore antiracist and softcore vegan. He enjoys joking it up with friends and family, partaking in African American culture, weight-lifting, reading provocative books, discussing the issues of the day with open-minded people, and hoping and pressing for the day the New York Knicks will win an NBA championship and for the day this nation and world will be ruled by the best of humanity.

In 2013, he changed his middle name from Henry to Xolani (meaning "Peace" in Zulu) and surname from Rogers to Kendi when he wed Dr. Sadiqa Kendi, a pediatric emergency physician from Albany, Georgia. They chose their new name together and unveiled “Kendi,” meaning “loved one” in Meru, to their family and friends at their wedding. Their wedding photos, including Sadiqa's beautiful *gold* dress, were featured in *Essence Magazine*.

Kendi was born in 1982. While Kendi was in high school, his family moved from Jamaica, Queens, to Manassas, Virginia. He attended Florida A&M University, where he majored in journalism. He earned his doctoral degree in African American Studies from Temple University in 2010. Kendi has taught at SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Albany, the University of Florida, and American University. In 2017, he became a full professor.

His newest book, *FOUR HUNDRED SOULS: A COMMUNITY HISTORY OF AFRICAN AMERICA, 1619-2019*, was released on February 2, 2021. Kendi lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

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Greeters: Carol Duermeyer
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson/James Melton
Hospitality: Helen Schultz
Council Steward: Pat Forward



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Connie Loveless
Acolyte: Abby Dennis
Ushers: Brent Marcks
Greeters: Helen Schultz
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson/James Melton
Hospitality: Stefanie Zimny
Council Stewards: Stefanie Zimny/

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BREAKFAST ALTERNATIVE

Men's Fellowship is sponsoring a virtual fund raiser for Habitat for Humanity. Please make checks out to "Men's Fellowship" and bring it by or mail it to the Church Office; or you can give through Kindrid on the church website. We are collecting through the end of February.

CUCC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The CUCC Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. If you will be in college this fall, pick up an application in the church office. All applications are due by April 1.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH PASTOR RICK

Today, Pastor Rick began a 6-week Sunday School Series on "Your Bible- The Study Begins." This introductory Bible course has much to offer everyone: The more people we have participate, the richer the discussion will be. Come join us Sunday mornings during Lent at 9:00 in the Sanctuary!

SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING LENT – FEBRUARY 21-MARCH 28, 2021

Preschool through High School Youth will celebrate each Sunday in Lent, 2021 with a special Lent program organized and created by Lena Muench and Gina Pierson during the Sunday School hour, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Pre-registration for children and youth will be required in order to provide supervision and a safe, healthy environment. Click here to register: **Lenten Sunday School**

WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK STUDY WITH PASTOR RICK

This Wednesday, Pastor Rick will begin a 6- week book study on the book "The Last Week" by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crosson. This book studies in depth the last week of Jesus' life, and walks with him to the cross. Make this Lent meaningful by participating in this book study! Order your book today online, or talk to Pastor Rick for copies.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	2/21	<i>SUNDAY IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESUMES</i> <i><u>Lenten Bible School Program</u></i> Worship (in person and livestream)	9:00am 10:30am
Mon	2/22	Staff Meeting Confirmation	10:15am 6:00pm
Tue	2/23	Membership & Care Ministry Team	6:30pm
Wed	2/24	Book Study- "The Last Week"	6:30pm
Thu	2/25	Lunch Bunch	12:00pm
Fri	2/26	Movie Night	6:00pm
Sun	2/28	<i>SEMINARY SUNDAY- EDEN GUEST HERE</i> <i><u>Lenten Bible School Program</u></i> Worship (in person and livestream)	9:00am 10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The family of Andy Giesert... on their loss (Jo Ellen Grace's brother)
Donna Wilmsmeyer... recovering at home from pneumonia
Lloyd Viehland... recovering at home from cardiac event and procedure
Edie Diehl... recovering well from knee surgery
Ardith Wilson... on hospice (Mark Wilson's mother)
Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothwieler's Aunt)
Nell Redhage... recovering from back surgery (Jo Ellen Grace's sister)
Amy Crousore... recovering from oral surgery, anticipating more

All who are suffering from COVID-19 virus and other viruses

All who are on the front lines, serving those with COVID-19

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Zimny, Lasley, Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Mariann Bullerd, Jan Barry... recovering at home from health issues
Paul Plaspohl (Ann Stone Meyer's friend);
Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);
Riley Gregg (Alisa Lau-Sieckmann's neighbor); Christine Mseke,
Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)
Dennis Froeschner... anticipating knee replacement surgery
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)
Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Abigail Fate... serving in Mexico

Pregnancies in our church family:

Ed Rollins & Jess Wolfe

2020 Confirmation Class (Confirmation on delay until...?):

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly

2021 Confirmation Class:

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,
Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons