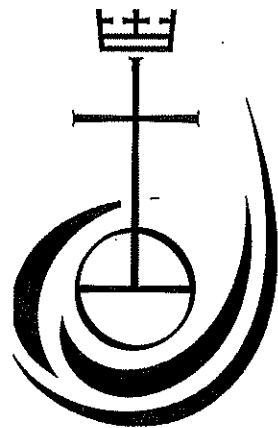


Columbia United Church Of Christ

May 16, 2021
Ascension Day



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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May 16, 2021

10:30 Worship

"Ascension Day"

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

*"...Clap your hands, all you people;
Shout to God with loud songs of joy..."
-Psalm 47:1*

Gathering Music	Amy Crousore
Welcome and Greetings	Pastor Rick
Prelude	Amy Crousore Mark Sedio
Carrying in the Light of Christ	Abby Dennis
*Call to Worship	(based on Psalm 47) Lena Muench

**Clap your hands, all you people!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

**God rules over all the earth.
God's majesty is a blessing to our lives.**

**Sing praises to God; sing praises!
Sing praises to God's glorious name.**

**Let us join together with all people to proclaim God's glory;
Let us join together with all people to sing praises to God.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn "Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped" #22

*Opening Prayer Lena Muench

God of Presence; we long to see you with us, walking beside us and showing us the way, as you did in Jesus Christ, your son; whom you sent from your own being to be our Savior. We yearn for your presence. We pray for your provision. Forgive us for failing to recognize that you are already with us, even in those lonely times. Teach us to see you walking with us always, and open our eyes to your provision in our lives. Teach us to stop gazing at heaven and look instead to our neighbor and the challenges you place before us; for in those challenges, we see you present with us. Thank you, loving God, for being with us. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick
People of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?
Though Jesus ascended to Heaven, God is still with us. God loves us and
forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven of
all our sins! We are God's beloved children; praise 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 Pastor Rick
*Pastor Rick will offer the words, "May God's Peace be with You" and
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 Pastor Rick

Response "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*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.*

Mission Moment "Strengthen the Church" Dorothy Vetter

Anthem "Heaven Songs" Medley Harry Beckett

New Testament Lesson Acts 1:6-11 Lena Muench
*In this version of Jesus' Ascension, the author talks of two individuals
(presumably angels) who ask the disciples why they are standing there
gawking at Jesus after he ascends to Heaven; don't they realize there is
work to do here on earth? (pg. 884)*

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:44-53 Lena Muench
*In this version of Jesus' Ascension, the author talks about the final
wisdom Jesus shares with his friends; that he is fully divine, as discussed
in the scriptures of our traditions. In a final act of divinity, he ascends
to heaven instead of "dying;" an act that was only accomplished by two
others before him (Elijah and Enoch) (pg. 860)*

*Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (insert)

Sermon: "Gazing at Heaven" Pastor Rick

*Hymn: "Hail the Day that Sees Christ Rise" #260
(Verses 1-4 only)

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 “On the Wings of Song”

Lucy Smith

Mendelssohn/Smith

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

“Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost! Amen!



*Prayer of Dedication

Lena Muench

God, we give these gifts to you today to do your work here on earth. Through them we pray that we may be your hands and feet, working in the world, loving as you first loved us. Take these gifts and use them to your will. 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

“Canticle of Praise”

Amy Crousore

Paxton

Strengthen the Church

Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ

Collected on Pentecost– Sunday, May 23

From Scarcity to Abundance

Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit, which empowered the earliest followers of Jesus to dream anew and envision a new future for themselves and their community.

The story of the first Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21) speaks to how God moves us from a mindset of scarcity to one of abundance. Many of us feel the need to make that same shift now, as the COVID-19 Pandemic draws to a close.

The contrast of scarcity and abundance does not mean the difference between poverty and wealthy. A person can be rich by measure of society but still operate out of a scarcity mindset, an unquenched hunger for more. A person can also be poor by a measure of society but still experience abundance, seeing the world with grateful eyes, a feeling of connectedness.

The disciples woke up on that first Pentecost with minds stayed on scarcity. Fear gripped their hearts despite over 40 days with the Resurrected Jesus. Then the Holy Spirit intervened. The Holy Spirit moved them from scarcity to abundance. They went outside their locked room and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and their community grew in number and in faith.

Our Strengthen the Church offering goes to revitalizing congregations, empowering youth ministry, and reenergizing the denomination through individual ministries. Some of the recipients of last year's Strengthen the Church grants include:

Gilead Church, Chicago IL; UCC Campus Ministry in Champaign, IL;
Cathedral in the Light, Greenfield MA; Taos UCC, New Mexico;
The Oasis UCC, Jefferson City, MO;

Touchstone Community UCC, Bourne, TX; First Congregational Church,
New London CT; **Pilgrim Congregational Church, St. Louis, MO;**
Ministerio Latino UCC, Oakland, CA; Lindale UCC , Minneapolis, MN

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Lena Muench
Acolyte: Abby Dennis
Ushers:
Greeters: Carol Duermeyer
Technology Booth: Judi & Doug Privitt
Hospitality: Pat Forward
Council Steward: Lorry Dreier/Kristy Odneal

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Pat Forward
Acolyte: Lilly Smith
Ushers: Mahree Skala
Greeters: Jessica Lucas
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson & James Melton
Hospitality: Stefanie Zimny
Council Stewards: Pat Forward/Mahree Skala



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CORONAVIRUS VACCINE INFORMATION

The Boone County Health Department has a very helpful website with COVID-19 Vaccine information, answering questions about the safety and efficacy of the vaccines and dispelling misinformation that is being spread. Go to www.como.gov/covidvaccine/ to read up on the vaccine and hopefully answer any questions you may have. You can also schedule a vaccine at Hy-Vee or Walmart by visiting their websites. Let's all do our part to get *EVERYONE* vaccinated and manage the COVID-19 virus once and for all!

LODO PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPEN

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year is in full swing! Please share with friends and family to let them know that we have limited space available for Fall 2021! Interested families should contact Erika Maltzberger at 573-445-2661 or LittleOnesDayOut@yahoo.com or for availability and to schedule a tour. Additional information can be found at www.columbiaucc.com/lodohome.

FOOD BANK UPDATE

CUCC volunteers are working at together again at the Food Bank every 4th Tuesday evening at 5:30pm. We moved to 4th Tuesdays to reduce schedule conflicts. For details on how to sign up for May 25, please contact Mahree Skala at 573-474-2195 or skalamahree@yahoo.com

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be after worship TODAY. Plan on sticking around for lunch, and to hear information from our church ministry teams regarding our impact last year and our plans for the rest of 2021. Our Finance Team will be providing financial information as well, and we will elect Church Council Members for the coming term. Stick around— this is an important part of our covenantal life! **CATERED BY DICKIES BBQ!**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	5/16	<i>Congregational Meeting/Camp Sunday</i>	
		Sunday School for all ages	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Congregational Meeting and Meal	11:30am
Mon	5/17	Staff Meeting	10:15am
		Confirmation	4:30pm
Tue	5/18	Church Council Meeting	6:30pm
Thu	5/20	LODO Graduation	6:30pm
Fri	5/21	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	5/23	<i>Pentecost/Communion</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The Family of Ardith Wilson... on their loss (Mark Wilson's mother)

Helen Schultz... health issues

Glenn Duermeyer... recovering from knee surgery and complications

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

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

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

Amy... challenges in life (April Rothweiler's friend)

Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothweiler'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);

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);

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); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Eleazar Fernandez... serving in Philippines

2021 Confirmation Class:

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,

Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons




Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped



Ps. 68:4, 32; Ps. 105

Joachim Neander, 1680



Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993





1 Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -
 2 Praise God, our guard - ian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -
 3 Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc -
 4 Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God com -


a - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -
 rec - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from
 cess - es. Mer - ci - ful God ev - er loves to en -
 mend - ing. All that have life and breath join you, their

plete ad - o - ra - tion! Glad - some re - joice— or - gan and
 sin - ful de - jec - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are
 cour - age and bless us. On - ly con - ceive, what god - ly
 notes sweet - ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er

trum - pet and voice— join - ing God's great con - gre - ga - tion.
 al - ways pre - served by God's pa - ren - tal af - fec - tion?
 strength can a - chieve: strength that would touch and car - ess us.
 keep this in sight: a - men, a - men nev - er end - ing.



Joachim Neander was a dedicated, caring pastor of the Reformed Church in Düsseldorf, Germany. This was the most familiar of his fifty-six hymn texts, which were published along with many of his original tunes in 1680, the year of his death.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.
 Erneueren Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665
 Adapt. and harm. William S. Bennett, 1863

Crown Him with Many Crowns 234

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,

Hark! how the heaven-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save;
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
 those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.

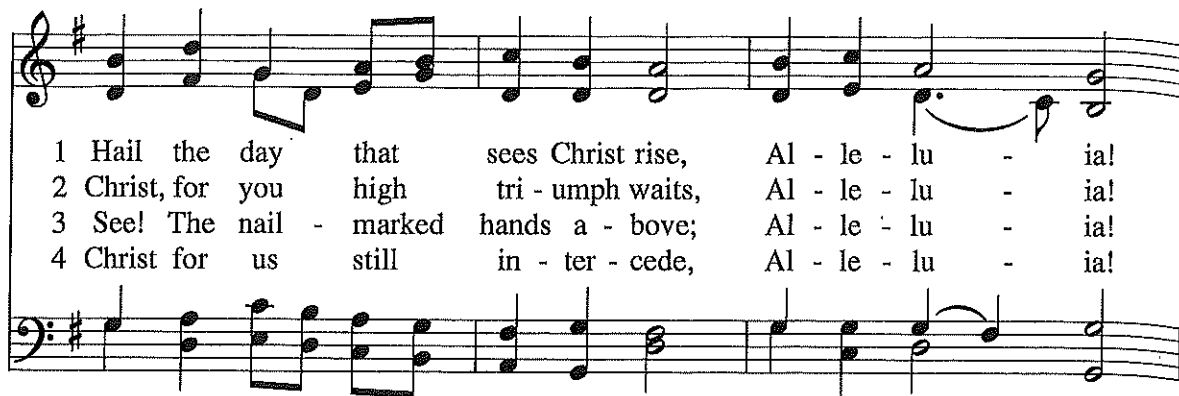
A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 his glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high,
 His reign shall know no end, and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Hail the Day That Sees Christ Rise

Acts 1:6-11; John 14:16

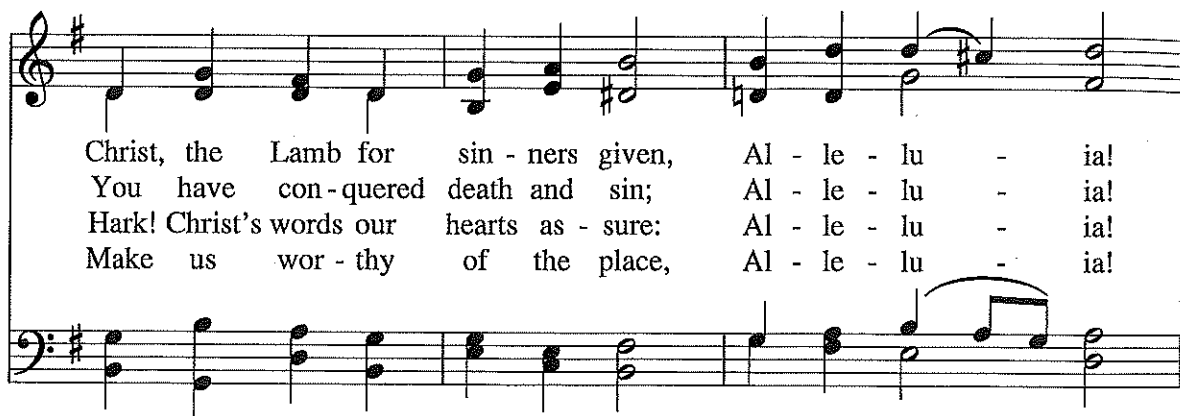
Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.



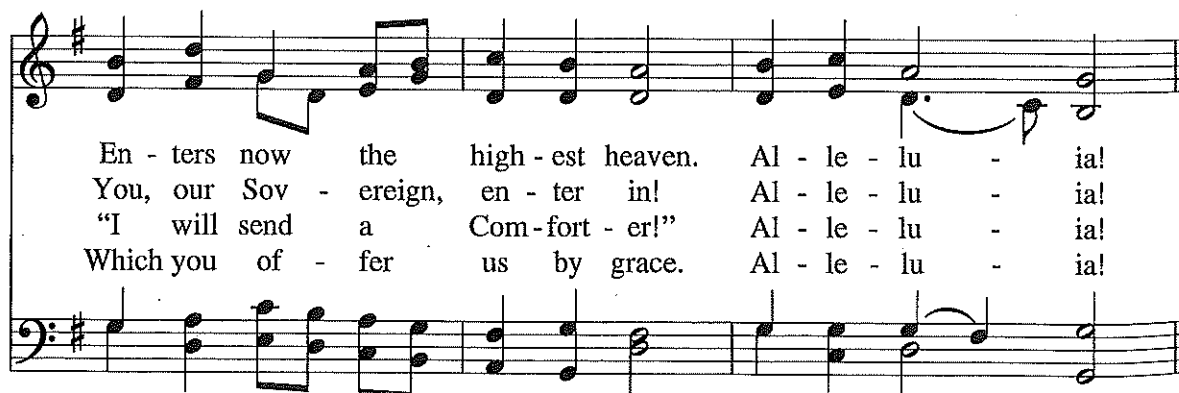
1 Hail the day that sees Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Christ, for you high tri - umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 See! The nail - marked hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Christ for us still in - ter - cede, Al - le - lu - ia!



To a throne in par - a - dise; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sing of God's re - deem - ing love; Al - le - lu - ia!
 By your suf - fer - ing for us plead; Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 You have con - quered death and sin; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! Christ's words our hearts as - sure; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Make us wor - thy of the place, Al - le - lu - ia!



En - ters now the high - est heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!
 You, our Sov - ereign, en - ter in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 "I will send a Com - fort - er!" Al - le - lu - ia!
 Which you of - fer us by grace. Al - le - lu - ia!

Charles Wesley's original text was written for Ascension Day 1739 and had no alleluias; these were added in 1852 by G. E. White. Joseph Jones' tune bears the name of a twelfth-century bard and a town in Wales.

Tune: GWALCHMAI 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
 Joseph David Jones, 1868
 Alternate tune: LLANFAIR