

Columbia United Church Of Christ

February 2, 2020
Frozen Sunday



CUCC

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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

"Frozen Sunday"

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

*"...O God, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right;
and speak the truth from their heart..."*
-Psalm 15:1-2

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Prelude in B-Flat Major"

Amy Crousore
JS Bach

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Polly Fuller

*Call to Worship

Hazel Keithahn

God, the diversity of your Creation is all around us;
The universe speaks of your glory.

**Blessed are the poor in spirit; for they will realize your Way;
Blessed are those who mourn; for they will be comforted.**

You gift us with many talents; you create us unique.
You call us to utilize our gifts for the good of all.

**Blessed are the meek; for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.**

You bestow upon us the gift of your unconditional love;
You challenge us to give that love away, not hoard it to ourselves.

**Blessed are the merciful; the pure in heart; the peacemakers.
Blessed are those who are persecuted and reviled for standing up
for God's justice and righteousness.**

We gather together to worship God, the giver of all gifts.
We gather together to worship God, who gives us all our blessings.

Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

"We Worship You, God"

#26

*Opening Prayer

Lilly Jaberg

**God of love; we gather together boldly proclaiming our passion for
your mission and ministry, courageously celebrating the unique gifts
each of us has to offer; yet we realize that often the pressures of our
culture cause us to hide our talents and diminish the gifts you have
given us. Forgive us for the times we allow fear to cause us to**

retreat, to hide our inner potential. Remind us that your love can thaw our frozen hearts and allow us to unlock the potential to change the world. Help us to let go of the fears that control us; that they may not get to us at all; and guide us, so that we may embody the sacrificial love that you first embodied in our world. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God calls us to let go of the sinful things; the fears that bind us, the untruths that rewrite our narrative and the walls that separate us. God loves us through our transformation to wholeness and forgives us. We are all children of God, blessed and beloved; thanks be to God!

*Prayer Response "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus;
Look full in his wonderful face;
And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace!**

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

*At this time, you are invited to greet one another
with a hug or a handshake and the words,
"May God's Peace be with you!"*

Children's Time "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

(Sung as children return to their seats)

**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.**

Anthem

Youth & Young Adult Choir and Interpretive Dancers

"Love is an Open Door" *Anderson-Lopez*

Affirmation of Ministry

Recognizing and installing the elected leaders of this church

Introduction & Presentation of The 2020 Church Leadership Team

Affirmation of Servanthood

*Covenant

Members of this household of faith; you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let affirm our intention to live in covenant together:

We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, to honor your leadership, and to assist you; that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

*Prayer

Installation & Declaration

Recognition of Retiring Officers/Leaders

Living our Mission “Chiapas– Dignity” Pastor Rick

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 6:1-4,6-8 Lilly Jaberg
The prophet Micah reflects on God’s provision through the challenges of life and God’s presence in all things; as well as how to appropriately respond to God’s goodness and presence. Page #757

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12 Hazel Keithahn
Jesus, in his Inaugural Address, shares the series of dynamic sequences that we have come to call, “The Beatitudes.” Page #785

Sermon “Sacrificial Love” Pastor Rick

Invitation to Communion

We will be celebrating altar communion this morning; and no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are invited forward to celebrate this joyful meal.

Pastoral Prayer; Silent Prayer

Invocation

Blessing the Children “I Come With Joy” #349
In the Sacrament of Communion, we most clearly see Jesus in our midst. Our desire to share this presence prompts us to celebrate with our children, granting them a special blessing. During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a special blessing from Pastor Rick.

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

Please come forward via the center aisle to receive and share communion, remembering the ministry of Jesus Christ and the blessings he brings us. Pause at the communion steward with the bread and, as you partake of the bread, reflect on the wisdom of Jesus’ ministry with us. Then move to the steward with the cup and share the promise of New Life and Resurrection. The center ring of cups contain grape juice, and the vessels on the paten contain gluten free bread.

Communion Music Amy Crousore
“Largo” GF Handel

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Hazel Keithahn
We thank you, Most Holy God, for refreshment at your table where we receive all Christ’s gifts. As we come to your table, we are reminded that all are welcome and equal in your eyes; and as we depart from your table we are reminded that we are called to share

this understanding of justice with our siblings all over the world. We are reminded that Love is an open door; and that your love is open to us all, no matter who we are or what challenges life has thrown our way. Remembering your call to unity, we gather together as one family of faith, singing the prayer you taught us:

The LORD's Prayer *(sung by the congregation, led by Kristin Veteto)*
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.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts Amy Crousore
"It is Well With My Soul" John Carter

*To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041 and follow the prompts
You can also give online by visiting our website: www.columbiauicc.com*

*Response "For the Fruit of All Creation" #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 Lilly Jaberg
Creator God; we know that Love is putting someone else's needs ahead of ours; with this in mind, we give our gifts to you. Take our gifts and use them to spread the Good News of your selfless love to all whose hearts are frozen. 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 Amy Crousore
"O For a World" John Carter

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Carol Duermeyer & Helen Schultz
Ushers: Ember Piersee, Andie Rapp & Ryan Schoeneberg
Worship Leader: Hazel Keithahn & Lilly Jaberg
Acolyte: Polly Fuller
Sound Booth: John Graves
Hospitality: ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***
Council Steward:

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Sue Beckman & Cliff Beckman
Ushers: Don Helmreich & Doug Privitt
Worship Leader: Inclusion Team
Acolyte: Riley Hayward
Sound Booth: Dennis Froeschner
Hospitality: ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***
Council Steward:



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WELCOME GUESTS! If you are a guest visiting with us this morning, please fill out a green card found in your chair pocket; and leave it in the offering plate when it is passed. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Rick! We would love to get to know you better!

NAMETAGS We strive to be a friendly and welcoming church! Members and frequent guests, please wear your nametag each Sunday so we can greet each other most effectively and become an even friendlier church!

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS If you are a graduating Senior or are attending college currently, applications are available in the church office for scholarships from the NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND! Applications are due in the church office by April 1.

2019 GIVING STATEMENTS 2019 Giving Statements are in the coat room, along with 2020 offering envelopes. Check back there for yours before leaving church today!

PHOTO SITTINGS FOR DIRECTORY UPDATE The Membership & Care Ministry Team is signing people up for our Pictorial Directory update after worship today! If you did not have your picture in the old directory, now is your chance to have it in the new one! Check in at the table in the narthex. Photo sittings will be February 21 & 22.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual Habitat for Humanity Pancake Breakfast will be February 22 from 7:00-11:00am. To purchase tickets see Doug Privitt, Brent Marcks, John Graves, or another member of the Men's Fellowship.

TRANSGENDER AND CHRISTIAN

CUCC, along with other churches in Columbia, is sponsoring an event at First Baptist Church, "Transgender and Christian" featuring transgender theologian Austen Hartke. Austen will be speaking on February 21 and 22 on the intersectionality of these topics and discussing how transgender people fit into the Christian narrative. All are welcome!

YOGA SUNDAY TODAY

TODAY is Yoga Sunday with Stefanie! Stick around after worship for Yoga! If you can breathe, you can do Yoga! It is a great, healthy discipline!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	2/2	<i>Frozen Sunday/Communion/Yoga Sunday with Stefanie</i>	
		Fellowship Time/Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am
Mon	2/3	Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team	6:00pm
Tue	2/4	Quilters	9:00am-2:00pm
		Staff Meeting	10:00am
		Building & Grounds Ministry Team	6:30pm
Wed	2/5	Bells/Choir	6:30pm/7:30pm
		NO Confirmation	
Sun	2/9	<i>Inclusion Sunday/Black History Month</i>	
		Fellowship Time/Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am

Pastor Rick is on Vacation 2/5-2/11. If you have any pastoral concerns during that time, contact James Melton, Kristy Odneal or April in the church office.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The Family of the Rev. Dr. Libby Brueseke ... on their loss (Oberle's friend)

The Family of Donald Long ... on their loss (Vena's husband)

The Family of John Hackworth... on their loss (Jim Loveless' friend)

Gladys Koepke... health issues after a fall (Gene's mother)

Rev. Dr. David Beebe... living with cancer (Oberle's friend)

Rev. Dixie Laube... living with cancer (Bullerd's friend)

Jo Ellen Grace's brother... living with cancer

Mary Loveless ... transitioning to living in skilled care residence (Jim's mother)

Loss of a beloved family member (1/26)

Prayers for the successful outcome of an upcoming surgery (1/26)

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Remeika/Johnson family

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family;

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Kathy Kindrick; Christie O'Very;

Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Sharon Elliott; Rev. Jim Elliott; Shirley Lawler;

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Sue Beckman; Wayne Gartner (Laura's brother)

Pat Enos (Alisa's brother-in-law)

Pregnancies in our church family:

Makayla Smith and Joey Oberle

Coleen & Tim Williams (Bullerd's daughter)

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, Chuck Sheller (Oberles' friends);

Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Abigail Fate, serving at Melel Xojobal, in Chiapas

2020 Confirmation Class:

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly