

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

August 18, 2019  
Peace Works



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**Columbia United Church of Christ**

## **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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August 18, 2019

9:30 Worship\*\*

"Peace Works"

\*\*Summer Schedule: 10:30 Worship resumes 9/8

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

*"...do you think that I have come to bring Peace to the Earth?*

*No, I tell you, but rather division!"*

*-Luke 12:51*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

Dennis Froeshner  
*Traditional*

"Down by the Riverside"

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Riley Hayward

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 80)

Ryan Schoeneberg

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

Stir up your might and come to save us!

**Restore us, O God;**

**Let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

You brought a vine out of Egypt;

You drove out the nations and planted it.

**Turn again, O God of hosts; look and see your people;**

**Have regard for this vine that your hand planted.**

We will never turn back from you;

Give us life, and we will call upon your name!

**Restore us, O God;**

**Let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn "For the Healing of the Nations"

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\*Opening Prayer

Ember Piersee

**God of Peace, you challenge us as your servant leaders in the world to fight for peace, to struggle for justice. We sometimes complain that peace should come easy and expect the words of Jesus and our faith exploration to be comforting and secure. But the reality of your Kingdom is often that of challenge, not comfort. Your presence in our lives is a crucible, not a place to relax. Forgive us when we forget this simple fact. Teach us to be agents of challenge, prophets in your world. Mold us into your people and shape us to do your work; in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

The Prince of Peace challenges us to stand against the conformity of the world and work for the things that do not provide instant gratification but instead serve God's Kingdom goals. But even when we let nationalism and pride, narcissism and greed corrupt our priorities, God forgives us and gives us new opportunities to serve.

Praise be to God, from whom all Blessings flow!

\*Prayer Response

“Spirit of the Living God”

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**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

*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

Pastor Rick

“This Little Light of Mine”

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*(Sung as children return to their seats)*

Mission Moment

“CROP Walk”

Jessica Jenks

Anthem

Hayley Dennis & Lena Muench

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Flute Duet*

Epistle Lesson:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Ryan Schoeneberg

*The author of this section of Isaiah is writing about the nation of Israel using a vineyard as a metaphor. He writes about God's disappointment in the choices they have made to separate themselves from God's will in their lives. God planted a vineyard (Israel) and instead of being tended properly and producing good grapes, it has grown wild and is now producing garbage grapes.*

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Gospel Lesson:

Luke 12:49-53

Ember Piersee

*Jesus, whom we like to call the “Prince of Peace” turns that idea on its head as he speaks not of peace but of division. He rejects the implication that he is called to bring peace, and instead paints a picture of the elements of culture divided against one another.*

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Sermon

“You Are Here”

Pastor Rick

\*Meditation Hymn

“Lead On, Eternal Sovereign”

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*Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn*

Blessing the New School Year

*Everyone involved in Academic Instruction  
is invited to come forward to receive a blessing  
on their involvement in the new school year.  
Administrators, Faculty and Staff of all districts  
will be asked to come forward first;  
then students will be invited to come forward.*

Exhortation; Blessings; Prayer; Sending Forth

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

"Sonatina-Spiritoso"

Amy Crousore  
Muzio Clemente

*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)*

\*Response "Thanks Be to God"

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**For the Fruits 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

Ember Piersee

**Thank you, God, for the blessings we have received; we now return a portion to you. We pray that they may be used to work for justice, righteousness and Shalom in your world; and that your Kingdom of peace may become a reality from the works of our hands and the offerings we bring. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn "Here I Am, Lord"

(insert)

\*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

"Here I Am, Lord"

Amy Crousore  
John Carter

*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*



*Summer Worship Schedule:  
Worship starts at 9:30 June 9– September 1  
10:30 Worship resumes September 8*

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** John & Brenda Muench  
**Ushers:** Llona Weiss & Melba Shaffer  
**Sound Booth:** Peter Jaberg  
**Worship Leader:** Ember Piersee & Ryan Schoeneberg  
**Hospitality:** ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***  
**Acolyte:** Riley Hayward



## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** Helen Schultz & Paula Wilson  
**Ushers:** Don Helmreich & Pat Forward  
**Sound Booth:** Doug Privitt  
**Worship Leader:** Andie Rapp & Sophie Schupp  
**Hospitality:** ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***  
**Acolyte:** Katelin Odneal

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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 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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### **FLOOD RELIEF COLLECTION FOR EBENEZER, LEVASY**

In early June, Ebenezer UCC in Levasy, MO was damaged by floodwaters. Over a foot of water settled in the Sanctuary and Parsonage. The waters have receded, but the clean-up work continues. They did not have flood insurance. To address their needs, Columbia UCC took up a special collection last month, with all contributions being donated directly to Ebenezer UCC. You can still donate online using the QR code to the left or by visiting [www.columbiaucc.com](http://www.columbiaucc.com) and clicking on the "Donate to CUCC" tab.

### **CUCC BOOTH AT PRIDEFEST**

Columbia United Church of Christ will be hosting a booth at the Columbia Pridefest on August 24, bringing our message of inclusion and affirmation to the LGBTQ+ community. If you would like to help out, contact Inclusion Team chair Alisa Lau-Sieckman at [alisa65010@msn.com](mailto:alisa65010@msn.com).

### **CUCC LUNCH BUNCH RESUMES THIS THURSDAY**

CUCC Lunch Bunch resumes 8/22 with Rev. Sally Robinson speaking to us about the activities of the Columbia Older Adult Ministry. This vital ministry provides resources and chaplaincy services at several area care facilities. CUCC has been a vital part of this ministry since 2002. Bring a dish to share at noon, and Sally will begin sharing her testimony at 12:30. All ages are welcome to come!

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	8/18	Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship	9:30am
		Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team mtg.	11:00am
Mon	8/19	Loaves & Fishes	4:30pm
Tue	8/20	Quilters	9:00am
		Church Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wed	8/21	Youth Group Parents and Youth Meeting	6:00pm
Thu	8/22	CUCC Lunch Bunch with Rev. Sally Robinson	12:00pm
		LODO Back to School Night	5:00-7:00pm
		By-Laws Team Meeting	6:30pm
Sat	8/24	Pridefest (Come visit CUCC booth!)	12:00-6:00pm
Sun	8/25	<i>New Members Sunday</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship	9:30am
		Safe Church Training	11:00am

# **Columbia UCC Prayer List**

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

Ebenezer UCC, Levasy ... flood damages

Fred Holstein... health issues (Kim Oberle's uncle)

Maria, on the death of her godson (Aimee Anderson's friend)

The Duermeyer/Schultz families on the loss of their Aunt, Ruth Niehaus

Our church... as we discern next steps as an ONA congregation

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Remeika/Johnson family

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family;

## *Health Issues:*

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

Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Jody Sawyers (Megan Hall's mother);

Sharon Elliott, Rev. Jim Elliott, Barb & Becky (Anne Heine's sisters);

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Harold Hackman; Thomas Zumwalt

## *Pregnancies in our church family:*

Erin (Grace) & Levi Markway;

Nancy Liang & Corey Grace

Ashley (Skala) & Stephen Scott

## *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);

Thomas Zumwalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)

## *UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:*

Jefferey Mensendiek, serving in Japan

## *2019 Confirmation Class:*

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee; Andie Rapp;

Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp