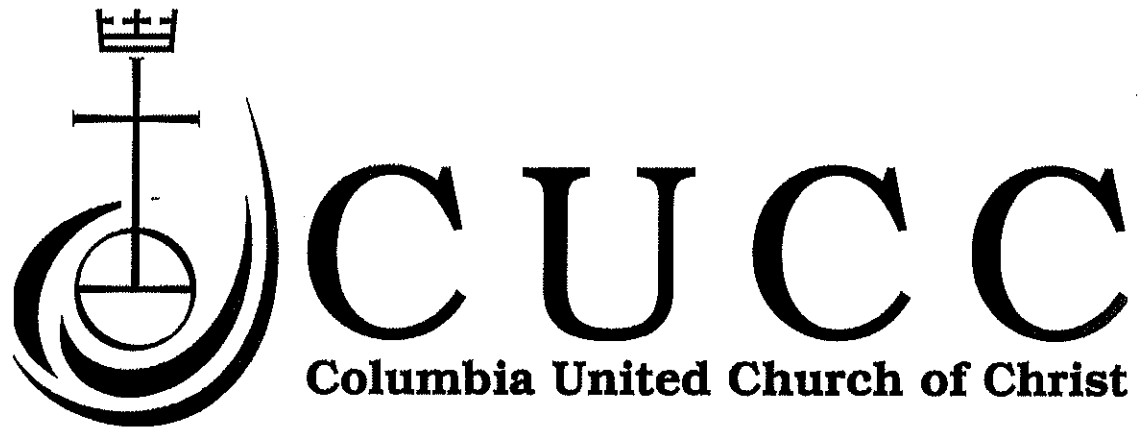


# Columbia United Church Of Christ

June 6, 2021  
Graduates Sunday



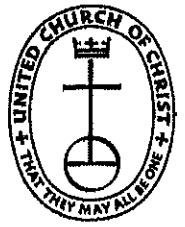
## **CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:**

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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United Church  
Of Christ



June 6, 2021

10:30 Worship

"Commencement"

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

*"...I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
On the day I called, you answered me;  
You increased my strength of soul..."-Psalm 138:1-3*

Gathering Music	Amy Crousore
Welcome and Greetings	Pastor Rick
Prelude "Praise to the LORD, the Almighty"	Chapel Ringers McChesney
Carrying in the Light of Christ	Abby Dennis
*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 138)	Judi Privitt

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!**

\*Opening Hymn "Now, in the Days of Youth" #350

\*Opening Prayer Judi Privitt

**God of Creation and Evolution, we see your Creative Power at work as our children grow both in stature and wisdom, and as your presence continues to guide them into adulthood. Forgive us for the times when we would cling stubbornly to them. Forgive us for the times we look backward and try to keep the seasons from changing. Teach us to appreciate all the diversity of your Creation, as we learn to love and let go and follow your call. In Jesus' name we pray Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick  
As our graduates move on to next things in life, God's strength and provision goes with them, always forgiving them sins of commission and omission, just as God always 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 "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  
*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 "This Little Light of Mine" #524

*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!*

Mission Moment "Tools & Blanket Sunday" Judi Privitt

Inclusion Moment "Celebrate Pride Month" Lindsey Oberle

Anthem "Cantus Invenilis" Chapel Ringers  
Stephenson

Recognizing Our Graduates

Jamie Rapp; Lindsey Oberle; Sam Schupp;  
Helen Keithahn; Ryan Schmidt; Josh Wedemeyer

Reflection & Introductions Pastor Rick

Presentation Linda Neale

Presentation of Scholarships Pastor Rick & Linda Neale  
*"The CUCC Scholarship Fund" was established in October, 2019, repurposing the "Memorial Education Fund" that was established in 1972 by Professor H. H. Krusekopf and developed over the years by many others. Applications are due by April 1 each year, and are open to any active member of Columbia United Church of Christ pursuing*

*higher education. Applications are available in the church office starting January 1 each year. We had three applicants this year, all of whose applications were approved. Today we honor Hayley Dennis, Carissa Graves and Lindsey Oberle with \$1000 scholarships.*

Recognition of Leadership Pastor Rick & Linda Neale  
2020-2021 Sunday School Teachers

Time of Farewell Goodbye to John & Mary Bracke

\*Hymn "In the Bulb there is a Flower" #433

Wisdom Scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 Judi Privitt  
*The Book of Ecclesiastes, told in third person, is a compendium of wisdom that one particular teacher in the Hebrew tradition shared with his community. In this book he first investigates life, then comes to conclusions about humankind's role in this life. Humankind's struggle with the perception of time is a constant theme in this book. (pg. 537)*

Reflection: "Hope for Today" Pastor Rick

\*Invitation to Communion

As Jesus prepared for transition in his life, he used a meal celebration to share wisdom with his friends. Later, sharing bread and cup with diverse cultures and people, these friends spoke of the love that Jesus taught them the night he first celebrated this meal. In like manner we gather, open to God's Holy Spirit and fired up to celebrate Jesus' love.

*We will celebrate altar communion this Sunday, coming forward to receive the elements. EVERYONE is welcome to partake in this meal. You will be called forward by rows. The ushers will place bread cubes in your hands and a cup of grape juice in your hands. If you wish, you may remain in your seat and partake of communion symbolically, as we have the past few months.*

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer & Invocation

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

Communion Music Amy Crousore

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of wisdom and transitions, as we move into a post-pandemic world and the passage of time that has been so unusual this year, we search for your wisdom in the new opportunities we are afforded. As you renew our spirits and our souls in this meal, we pray for eyes open to the ways you are renewing our very lives. Open us to new ways of being, new ways of living, new ways of serving as we gather together, your church, bound by faith and empowered by love. Now we gather together as one church, uniting together in the prayer Jesus taught us:**

\*The LORD's Prayer *(sung by the Congregation, led by James Melton)*  
**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.**

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](http://www.columbiaucc.com)*

\*Response "We Praise You, O God" #420  
*We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring!  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you  
We praise your Holy Name, glad praises we sing!*

\*Prayer of Dedication Pastor Rick

\*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 "Allein Gott in der Hoh sei ehr" Amy Crousore  
*Zachau*

*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.*

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Judi Privitt  
**Acolyte:** Abby Dennis  
**Ushers:**  
**Greeters:** Jolene Kirchoff  
**Technology Booth:** Mike Pierson & Phillip Dennis  
**Hospitality:** Stefanie Zimny  
**Council Steward:** Lorry Dreier/Kristy Odneal



## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Jessica Lucas  
**Acolyte:** Abby Dennis  
**Ushers:**  
**Greeters:** Helen Schultz  
**Technology Booth:** Judi & Doug Privitt  
**Hospitality:** Judi Privitt  
**Council Stewards:** Jessica Jenks/

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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/](http://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!

### "BOY ERASED" VIDEO TO BE SCREENED AND DISCUSSED AT CUCC

"Boy Erased" is a movie based on the Autobiography of Garrard Conley, an LGBTQIA activist and author who wrote his memoir about his experience with Conversion Therapy. On June 19 at 6:00 p.m., we will watch this movie in the Fellowship Hall and discuss it after. All are invited to attend to watch and discuss. Sponsored by the Inclusion and Affirmation Ministry Team. For more information, contact **Tricia Price**

**VBS 2021- ADVENTURE ISLAND!** August 2 - 4, 2021 5:15 - 8:15 each evening  
***SAVE THE DATE*** to join us for a GREAT (& free!) 3 evenings of FUN @ CUCC's Vacation Bible School 2021 for those ages 3-finishng 8th Grade! Lots of hands on deck needed, so come volunteer! We'll even take care of dinner.  
Registration for Volunteers and Participants opens June 15!

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	6/6	<b><i>Sunday School Picnic/VBS Preview/Graduate Recognition</i></b>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Sunday School Picnic	11:30am
Mon	6/7	Confirmation	10:00am-1:30pm
		Nurture & Education Ministry Team	6:30pm
Tue	6/8	Quilters	9:00am
Thu	6/10	Women's Fellowship	9:30am
		Worship & Music Ministry Team	6:30pm
Fri	6/4	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	6/13	Hospitality	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am

***Worship Time Change to Summer Schedule-  
Starting June 13 Worship is at 9:30am  
Fellowship time at 9:00am  
(No Sunday School)  
Regular schedule resumes September 12***

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

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

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:*

Sean Amato... serving in Egypt

## *2021 Confirmation Class:*

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,  
Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons

*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*

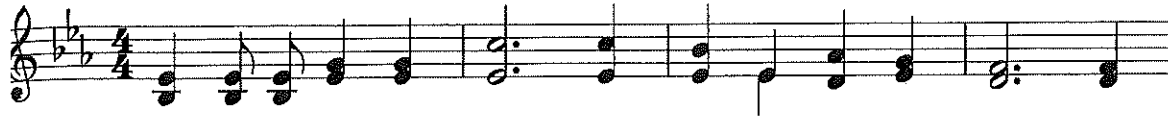


## Now in the Days of Youth

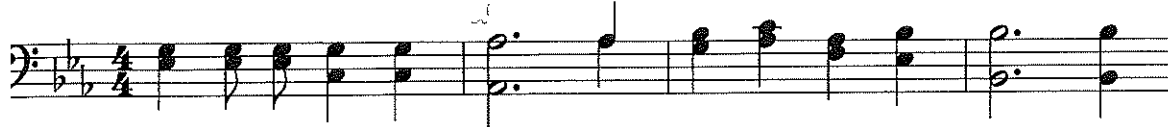
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Walter J. Mathams, 1913; alt.  
 dapt. Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1992

Eccles. 12:1; 1 Cor. 16:13; Deut. 30:19-20



1 Now in the days of youth when life is filled with choice, when  
 2 Teach us to use our lives with pur- pose and with power for  
 3 Teach us to love in truth, to give and to re- ceive with  
 4 Teach-er, Cre- a - tor, God, en - fold us in your arms; be



hope and doubt touch ev - ery hour, when all thoughts find a voice,  
 vi - sions of a bet - ter world and for de - ci - sion's hour;  
 joy - ful and with o - pen hearts, with all that we be - lieve;  
 with us as we try our wings, and keep us safe from harm.



We turn, O God, to you for guid-ance and for grace. In  
 To choose the way of life, re - ject the way of death, un -  
 To seek an - oth - er's good, to hon - or what is right, to  
 All good and per - fect gifts come to us from your hand. O



all our days, in all our ways, help us to seek your face.  
 til the ra - diant force of God fills mind and strength and breath.  
 let our will and our de - sire be held in ho - ly light.  
 help us use them care - ful - ly and live by love's com - mand.



Then the Rev. Walter J. Mathams of London wrote this hymn  
 or use at Christian Endeavor and Sunday School conventions,  
 e did not realize it would receive wide circulation. It was  
 introduced in the United States in 1913 in Worship and Song.

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.  
 George J. Elvey, 1868

# In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth, 1985

*Unison*

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
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*Natalie Sleeth composed her "Hymn of Promise" first as a choral anthem and then adapted it to this version for congregational singing. It was dedicated to her husband, Ronald Sleeth, who died shortly after she completed it.*

Tune: PROMISE 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Natalie Sleeth, 1985