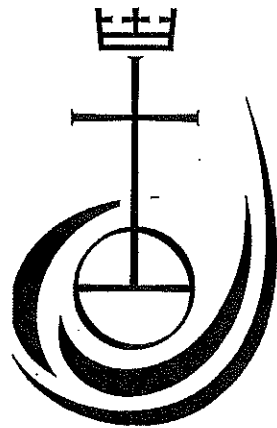


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September 12, 2021
Rally Day



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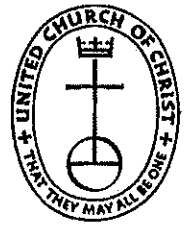
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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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Of Christ*



September 12, 2021

10:30 Worship

"Rally Day"

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

*"...Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
Be acceptable to you, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer..."
-Psalm 19:14*

Gathering Music

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Amy Crousore
Carlson

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Sadie Tummons

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 19)*

Kennedy Lucas

The heavens are telling about God's glory;
The skies proclaim the wonder of God's handiwork.

**Day by day, God inspires us with Wisdom;
At night, God's presence comforts and assures us.**

As the sun shines on all, God's love also shines on all,
Affirming and welcoming all of God's Children.

**God's Wisdom is perfect, illuminating our souls.
God's purposes are clear, sharing love and compassion.**

Knowing God brings comfort and challenge.
We gather today open to both!

**May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
Be acceptable to God, our Rock and Redeemer!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn "Gather Us In"

(insert)

*Opening Prayer

Abby Dennis

God of Grace; you teach us that the words we use have the ability to build up or destroy. Often, we use words carelessly and forget to exemplify your love in all that we say. Remind us that it is just as important to watch what we say, as it is to watch what we do. Put your words in our mouths; and may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts glorify you and your precious name. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

- *Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick
 The tongue is a fire, capable of setting great forests ablaze. But even when we speak ill, when we repent, God forgives us. You are Blessed, You are Beloved, You are Forgiven. 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 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
I have decided to follow Jesus!
I have decided to follow Jesus!
I have decided to follow Jesus!
No turning back, no turning back!
- Mission Moment “CROP Walk” Jessica Jenks
 Anthem
- New Testament Lesson James 3:1-12 Brandon Schoeneberg
The Book of James is all about practical application of faith. This book, which barely even mentions Jesus by name, is all about how to be a Christian. In today’s reading, James talks about speaking carefully and deliberately, for the words we use have great influence (pg. 981)
- Gospel Lesson Mark 8:27-38 Addison Melton
Jesus talks about the benefit of looking at things from a divine perspective, rather than a human perspective. Those who cling to the instant gratification of humanity are sure to lose in the long run; while those who invest their time in God benefit with gifts greater than we can easily see. (pg. 820)
- *Hymn “In the Midst of New Dimensions” #391
- Sermon “A New Perspective” Pastor Rick
- *Hymn “This is a Day of New Beginnings” #417

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

Invitation to Communion

As Jesus prepared for transition into Heavenly Communion, he used a meal celebration to share wisdom with his friends. He gathered with them in prayer, transforming ordinary objects into extraordinary representations of covenant. 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 together prayerfully, 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.

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer & Invocation

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

Communion Music

Amy Crousore

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of reconciliation and remembrance, we come before you today in prayer, recognizing our sins of separation while remaining confident that you forgive us. Gathered today, we remember the lessons of Jesus' ministry, focusing on the things of God rather than the things of the world. Remind us to take time each day to reach out to you, building relationship and reconciling ourselves with you and with each other. We pray that this meal may renew and restore us, so we can turn away from the things that distract us and turn back to you. And now we gather together in prayer, singing the prayer that 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

Presenting our Gifts

*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 “Theme and Variations” Amy Crousore
Josef Haydn

*Response “For the Fruit of All Creation”

*For the Fruit of all Creation, thanks be to God!
For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God!
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God!*

*Prayer of Dedication

Zabibu Kibaro

God of Love, you have blessed us with much and call us to be blessings as well. Through these gifts, we strive to reconcile ourselves with you and with Creation. Take them and use them to respond to the needs of your children in this place, and all over the world. Amen.

*Benediction

Pastor Rick

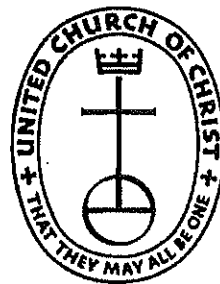
*Response: “Let There be Peace on Earth”

**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

“God is Here”

Amy Crousore
Taylor



*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: Confirmation Class
Acolyte: Confirmation Class
Ushers: Llona Weiss
Greeters: Anne Heine
Technology Booth: Pete Jaberg & Phil Dennis
Hospitality: Lena Muench
Council Steward: Sue Ann Shaefer & Kurt Heine



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Mahree Skala
Acolyte:
Ushers: Brent Marcks
Greeters: Jolene Kirchhoff
Technology Booth: John Graves & Carissa Graves
Hospitality: Jo Ellen Grace
Council Stewards: Linda Neale & Brent Marcks

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CROP WALK 9/19– FUNDRAISING HAS BEGUN!

The Columbia CROP Walk will be September 19 this year, starting at 1:00pm at the Columbia Ag Park. You can join our virtual team by clicking on the link that was in the Friday email, or by emailing Pastor Rick. Our CUCC Goal this year is \$3000. Last year, we were the top fundraiser in Columbia; but we will have competition this year! Let's make this year's CROP Walk a huge success!

YOUTH TO SHAKESPEARE'S AND CROP WALK 9/19

Next Sunday, our CUCC Middle and High School Youth will be going to Shakespeare's pizza for lunch together, and then walking at the CROP Walk! Youth can meet at Shakespeare's West at 12:00pm or talk to Lena Muench, Pastor Rick or Kristy Odneal for a ride.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS TRAINING 9/26

Healthy Relationships Training ("Safe Church") will be conducted after worship on September 26. This training is mandatory for everyone who will be working with children and/or youth this year, but it is a good idea for everyone. Pastor Rick will be leading this discussion around best practices in relationships with everyone in our faith community. All are encouraged to attend. We will start around 11:45, right after worship, and finish around 12:30. Snacks will be provided by the Nurture & Education Ministry Team.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	9/12	<i>RALLY DAY/COMMUNION</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Rally Day Picnic & Games	11:30am
Mon	9/13	Staff Meeting	10:15am
		Confirmation	6:00pm
		Clergy Personnel Committee Meeting	7:30pm
Tue	9/14	Quilters	10:00am
Wed	9/15	Pastor Rick leads worship at The Bluffs	10:00am
		Joyful Ringers (Bell Choir) Practice	6:30pm
		Celebration Singers (Choir) Practice	7:30pm
Fri	9/17	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	9/19	<i>CROP WALK</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Youth to Shakespeare's	11:30am
		CROP Walk	1:30pm

***SAVE THE DATE– TRUNK OR TREAT SATURDAY, 10/30!
MORE INFORMATION TO COME!***

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Those who were victimized on 9/11/01 and first responders who gave their all...
as we remember the 20th anniversary of this event

Caitlin Herritt... serious health issue (David and Ann Stone-Meyer's daughter)

Shiela Colin... anticipating shoulder surgery (Jackie Asher's cousin)

Alex Kuhn... health issue (April Rothweiler's friend)

Christie O'Very... on hospice (Kim Oberle's aunt)

Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothweiler's Aunt)

Linda Lau... living with cancer (Alisa Lau-Sieckman's sister)

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

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier, Malicoat, Lasley

Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Helen Schultz

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Christine Mseke;

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)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

R. J. Howard... serving in Fiji

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

Gather Us In

Unison D A C G Gm/Bb Dm

1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, sha-dows of doubt are
 2. We are the young—our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
 3. Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
 4. Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav - en,

C G D A C G

van-ished a - way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way, here in this place the new light is shin - ing;

Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1981

GATHER US IN
Irr.

GATHERING

A C/G D/F# G A C/G

Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in; our
 Gath-er us in— the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in— the
 Give us to drink the wine of com- pass- ion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and

D/F# G A D A C G

spir - its in- flame. Call to us now, and we shall a- wak- en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour- ish us well, and teach us to fash- ion
 make us your own; gath- er us in, all peo- ples to- geth- er,

Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D C/D Gm/D D

we shall a- rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour- age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho- ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

In the Midst of New Dimensions

Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14

Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with - draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil-grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob-al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

Refrain
 Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Julian Rush, an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, has spent more than a decade as director of the Colorado AIDS Project. He wrote this hymn on the theme of "diversity" for a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference (United Methodist).

Tune: NEW DIMENSIONS 8.7.8.7. with refrain
 Julian Rush, 1985
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

2 Cor. 5:16-17

Brian Wren, 1978; rev. 1983

Unison

1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and
 * In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and

mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is
 Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of
 past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -

bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.

*Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1978 for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. The music is by the editor of two hymnals of the United Methodist Church and was composed for the original Wren text.

Tune: BEGINNINGS 9.8.9.8.
 Carlton R. Young, 1987