

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

January 14, 2024  
"Dedicated to God"



# CUCC

**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.

**Columbia  
United Church  
Of Christ**



**January 14, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

**"MLK Sunday"**

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

*"May God bless God's people with peace..."*

*-Psalm 29:11*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Prelude"

Steve Jannetti  
*Charles Gounod*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

\*Call to Worship

*(Based on Psalm 29)*

Lloyd Mickelson

Praise God's glory and strength;  
Worship God in Holy splendor!

**God's voice is over the waters;  
God's glory thunders from the deep.**

God's voice is powerful, full of majesty.  
God's voice shakes the wilderness and strips the forests bare.

**God is enthroned over the waters;  
God gives strength and blessing to God's people.**

Listen for the voice of God;  
Calling out, blessing us, and calling us by name.

**Our mouths will sing of God's praise for generations,  
And we will bless God's Holy Name forever and ever.  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Gathering Hymn

"Down By the Jordan"

*(insert)*

*From "Songs of Grace" by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2000  
To the tune "Sing Praise to God" found on page #22*

\*Opening Prayer

Lloyd Mickelson

**God of Loving Presence, throughout history, people of faith have dedicated themselves to your will. We give thanks for their dedication. Forgive us for the times we fall short of the example they set before us. Teach us to learn from their example and live lives dedicated to you. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Jesus dedicated himself to God most visibly through the waters of baptism. We not only dedicate ourselves to God through our baptisms, but also through our actions. But even when we fail to live into this dedication, God welcomes us and forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved, and blessed. 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:

“This Little Light of Mine”

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*(Sung as children return to their seats)*

***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!***

Community Psalter

Psalm 29

Pastor Rick

*(insert)*

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:4-11

Lloyd Mickelson

*This is the story of Jesus' baptism from the Gospel attribute to Mark. As Jesus was baptized, God spoke from Heaven, proclaiming Their joy. This story is often bookended with the story of the Transfiguration, which we will hear in a few weeks when God also speaks from Heaven.*

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Anthem

“I Sing Because I'm Happy”

Celebration Singers

*Rollo Dilworth*

Sermon

“Dedicated to God”

Pastor Rick

\*Hymn

“Creator of the Water”

*(insert)*

*From “Gifts of Love” by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1999  
To the tune “The Day of Resurrection” found on page #245*

## \*The Sacrament of Baptism (Remembering your baptism)

*Whether you have been baptized or not, you have been named and claimed by God. God blesses and redeems you just as you are.*

*Today, we celebrate the baptisms of everyone in the congregation: members and guests alike. Pastor Rick will be inviting everyone who wishes to come forward via the center aisle to recall being named and claimed by God and to remember their baptism.*

*Pastor Rick will give more instructions about how to proceed forward and participate in this ritual.*

*If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to participate, as well. Come forward and when you are told to “remember your baptism,” know that you are being reminded that God loves you and claims you, even if you have not participated in the Sacrament of Baptism.*

*If you have not been baptized yet and wish to be baptized today, you are invited to come up on the chancel with Pastor Rick and be baptized. If you would like to schedule a baptism in the future, talk to Pastor Rick after worship.*

*After everyone who wishes comes forward to participate, we will all rise and join together in our hymn, celebrating the ways God names us, claims us, and carries us through all the challenges of life.*

Meditation Hymn      “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”      #351

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

The LORD’s Prayer

*In an effort to encourage inclusion, we suggest using the address “Creator God” in our unison recitation of The Lord’s Prayer. You are certainly welcome to say “Our Father” instead of “Creator,” “Trespases” instead of “debts,” or “Thy” instead of “Your” if you prefer.*

**Creator God in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Pastor Rick

Inclusion Moment

“MLK Weekend”

Pastor Rick

Invitation to the Offering

*To give online text “GIVE” to 573.240.4041  
You can also give online by visiting our website:  
[www.columbiaucc.com](http://www.columbiaucc.com)*



Offertory

“Menuet”

Steven Jannetti  
*Jean-Philippe Rameau*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Lloyd Mickelson

**God, you name us, claim us, and called us beloved. You bless us with abundance and challenge us to be servants of all. With that in mind, we offer our gifts that we may not only be blessed, but also be blessings in your world. Take these gifts and multiply them that they may be used in your service. 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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Steven Jannetti  
*Williams/Hughes*

***The United Church of Christ:  
“United in Christ’s Love, A Just World for All”***

**“World peace must develop from inner peace. Peace is not just mere absence of violence. Peace is, I think, the manifestation of human compassion.”**

**- Dalai Lama XIV**

**“Peace is not something you wish for, it is something you make, something you are, something you do and something you give away.”**

**- Robert Fulghum**

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Lloyd Mickelson

Ushers: Charlie Marcks & Mark Duncan

Greeters: Mary Lorber

Technology: Brent Marcks & Ted Dachroeden

Hospitality: Sue Ann Schaefer & Ted Dachroeden

Council Stewards: Sue Ann Schaefer & Ted Dachroeden

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Sue Ann Schaefer

Ushers: Jim Loveless

Greeters:

Technology: Judi Privitt & Doug Privitt

Hospitality: Judi Privitt

Council Stewards: Judi Privitt



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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!

**ROOM AT THE INN**

Room at the Inn is open and looking for volunteers! If you would like to sign up, or for more information, talk to Shelly Adams. Thank you for volunteering!

**BOOK STUDY WITH PASTOR RICK – JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

We will be studying the acclaimed book “How to Fight Racism” by Jemar Tisby four Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in January/February, starting January 18. This book is about taking a stand for justice in our world today by confronting racial injustice. Copies are available in the church office. The book is also available as an audio book through the Columbia Public Library online app.

**CHILI COOK-OFF**

Dust off your chili pot! The Men’s Fellowship will host our annual Chili Cookoff NEXT SUNDAY, right after worship! Bring your entries in, and vie for that golden ladle! Everyone, plan on sticking around after worship that day to sample all of the entries and find out who wins! There is a sign-up sheet in the rear of the Sanctuary. Questions? Talk to Doug Privitt or Brent Marcks.

**LOOKING AHEAD IN 2024**

Fastnacht is Tuesday, February 13, 2024, and the Men’s Fellowship Pancake Breakfast to benefit Habitat for Humanity is Saturday, February 24, 2024.

**THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR**

Sun	1/14	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		MBSR Class in Fellowship Hall	
Mon	1/15	<b><i>MLK Day– Church Office/LODO Closed</i></b>	
		CUCC Serving at Loaves & Fishes	4:30 p.m.
		Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	6:30 p.m.
Tue	1/16	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Staff Meeting	10:30 a.m.
		Council Executive Team	5:30 p.m.
		Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed	1/17	Pastor Rick leads worship at The Bluffs	10:00 a.m.
		Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:00/7:00 p.m.
Thu	1/18	Book Study in Fellowship Hall	6:30 p.m.
Sun	1/21	<b><i>Chili Cookoff</i></b>	
		Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Chili Cookoff	11:30 a.m.
		MBSR Class in Fellowship Hall	1:00 p.m.
		CUCC Youth to Escape Room	1:15 p.m.

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

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

Jim Loveless . . . recovering from knee surgery

Mike Rapp . . . recovering from surgery

Shelly Adams . . . recovering from knee surgery

Steve . . . challenges in life (Pastor Rick's Cousin)

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our partnership friend

The People of Israel/Palestine

*Health Issues:*

Cliff Beckman, John Adams, Jim Elliott, Cheryl Cobb

Neal Stumbo (Jean Strothmann's nephew)

Terry & Mike Freeman (friends of the Remeikas)

Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's niece)

Sheila . . . challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

*Living in Care Facilities:*

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank

*Living in Independent Living Facilities:*

Helen Graves, Don Privitt

*Serving us in the military:*

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden, Jeffrey Sanderson

***CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:***

***Welcoming all God's Children;***

***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***



***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.***

## 12. Down by the Jordan

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Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,  
Preaching a message the people found bold and surprising:  
"God will forgive! Show that you'll change how you live!  
Surely God's new day is rising!"

There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:  
"Are you God's Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?"  
"No!" John replied. "He who is mightier than I  
Judges and offers salvation."

Jesus, you went to be baptized with all of the others,  
Taking your place among sinners, God's lost sons and daughters.  
Then with great love, God's Spirit came as a dove!  
Your work began in those waters.

Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.  
Freed and forgiven, we're welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?  
This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"  
Let's take the good news and share it!

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN 14 14.478 ("Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"), *Stralsund Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665.

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## **Psalm 29**

**Pastor Rick:** Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!  
Worship God in Holy Splendor!

**Cherubim:** The voice of God is over the waters;  
the Glory of God thunders over mighty waters!

**Seraphim:** The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty. The voice of God breaks the mighty cedars of Lebanon.

**Cherubim:** The voice of God flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of God shakes the wilderness.

**Seraphim:** The voice of God causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare; and all in God's Temple say, "Glory to God."

**Pastor Rick:** God sits enthroned over all of Creation; God sits, Sovereign forever.

**All:** May God give strength to God's people!  
May God's people be blessed with peace!

## 26 Creator of the Water

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Creator of the water that makes the world so green,  
That satisfies the thirsty, and keeps us cool and clean,  
We take from your creation this gift we use each day;  
You call us now to use it in this most holy way.

As in the time of Noah, the sea engulfed the land,  
And through the Red Sea, Moses led Israel 'cross the sand,  
And to the Jordan waters, Christ went and was baptized—  
Your water has a power: it changes all our lives.

May this your gift of water, long springing from the earth,  
Become for all new Christians their fountain of rebirth.  
Lord, wash away their sinning, and give them life anew—  
Pour out your Spirit on them, that they may follow you.

God, through your gift of water, your family we become;  
You take away divisions; in Christ you make us one.  
Now send your Spirit on us and give us work to do,  
That we may share with others the love we have from you.

TUNE: Henry Thomas Smart, 1835 ("The Day of Resurrection!"

HY 555, LBW 495, NCH 245, PH 118, UMH 303)

ALTERNATE TUNE: ANGEL'S STORY ("O Jesus, I Have Promised,"

LBW 514, NCH 493, PH 388, UMH 396)

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# I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

John Ylvisaker, 1985; alt

*Unison*

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be  
 2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was  
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too  
 4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you  
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the  
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you  
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.  
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.  
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.  
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

I was there when you were but a child, with a  
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

John Ylvisaker is the composer of a number of collections of music in the "contemporary" or "folk" idiom, as well as soundtracks for various media productions. This is perhaps

Tune: BORNING CRY 9.7.9.6.D.  
 John Ylvisaker, 1985



Am D G G/B C

faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you  
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your  
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A7 D to beginning

wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.  
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.  
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

# My God, Accept My Heart This Day

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Matthew Bridges, 1848; alt.

Gal. 4:5; Eph. 1:5

1 My God, ac - cept my heart this day, and make it al - ways yours,  
 2 Be - fore the cross of One who died, I bow in deep re - gret.  
 3 A - noint me with your love and grace, a - dopt me for your own,  
 4 Let ev - ery thought and work and word be given, O God, to you.

That I from you no more may stray as long as life en - dures.  
 Let ev - ery sin be cru - ci - fied, and ev - ery wrong off - set.  
 That I in heaven may find my place and wor - ship at your throne.  
 In life and death, may I be stirred your pur - pose to pur - sue.

Influenced by the Oxford Movement, Matthew Bridges left the Church of England and became a Roman Catholic in 1848, the year this confirmation hymn was published. *Unsung Hymns and Songs*

Tune: ST. STEPHEN C.M.  
 William Jones, 1789

**COLUMBIA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**



# **Annual Chili Cook-Off**

**JANUARY 21**

**11:30 A.M.**

**3201 I-70 DRIVE NW COLUMBIA, MO 65202**

Entries must be here by 10 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to eat

See Doug Privitt for more details

