

Columbia United Church Of Christ

October 31, 2021
Reformation 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

"Halloween"

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

*"...Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long..." -Psalm 146:1-3*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Toccata in D Minor"

Amy Crousore
JS Bach

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Trevor Pierson

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 146)*

Do not put your trust in princes or elected leaders;
In mortals, in whom there is no help

**Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise God as long as I live!**

Happy are those who find their help in God;
Happy are those whose hope is in the LORD, their God.

**Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise God as long as I live!**

God sets the prisoners free; God opens the eyes of the blind.
God lifts up all who are hurting; and upholds those who are oppressed.

**Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise God as long as I live!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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*Opening Prayer

God of spooky surprises and frightening challenges, we hear stories of Ezekiel preaching to dry bones and Jesus driving out demons in a cemetery and are treated by the tricks played out in these passages. But we know that the deeper wisdom challenges us in sometimes frightening ways. You call us to be bold and prophetic, even in scary circumstances and often we shudder at the thought. Forgive us for the times we turn away from your call. Inspire us, as you inspired Ezekiel in today's reading, to continue your prophetic work, knowing that your spirit is within us. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

With God, all things are possible; from raising dry bones to life to forgiving all the sins that haunt us. Today we celebrate God's redeeming and restoring work in our lives. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are all raised to new life. 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!*

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

God speaks to the prophet Ezekiel and tells him to prophecy to a valley of dry bones. He does so and the bones are knit with new muscles and tendons. God's Spirit is breathed into them and they come to life. God does this as a symbol of Restoration, symbolically showing Ezekiel and the people of Israel that they will be restored. (pg. 704)

Gospel Lesson

Mark 5:1-20

In this great Halloween story, Jesus comes to a place of tombs (what we would call a cemetery) and finds a man possessed by a legion of demons. The demonic possession has the man howling and hiding in this desolate place. Jesus exorcises the demons, sending them into a herd of swine. The man is restored, and goes about proclaiming God's glory as seen in Jesus. (pg. 816)

Anthem

"A Mighty Fortress is our God"

Celebration Singers
Kyle Pederson

Sermon

"Reformation and Restoration"

Pastor Rick

*Hymn

"We Worship You, God"

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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!**

Mission Moment

"Food Bank"

Mahree Skala

Stewardship Moment

"2022 Budget"

Sue Ann Schaefer

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*

Offertory

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Amy Crousore
Luther/Carter

*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

God of love, we hear of the Reformation figures who dedicated their very lives to you and are humbled by their devotion. Like those devoted servants, we also offer our lives to you. As we do, we give these gifts; blessings that are a portion of the blessings we already have received. Take them and use them to your will; that all the world may be as blessed as we are. 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

“Fugue in D Minor”

Amy Crousore
JS Bach

MARTIN LUTHER AND THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

Martin Luther, a German theologian and religious reformer, was the catalyst of the 16th-century Protestant Reformation. Through his words and actions, Luther brought into focus a movement that reformulated certain basic tenets of Christian belief and resulted in the division of Western Christendom between Roman Catholicism and the new Protestant traditions, mainly Lutheranism, Calvinism, the Anglican Communion, and the Anabaptists. He is one of the most influential figures in the history of Christianity.

In the fall of 1517 a demonstrative event quickly made Luther's name a household word in Germany. Irritated by Johann Tetzel, a Dominican friar who was reported to have preached to the faithful that the purchase of a letter of indulgence entailed the forgiveness of sins, Luther drafted a set of propositions for the purpose of conducting an academic debate on indulgences at the university in Wittenberg. He dispatched a copy of the *Ninety-five Theses* to Tetzel's superior, along with a request that he put a stop to Tetzel's extravagant preaching. He also sent copies to a number of friends. It began to be circulated in Germany, together with some explanatory publications by Luther.

Luther clearly intended the *Ninety-five Theses* to be subservient to the church and the Pope, and their overall tone is accordingly searching rather than doctrinaire. Nevertheless, there is a detectable undercurrent of “reforming” sentiment in the work—expressed in several theses beginning with the phrase “Christians are to be taught that...”—as well as some openly provocative statements.

By the end of 1518, Luther had reached a new understanding of salvation, or reconciliation with God. Over the centuries, the church had conceived the means of salvation in a variety of ways, but common to all of them was the idea that salvation is jointly effected by humans and by God—by humans through marshalling their will to do good works and thereby to please God and by God through God's offer of forgiving grace. Luther broke dramatically with this tradition by asserting that humans can contribute nothing to their salvation: salvation is, fully and completely, a work of divine grace.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

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Ushers: Llona Weiss
Greeters: Tiffany Brookshire & Jessica Lucas
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson & Doug Privitt
Hospitality: Mark Duncan
Council Steward: Mark Duncan & Jessica Lucas



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Connie Loveless
Acolyte: Danielle Dreier
Ushers: Fred & Carolyn Malicoat
Greeters:
Technology Booth: Lorry Dreier & Brent Marcks
Hospitality: Melba Shaffer
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NURSERY CARE... is available for children in kindergarten and younger in room #201 in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

YOUTH TO MOBILITY WORLDWIDE

The CUCC Youth will be taking a trip next Sunday to Mobility Worldwide to see firsthand the work they do and participate in a work project. We will go out to lunch before headed to Mobility Worldwide. If your youth is interested in going, please talk to Lena Muench today! RSVPs are necessary to arrange transportation and for COVID considerations.

CHAPEL RINGERS AND CELEBRATION SINGERS

Have you ever thought about joining one of our choirs? Now is a great time! Brandon Brown is coordinating some great musical opportunities for this year. We are also preparing for an Advent Cantata, which will be presented in worship on December 12. Now is the time to jump in and praise God in song!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	10/31	Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
Mon	11/1	Staff Meeting	10:15am
		Confirmation- 2021 Class	6:00pm
Tue	11/2	Quilters	10:00am
		Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team	6:30pm
Wed	11/3	Confirmation- 2022 Class	6:00pm
		Chapel Ringers (Bell Choir) Practice	6:30pm
		Celebration Singers (Choir) Practice	7:30pm
Fri	11/5	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sat	11/6	MMS Conference Meeting	9:00am
Sun	11/7	<i>ALL SAINTS DAY</i>	
		<i>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- BUDGET</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Congregational Meeting	11:30am
		Youth to Mobility Worldwide	12:00pm

All Saints Day- November 7

We will be honoring those who have died since All Saints Day last year. If you have someone you would like to add to the list, contact Pastor Rick or April in the Church Office.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Laura Lentz... health issues, hospitalized
Travis Brookshire... recovering from gall bladder surgery
Jim Gordon... health issues (Edie Diehl's friend)
Charlie Marcks... recovering from shoulder surgery
Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothwieler'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,
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie 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:

Fritz Gerald Joseph... serving in Morocco

2021 Confirmation Class:

Abby Dennis, Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas

2022 Confirmation Class:

Danielle Dreier, Aidan Pierson, Trevor Pierson

*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*

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Martin Luther, c. 1529

Ps. 46

Transl. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing,
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,
 3 And though this world with dev - ils filled should threat - en to un - do us,
 4 That word be - yond all earth - ly powers for - ev - er is a - bid - ing;



Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choos - ing.
 We will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri - umph through us.
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us sid - ing.



For still our an - cient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and pow - er
 You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus sets us free! With might - y power to
 The powers of e - vil grim, we trem - ble not for them; their rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may



great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth with - out an e - qual.
 save, vic - to - rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre - vail tri - um - phant.
 dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell them.
 kill; God's truth shall tri - umph still; God's reign en - dures for - ev - er.



There is some opinion that this psalm paraphrase was written in 1527 when Martin Luther's friend was burned at the stake, or in 1529 when Lutheran German princes protested the taking away of their liberties. It has been translated into more than 100 languages.

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.
 Martin Luther, c. 1529
 Harm. The New Hymnal for American Youth, 1930; alt.
 For another version, see 440

We Worship You, God

Ps. 104:2-6, 10-13

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

1 We wor - ship you, God; your power and your love
 2 We tell of your might, we sing of your grace,
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

are bla - zoned a - broad, a - round, and a - bove:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old,
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 Your char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change-less de - cree,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 Your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and broad is your path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it you cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Born in Bengal, India, Robert Grant became a lawyer in England, a member of Parliament, and for the last four years of his life was governor of Bombay. This text was inspired by William Kethe's paraphrase of Psalm 104.

Tune: LYONS 10.10.11.11.
 Attrib. to J. Michael Haydn (1737-1806)
 Alternate tune: HANOVER