

Columbia United Church Of Christ

August 15, 2021
Worship with Wisdom



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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9:30 Worship

"Wisdom"

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

"...Praise the LORD!

*I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
In the company of fthe upright, in the congregation..."*

-Psalm 111:1

Gathering Music

Welcome and Greetings

Kristy Odneal

Prelude

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Kennedy Lucas

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 111)*

Mahree Skala

Praise God! Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart.
Let the congregation come together shouting praises to God.

**God's works are holy and just; full of honor and majesty.
God's righteousness endures forever.**

God's wonderful deeds are praised by all;
Exemplifying God's gracious and merciful nature.

**God's provision brings us satisfaction;
God always remembers the covenant shared with us.**

Knowledge of God's love is the beginning of Wisdom;
Let us practice living into God's glorious Wisdom.

**God's praise endures forever!
God's covenant is with us always!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory"

#436

*Opening Prayer

Mahree Skala

God of Grace and God of Glory; you pour out your Spirit into our lives, and instill in us the Wisdom of the ages. Often we turn aside from this Wisdom, reveling in the ways of the world instead of the ways of your Kingdom. Teach us to take your Wisdom into our hearts and into our minds, that all of our expressions may be towards

**your Kingdom goals, to serve one another and to glorify your name.
In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

*Assurance of Blessing Rev. Jackie Asher
God's Wisdom is shared with us through the stories of our traditions;
and through the actions of our lives. But even when we fall short of
God's Wisdom, God forgives us. Through our repentance and God's
grace, we are forgiven! We are blessed and beloved; praise be to God!

*Prayer Response "Spirit of the Living God" #283

*Spirit of the Living God; fall afresh on me!
Spirit of the Living God; fall afresh on me!
Melt me, Mold me, fill me, use me;
Spirit of the Living God; fall afresh on me!*

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace Rev. Jackie Asher

*Jackie will offer the words, "May God's Peace be with You"
You are invited to respond with the words, "And also with you."*

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time Rev. Jackie Asher

Response "This Little Light of Mine" #524

*This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

Mission Moment Festival of Sharing Lena Muench

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson 1 Kings 2;10-12, 3:3-14 Mahree Skala
*This narrative tells of King David's death, and the ascension of his son,
Solomon, to the throne. Solomon worships God with great devotion,
and recognizes his role as a servant. God is pleased with Solomon's
Wisdom and increases that Wisdom; that he may rule graciously as a
humble servant King.* (pg. 265)

Gospel Lesson John 6:51-58 Mahree Skala
*Jesus talks about being the bread of life. He speaks very specifically
here, and a literal interpretation would be dangerous. But we know he
is speaking metaphorically, about taking his Wisdom into our lives not
his actual body.* (pg. 868)

*Hymn "Be Now My Vision" #451
Sermon: Rev. Jackie Asher
*Hymn "God the Omnipotent" #577
Community Prayer Rev. Jackie Asher
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 Kristy Odneal

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*



*Response "We Praise You, O God" #420

*We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring!
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you
We praise your Holy Name, glad praises we sing!*

*Prayer of Dedication Mahree Skala

**God of all Wisdom; you inspire us to put your Wisdom ahead of the
distractions of the world. We do this by offering our gifts; blessings
from our bounty, shared with you and with all our neighbors. Take
them and use them to share your Wisdom with all the world. Amen.**

*Benediction Rev. Jackie Asher

*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!

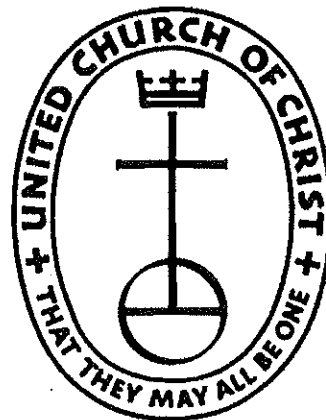
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!

Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!

*Postlude

*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*



*We are on our Summer Schedule!
Worship is at 9:30am Fellowship time at 9:00am
(No Sunday School)
Regular schedule resumes Rally Day, September 12*

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Mahree Skala
Acolyte: Kennedy Lucas
Ushers: Fred & Carolyn Malicoat
Greeters: Jessica Lucas
Technology Booth: Brent Marcks & James Melton
Hospitality: Lena Muench
Council Steward: Linda Neale/



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Connie Loveless
Acolyte: Sadie Tummons
Ushers: Doug Privitt
Greeters: Judi Privitt
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson & Josh Muench
Hospitality: Brent Marcks
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TIME, TALENT AND BRUNCH 8/22

The Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team will be hosting a "Time Talent and Brunch" event next Sunday here at CUCC! During the service, each Ministry Team will be talking about what exciting things their team is doing this year; and then, after worship we will have a continental brunch together with donuts, Danishes, bagels, juice and coffee (and other treats)! Come to church next Sunday and stay for brunch! Time and Talent sheets will be distributed, too.

LUNCH BUNCH WITH FESTIVAL OF SHARING 8/26

On August 26, Sidney Everhart, the Coordinator of the Festival of Sharing, will be joining us for Lunch Bunch at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us and hear Sidney discuss what Festival of Sharing has to offer in the community; for those in need, and those wishing to serve! Bring a dish to share at noon, or bring a sack lunch.

PRIDEFEST COMING UP 8/28

The Columbia Pridefest will be August 28; and CUCC will have a booth there! The Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry Team is signing people up for 1 or 2-hour shifts to staff the booth and provide a welcoming expression to the LGBTQIA Community. If you would like to sign up, Talk to Tricia Price or use the link that was in the Friday email.

CROP WALK 9/19- FUNDRAISING HAS BEGUN!

The Columbia CROP Walk will be September 19 this year, starting at 1:00pm at the Columbia Ag Park. You can join our virtual team by clicking on the link that was in the Friday email, or by emailing Pastor Rick. Our CUCC Goal this year is \$3000. Last year, we were the top fundraiser in Columbia; but we will have competition this year! Let's make this year's CROP Walk a huge success!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	8/15	Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am
Mon	8/16	Loaves & Fishes	4:30pm
		Youth Leaders Meeting	6:30pm
Tue	8/17	Quilters	10:00am
		Membership & Care Ministry Team	6:30pm
Thu	8/19	Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry Team	6:30pm
Sun	8/22	FALL BACK INTO CHURCH	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am
		Time, Talent and Brunch	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The family and friends of Christian Simms... on their loss
Llona Weiss... health issues

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

Beth Schoeneberg... health issues (Jason's mother)

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

Esther Rollins... health issues (Ed's mother)

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

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Zimny, Lasley, Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,

Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

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

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew);

Christine Mseke; Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell;

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:

Abigail Fate... serving in Mexico

2021 Confirmation Class:


Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,

Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons


*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.*

God of Grace and God of Glory

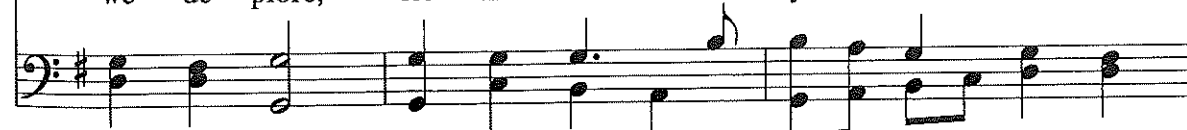

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.


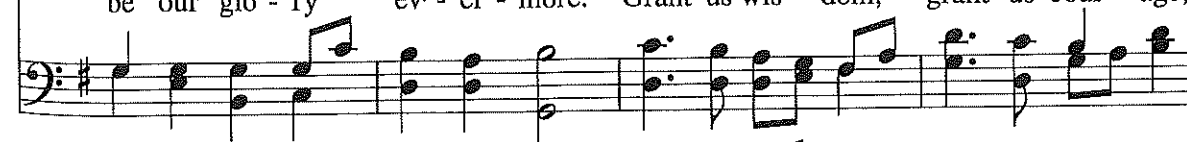

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils


pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.



Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
John Hughes, c. 1907

Be Now My Vision

*Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.*

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.
*Traditional Irish melody
Harm. David Evans, 1927*

God the Omnipotent!

St. 1-2, Henry F. Chorley, 1842; alt.
 St. 3-4, John Ellerton, 1870; alt.

1 God the Om - ni - po - tent! bold - ly or - dain - ing
 2 God the All - mer - ci - ful! earth has for - sak - en
 3 God the All - righ - teous One! earth has de - fied you,
 4 God the All - prov - i - dent! by your great chas - tening

thun - der and light - ning your strength to dis - play,
 all you make ho - ly, and slight - ed your way;
 yet to e - ter - ni - ty stands what you say;
 earth shall see free - dom and truth hold - ing sway;

Bring forth com - pas - sion where vi - o - lence is reign - ing;
 Bid not your wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:
 False - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side you:
 Through the thick cha - os your reign is still has - tening:

give to us peace in our time, we pray.
 give to us peace in our time, we pray.
 give to us peace in our time, we pray.
 you will give peace in your time, we pray.

Two English hymns, one by Henry F. Chorley, a friend of Charles Dickens, and another by Church of England priest John Ellerton, are combined in this text. The tune was originally written for the Russian national anthem.

Tune: RUSSIAN HYMN 11.10.11.9
 Alexis F. Lvov, 1833