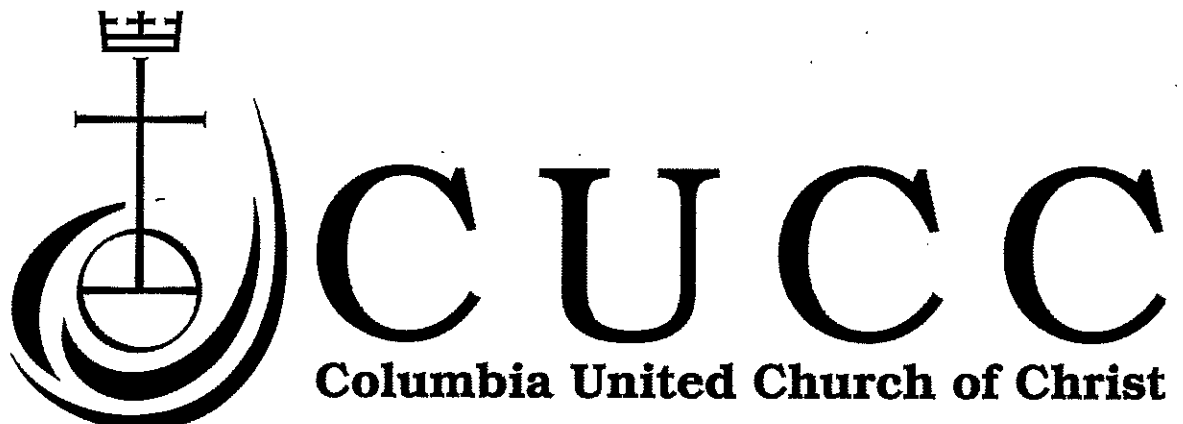


Columbia United Church Of Christ

February 27, 2022
Black History Month



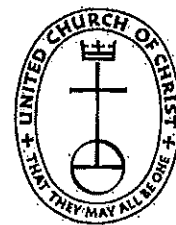
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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*



February 27, 2022

10:30 Worship

"Transfiguration"

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

*"...extol the LORD, our God,
and worship at God's Holy Mountain;
for the LORD our God is Holy..."*

-Psalm 99:9

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

Amy Crousore
Spiritual

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Trevor Pierson

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 99)

Mahree Skala

God, Your Kingdom is established over all;

The earth rejoices in the vision of Your economy of justice!

God is exalted over all; we rejoice in God's name!

Let all people praise God's great and glorious name!

Mighty God, lover of justice, You have established equity.

You have established justice and righteousness in Your people!

We remember the stories of our traditions;

Those who cried out to you, O God for justice;

You answered them, O God, by establishing relationship.

They kept Your decrees and the statutes You gave them!

We know that God is Still Speaking to us today;

Challenging us towards Justice, Righteousness and Shalom!

Come, let us worship God!

*Gathering Hymn

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" #182

*Opening Prayer

Mahree Skala

God of Justice; you transform us from aimless laborers to disciples with purpose, working for your Kingdom of Shalom. Often we forget our call and lose sight of your goals. Forgive us our sins of commission and omission. Reorient us to you and your purposes; that we may be transfigured to shine with your glory. May those that we meet know you through our actions. We pray that we may be shining examples of your light in the world. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

In his encounter with God, Jesus was transfigured; the disciples saw God's glory shining in Jesus' face. God desires to shine through us as well; but we often turn our backs on God. But when we repent, turning back to God, we are forgiven. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*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

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response

"This Little Light of Mine"

*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!*

(Sung as children return to their seats)

Black History Month Presentation "Sage Grace Dolan-Sandrino"

by Alisa Lau-Sieckman

Old Testament Lesson:

Exodus 34:29-35

Mahree Skala

After receiving God's Covenant with Israel, Moses comes down from Mt. Sinai. His face is glowing; transfigured after his encounter with God. All the people could see by Moses' visage that he had been in communion with God; and this frightened them. Moses had to hide his light under a veil to keep from frightening the people. (page #71)

Gospel Lesson:

Luke 9:28-36

Mahree Skala

Jesus ascends the mountain to commune with God, and he is transfigured. His clothes become dazzling white and it is evident to all that he had been in communion with God. God's blessing was heard in a voice from heaven which said, "this is my son, the beloved; listen to him!"

(page #843)

Anthem

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Celebration Singers
Roland Carter

Sermon: "Transfigured" Pastor Rick
*Hymn "Jesus, Take Us To the Mountain" #183
Community Prayer & Silent Prayer Pastor Rick

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 Moments "Seminary Sunday" Pastor Rick

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Invitation to the Offering

*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 "Sonatina" Amy Crousore
Turk

*Prayer of Dedication Mahree Skala

God of Love; you transform us into disciples, serving you as we serve one another. We give these gifts today to serve your children and, in turn, you. Take them and use them that all may see the light of your love shining through us, and that we may be transformed into vessels of your grace. Amen.

*Benediction Pastor Rick

*Response: "We Shall Overcome" (Verses 1,2,4,6) #570

**We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
we shall overcome someday!
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome some day!**

**We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in hand
We'll go hand in hand some day!
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We'll go hand in hand some day!**

God will see us through, God will see us through,
God will see us through someday!
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
God will see us through some day!

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace someday!
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall live in peace some day!

*Postlude

“Fanfares”

Amy Crousore
Pantcheff

BLACK HISTORY MONTH STORIES

Curated by Alisa Lau-Sieckman

Meet Kizzmekia Shanta Corbett. She is an American viral immunologist who is primarily responsible for the Moderna Covid Vaccine.

She was born and raised in North Carolina. Her fourth-grade teacher noted her outstanding talents later stating in part, “She dotted I’s and crossed her t’s. The best in my 30 years of teaching”.

Ms. Corbett knew in high school that she wanted to pursue science as a career. After graduating college, she worked at the National Institutes of Health as a biological sciences trainer. She received her Masters from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She went on for her doctorate by studying the role of human antibodies in dengue virus pathogenesis in Sri Lanka. (Dengue is a virus carried by mosquitoes. It infects 400 million people a year. 1 in 20 will develop symptoms that could lead to death.)

When Covid-19 emerged, Ms. Corbett realized that her prior research experience suggested that messenger RNA encoding protein could be used to excite the human immune response to produce protective antibodies against Covid-19. Her team partnered with Moderna to enter the required studies to get this vaccine approved by the FDA.

Ms. Corbett was profiled by Time’s magazine for her breakthrough and Dr. Fauci had this to say about her: “Kizzy is an African American scientist who is right at the forefront of the development of the vaccine. (She has) been central to the development of the Moderna MRNA vaccine and the Eli Lilly therapeutic monoclonal antibody that were first to enter clinical trials in the U.S.” He also said that, “her work will have a substantial impact on ending the worst respiratory-disease pandemic in more than 100 years.”



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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Mahree Skala
Acolyte: Trevor Pierson
Ushers:
Greeters: Audrey Lasley
Technology Booth: Josh Muench & Brent Marcks
Hospitality: Audrey Lasley
Council Steward: Audrey Lasley & Kurt Heine

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NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Confirmation Class
Acolyte:
Ushers:
Greeters: Susan Dunham
Technology Booth: Lorry Dreier & Matt Lucas
Hospitality: Jo Ellen Grace
Council Stewards: Mark Duncan & Brent Marcks

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE 4/1

2022 CUCC Scholarship applications are available in the Church Office; they are due 4/1. Check the application for eligibility details or ask a Council Member.

FASTNACHT RETURNS IN 2022– March 1!

Fastnacht is BACK! Fastnacht is the German version of “Fat Tuesday,” a time to celebrate and eat good foods before Lent begins and before Christians traditionally observe some sort of “fasting.” We will be serving traditional German Food, including “Fastnachts” (German donuts) from 5:30 — 7:30 that evening in the Fellowship Hall. We encourage you to arrive by 5:30, as we will also have music and other fun activities! We are asking everyone to RSVP so we know how much food to prepare. To do so, scan the QR code below. Please RSVP by Sunday, Feb 27! We will also need help on March 1 preparing the food, serving it, and cleaning up after. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact **Stefanie Zimny, Audrey Lasley, Melba Shaffer, or Lena Muench!**



SPRING BACK INTO STEWARDSHIP– March 13

Rev. Bob Atkinson will be our guest in worship and afterwards for our Annual Stewardship Event, March 13. He will speak in worship with Pastor Rick, and then join us for a meal afterward! You are invited to stick around that Sunday for food and fun. It is a Pot-Luck meal, so we are asking everyone to pitch in to make it happen. The Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team will be supplying chicken and ham, you are invited to supply the side dishes and dessert. Bring your dishes to share with everyone and get ready for a fun fellowship time together!

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sun	2/27	Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Nurture & Education Ministry Team	12:00pm
Mon	2/28	Staff Meeting	10:30am
Tue	3/1	Quilters	10:00am
		Fastnacht	5:30pm
Wed	3/2	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
		Confirmation	6:00pm
		Worship	7:00pm
Thu	3/3	LODO Math & Science Night	6:00pm
Fri	3/4	Pastor Rick’s Day off	
Sun	3/6	Men’s Fellowship	7:30am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The Family of Mark Jaberg... on their loss (Pete's father)
The family of Mike Lance... on their loss (Sue Ann Schaefer's friend)
Harold Hackman... recovering from knee surgery
Barry Kirchhoff... regaining strength at home and doing well!
Alexis... on heart transplant list (Elaine Trout's friend's granddaughter)
Sheila... challenges in life and faith
The Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christine Mseke;
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,
Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

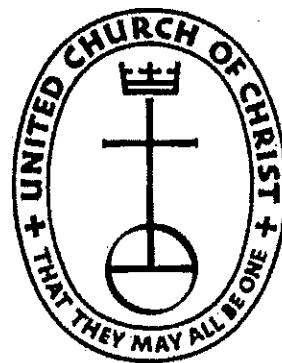
Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson; Dane Wilson
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Abigail Reed... serving in Korea

2022 Confirmation Class:

Danielle Dreier, Aidan Pierson, Trevor Pierson; Lawson Flood-Loerber



*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.*

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

TRANSFIGURATION

In his commentary on the text, hymnwriter Carl P. Daw, Jr., describes the "implicit comparison between the attitudes and assumptions of the disciples on the Mount of the Transfiguration and the expectations of present-day Christians as they gather for worship."

Tune: HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.
Rowland H. Prichard, 1844
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

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Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1991; alt.

Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36;
John 19:30; Matt. 27:50-54; Mark 15:37-39

Unison



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain, where, with Pe - ter, James, and John,
2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com-pan - ions saw?
3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis - ci - ples heard?
4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain where we see you glo - ri - fied,
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as - cend - ed Christ,



We are daz-zled by your glo - ry, light as blind-ing as the sun.
Your di - vin - i - - ty re - vealed there fills us with the self - same awe.
Once a - gain the voice from heav - en says of the In - car - nate Word:
Where you shout-ed, "It is fin - ished!" where for all the world you died.
Can - not help but tell the sto - ry, all that you have sac - ri - ficed;



There pre - pare us for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
"Lis - ten, lis - ten, ev - ery - one, this is my be - lov - ed One!"
Hear the stunned cen - tu - ri - on: "This was God's be - lov - ed One!"
Say with Pe - ter, James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed One!"



Both text and tune were commissioned by St. Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, Maryland, to commemorate its fiftieth anniversary. The hymnwriter, Jaroslav Vajda, tells of being "as much at a loss for words contemplating the glory of the transfigured Christ as were the disciples."

Tune: SILVER SPRING 8.7.8.7.7.7.
Carl F. Schalk, 1991
Alternate tune: IRBY