

# Columbia United Church Of Christ



June 9, 2024

**"God's Presence is Our Promise"**



# 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**



**June 9, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

**"Presence"**

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

*"... Your Steadfast Love, O God, endures forever.*

*Do not forsake the work of Your hands..."*

*-Psalm 138:8*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"All Around Is Silence Peace"

Steve Jannetti

*Friederick Kuhlau*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

\*Call to Worship

*(Based on Psalm 139)*

Jessica Lucas

We give thanks to God with grateful hearts!

Before all others, we sing praises to God!

**We gather in God's Holy Place,  
Singing praises, gathering for worship!**

God's Steadfast Love endures forever;

God's faithfulness is worthy of our praise!

**God's Wisdom is exalted over everything else;  
When God calls, our Spirits soar!**

All the earth shall sing praises to God!

God's glory and God's love endure forever!

**Though we walk in the midst of trouble, God preserves us.**

**God's hand reaches out, delivering Steadfast Love.**

**Come, let us worship God!**

\*Hymn

"Sing a New World Into Being"

*(insert)*

\*Opening Prayer

Jessica Lucas

**God of Inclusive Love; You open Your arms and embrace all of humanity as we are, as You Created us. Yet even when You preach inclusion, we often notice instead the human differences that divide us. Forgive us for our sins of separation. Prepare new hearts within us; hearts that are expressive of Your love and willing to share that love with all. Teach us to love as You first loved us; inclusively and unfailingly. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Jesus preached a message of inclusion for everyone, no matter who we are or where we are on life's journey. But often we erect barriers to separate and diminish others. Even when we do, God forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved, and blessed. 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

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!

**And also with you!**

Children's Time

"This Little Light of Mine"

#525

*(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!***

Faith Sharing Moment

Church World Service

Llona Weiss

New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Jessica Lucas

*In this pseudo-Pauline letter, the author professes that, through faith, we have hope. No matter what we go through in life, no matter how our outer nature wastes away, our inner selves are continually renewed by God's Gracious Love. God's Presence is our promise.*

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Gospel Lesson

Mark 3:13-19, 31-35

Jessica Lucas

*Jesus appoints twelve disciples to work closely with him; and they begin healing and spreading the Good News. When his mother and brothers come to him, he expands the definition of family by including all who follow him as kindred.*

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Anthem

"Just As I Am, I Come"

Quin Wilson/Shannon Martin  
*arr. Mary Macdonald*

Sermon

"Sibling Love"

Pastor Rick

\*Hymn

"Rise Up"

*(insert)*

## 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

#### 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

"After the Rain"

Steve Jannetti  
Jeanne Cotter

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

Jessica Lucas

**Take these gifts, O God, and use them to bring peace and justice to Your world; that all Your children may be lifted up and affirmed, and nations wage war no more. Let Your reign of peace rule in Your cities, gracious God, and let these gifts help make that peaceful reign a reality. Amen.**

#### \*Benediction

#### \*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

"Elegy "

Steve Jannetti  
John Barr

# **CUCC STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2024 (and beyond)**

## **CARING FOR EACH OTHER**

- Advocate for policies that provide support for others
- Incorporate everyone's talents into the work and life of the church
- Formulate support & education classes for parents and children
- Improve staff training and professional development
- Ensure that our staff are paid just wages
- Discern and address the needs of our older members
- Strive to meet the needs of our members where they are

## **ESTABLISHING OUR IDENTITY**

- Increase public awareness of our mission and location
- Increase our advertising/marketing efforts
- Consistently canvass the neighborhood north of the church
- Attract more members, focusing on youth and diversity
- Strive for intentionality incorporating youth and young adults into the life of the church
- Strive for intentionality incorporating a diverse community into the life of the church

## **DEVELOPING OUR FACILITY**

- Continue to modernize and maintain our building and grounds
- Develop a comprehensive maintenance manual with records, goals and strategies for modernization and maintenance
- Seek out new ways to utilize our building to enhance our ministry and generate income
- Establish financial security for our ongoing ministry programs
- Establish our facility as a host site for music groups, choirs, concerts, lecturer series, and other public events

## **SERVING GOD'S WORLD**

- Partner with other agencies that share our goals & interests
- Create a fulfilling, engaging, inclusive Sunday morning experience
- Develop partnerships with others to share our facility
- Strive for intentionality in connecting children, youth and adults to outreach and service opportunities
- Look for ways to reach out to other UCC congregations and work together for justice
- Strive to identify ways that we can be socially responsible and educated in areas of ecological justice, international mission, and other justice issues at home and abroad

**We are on Summer Schedule!**  
**Worship starts at 9:30 a.m. June 9-September 1**

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Worship Leader: Jessica Lucas

Ushers: Melba Shaffer & Llona Weiss

Greeters: Donna Marsh

Technology: Mike Pierson & Aidan Pierson

Hospitality: Mike Pierson & Mark Duncan

Council Stewards: Mike Pierson & Mark Duncan

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Llona Weiss

Ushers: Audrey Lasley & Jim Loveless

Greeters: Susan Dunham

Technology: John Graves & Brent Marcks

Hospitality: Mary Lorber

Council Stewards: Mary Lorber



Online giving

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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!

### **SIGN UP NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Camp Firelight, our 2024 Vacation Bible School program, will be July 29-31 from 5:15-8:15 p.m. each evening for ages 3 through finishing 5th grade. Supper will be served at 5:15 p.m. Participants and volunteers must register; registration is open! Visit our church website: [www.columbiaucc.com](http://www.columbiaucc.com) to register! For more information, talk to Lena Muench.

### **TAIZE PRAYER AND MEDITATION 6/19-7/24**

Join us six Wednesday evenings from June 19-July 24 for special mid-week worship services based on practices originating with Taizé Spiritual Community in France. These services, hosted by Steve Jannetti, will feature songs, prayers, and silent meditation to help us connect more fully with God's presence. The typical Taizé service will last 30 minutes, starting at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the church Sanctuary. Come be part of this very moving spiritual practice!

### **WORLD REFUGEE DAY 6/22**

The City of Refuge will be hosting a celebration of World Refugee Day on June 22 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at their 10 North Garth location. There will be food from around the world and a "summer market" selling international goodies. Come celebrate World Refugee Day with City of Refuge!

### **JUNETEENTH HISTORY DISPLAY ALL MONTH LONG**

Celebrate Juneteenth and learn a bit about Black history by visiting the Juneteenth History Display at the Armory Sports and Recreation Center downtown. This exhibit is running weekdays in June. The Armory is open 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily and is located at 701 East Ash Street.

### **LODO RUMMAGE SALE**

Bring your treasures to donate to the LODO Rummage Sale! The sale will be June 28 & 29 and all proceeds benefit the LODO Designated Fund. You can drop off donations in the Fellowship Hall. The Church office is open 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. weekdays, or call Alexandra to coordinate drop off. Thank you in advance for your donations, and plan to shop the sale!

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

Sun	6/9	Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30 a.m.
Mon	6/10	LODO Ministry Team	5:30 p.m.
Tue	6/11	Fellowship & Hospitality Team	6:30 p.m.
Thu	6/13	Women's Fellowship Trip	9:30 a.m.
		Clergy Personnel Committee	6:30 p.m.
Fri	6/14	Pastor Rick's day off	
Sun	6/16	<b><i>Juneteenth Sunday</i></b>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30 a.m.

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

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

The Family of Grant Shaffer... on their loss (Melba's son)  
Michael Elliott and his family... health issues

Joanne Good... health issues (Sue Beckman's friend)

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

The people of Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine

## *Health Issues:*

John Adams, Cheryl Cobb, John Graves, Barry Kirchhoff  
Connie Hackman Fairley, Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's niece)

## *Challenges in Life:*

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families, Steve (Pastor Rick's Cousin)

## *Living in Care Facilities:*

Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank,

## *Living in Independent Living Facilities:*

Helen Graves, Don Privitt, Alice Moon

## *Serving us in the military:*

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden, Jeffrey Sanderson

*Did you know we have a Prayer Team here at CUCC, lifting up the prayer concerns of our congregation? If you are interested in joining our Prayer Team or have a prayer request for our team to lift up please contact*

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***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***

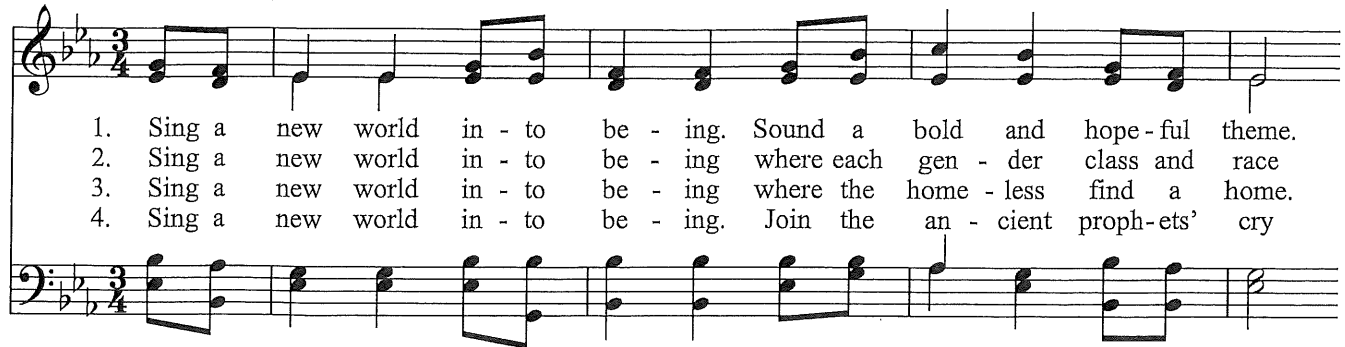


# Sing a New World into Being

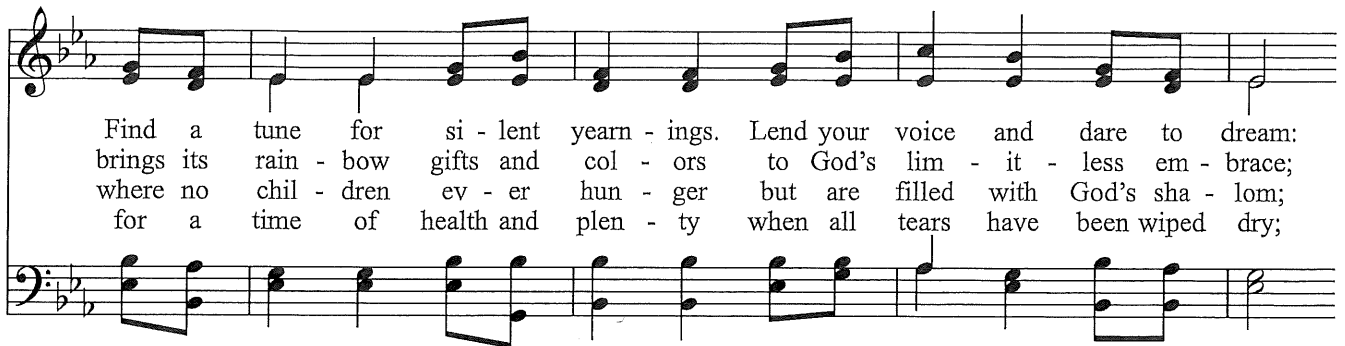
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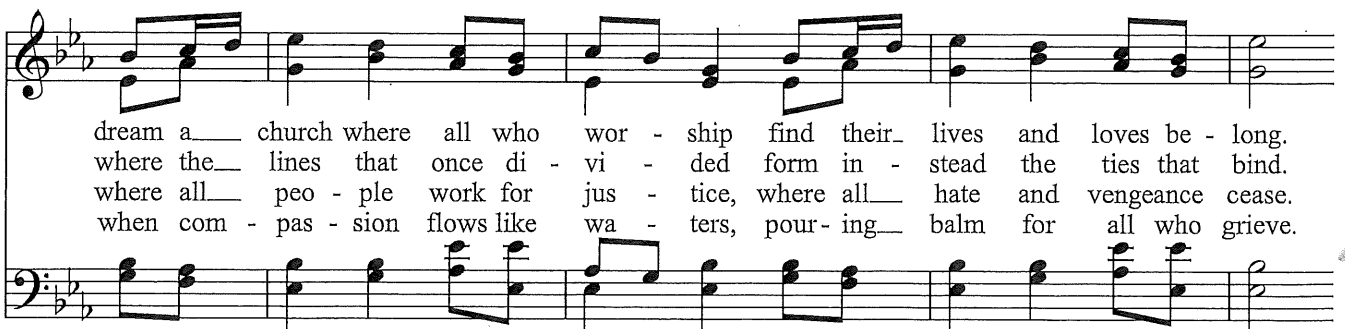
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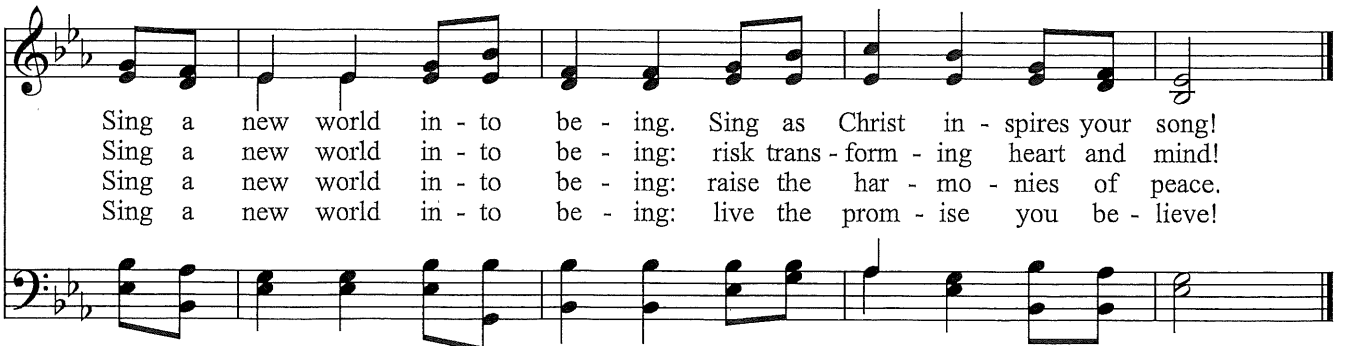
1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.  
2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der class and race  
3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home.  
4. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient proph - ets' cry



Find a tune for si - lent yearn - ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:  
brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em - brace;  
where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;  
for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;



dream a church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be - long.  
where the lines that once di - vi - ded form in - stead the ties that bind.  
where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and vengeance cease.  
when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who grieve.



Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!

# Rise Up

Words and Music By  
Kim Williams

♩ = 92

Em Em/D Cmaj7 B Em Bm/D

1. Rise up to - day and  
(2. Reach) out to all hu -  
(3. For ) some the day has  
(4. Re → ceive God's love that

6 Em/C B Am9 B Em Bm/D

stand as one in love and u - ni - ty. Let's rec - og - nize each  
man - i - ty for we de - fine the church. May we look in - ward  
now ar - rived, the truth no long - er hides. The chains of hope - less -  
nev - er fails, no rid - i - cule or blame. A love that will not

10 Em/C B Am B Em Am

child of God cre - at - ed beau - ti - f'ly. En - graved up - on God's  
at the heart to see each per - son's worth. Our lov - ing - kind - ness  
ness and fear, re - placed by joy and pride. May we rise up, to -  
let us go, an ev - er - last - ing flame. Re - gard - less of i -

14 Em/G Am/F# B C

lov - ing hands, each one of us by name. Com - plete - ly known and  
brings great hope to those in deep de - spair. We're called to be the  
geth - er strong, em - brac - ing hu - man hearts. Pro - claim - ing God's great  
den - ti - ty or sex - u - al - i - ty, Christ died for all and

18 D2 Am9 Baug

1, 2, 3.  
Em

loved by God, each beat - ing heart the same.  
light of Christ, a bea - con ev - 'ry where.  
love for all, with free - dom to im - part.  
wel - comes all in - to e - ter - ni -

\*Optinoal  
vocal interlude  
(Rise

21 Em Em/D Cmaj7 B

4.  
Em

up! Rise up! In love and u - ni - ty!) Reach  
For  
Re- ty.

## **2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

13 But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak,

14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

15 Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,

18 because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

### **Mark 3 13-19;31-35**

13 He went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him.

14 And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message,

15 and to have authority to cast out demons. 16 So he appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter);

17 James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder);

18 and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean,

19 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. Then he went home;

31 Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.

32 A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.”

33 And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” 34 And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!

35 Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”



# Rummage Sale

## TO DONATE:

**DROP OFF ITEMS**

**COLUMBIA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**3201 INTERSTATE 70 DR NW**

**JUNE 3RD-25TH**

**BETWEEN 9AM-3PM**

## TO SHOP:

**COLUMBIA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**3201 INTERSTATE 70 DR NW**

**JUNE 28-29 8AM-1PM**

**PROCEEDS WILL  
SUPPORT THE  
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# Taizé Prayer

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

June 19 - July 24

Columbia UCC | 3201 I-70 Dr NW

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Join us for half an hour each Wednesday evening this Summer, to gather in a relaxing service of prayer, song, and contemplation by candlelight.

Taizé is a historic French style of meditative prayer that calls us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us.

