

Columbia United Church Of Christ

January 29, 2023

"Inclusion Covenant Anniversary"



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.

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No matter where you are on your faith journey;

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You are welcome here!

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Of Christ*



January 29, 2023

10:30 a.m.

"Open and Affirming"

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

*"You (God) show me the path of life;
In your presence there is fullness of joy..."
-Psalm 16:11*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Shelly

Prelude "Prelude on St. Catherine's Court"

Amy Crousore
Strutt/arr. Carlson

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 16)

Pat Forward

In days of trouble, we cry out to God:
Protect us, O God; in you we take refuge!

**We take refuge in God and God's presence;
All good blessings come to us from God!**

God gives us counsel and guidance;
God instructs us and keeps our hearts centered.

**We keep God's wisdom as our guide.
With God as our guide, we shall not be moved.**

Our hearts are glad, and our souls rejoice!
We are able to rest secure in God's presence.

**God's Wisdom is the path of life;
In God's presence, there is fullness of joy!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Gathering Hymn "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

#495

*Opening Prayer

Pat Forward

God of Glory and love, you call us to be partners in Christ's service, and we strive to live into that call. We know that you are with us as we struggle and grow, stretching beyond the limits of imagination to become all that we can be. We praise you for guiding this church to be even more emblematic of your love by adopting our Inclusion Covenant. Continue to be with us, we pray, as we strive to live into that Covenant, embracing even more fully the ministry of Jesus Christ. In his name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Shelly

As Christians, we are always striving to embody more closely the example for ministry Christ set before us, but as limited human beings, we are always falling short of that ideal. Even so, God loves us and forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved, and blessed. 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 Shelly

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

Pastor Shelly

Response:

"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!

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Pat Forward

The prophet Micah relates his call to ministry, and what God's priorities are for disciples: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God (page #757)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Pat Forward

Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee, outlining the essence of his ministry in several concise statements. We have come to call these "The Beatitudes." They have become a standard we as Christians strive for in our dealings with each other and the world. (page #785)

Anthem

"Blessed Are You"

Celebration Singers
Arr. Craig Courtney

Sermon

"21st Century Beatitudes"

Pastor Shelly

*Hymn

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

(insert)

***Affirmation of Faith (*CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant*)**

God of rainbow covenants and inclusive love, we gather here as your church, committed to actively pursuing inclusion and affirmation in our interactions with everyone but especially your most vulnerable children, those who have been disenfranchised and dismissed by others.

Exemplifying your love, we now gather at this time, reciting together the Open and Affirming/Inclusion covenant we, your people, have adopted as our guide:

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God of love and grace, help us to keep this covenant close and fresh in our hearts, in our minds, and in our interactions in your world.

This we pray in the name of the one who taught us to exemplify love, your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Community Prayer

Silent Prayer

The LORD's Prayer

(in an effort to encourage inclusion, this Sunday we are suggesting using the address "Creator God" in our unison recitation of The Lord's Prayer.)

Creator God, 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 Shelly

Mission Moment

“Food Bank”

Mahree Skala

Capital Campaign Announcement

“The New Century Sanctuary”

Mike Pierson

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

Offertory

“Three Ecossaises”

Amy Crousore
Carl Maria con Weber

*Prayer of Dedication

Pat Forward

God of Inclusion, we give these gifts today praying that they may be used to share your extravagant love with all of Creation. Take them and use them to bring affirmation to all of God’s children, just as you created them. We have been blessed; we pray that these gifts may be used to bless others, too. Amen.

*Benediction

Pastor Shelly

*Response

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

(insert)

*Postlude

“Lord God on High”

Amy Crousore

Lani Smith



*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: Pat Forward

Acolyte:

Ushers: Mike & Sharon Rapp

Greeters: Melba Shaffer

Technology Booth: John Graves & Carissa Graves

Hospitality: Audrey Lasley

Council Stewards: Lorry Dreier & Kurt Heine

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Sue Ann Schaefer

Acolyte:

Ushers: Melba Shaffer & Charlie Marcks

Greeters: Helen Schultz

Technology Booth: Brent Marcks & Doug Privitt

Hospitality: Audrey Lasley

Council Stewards: Mike Pierson & Brent Marcks

Online giving QR code



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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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WITH SHELLY ADAMS

Shelly Adams will be leading the Adult Contemporary Class the next two Sundays, 2/5-2/12, focusing on the topic, "How to Heal our Divides." The text for the class is the book "How to Heal our Divides: A Practical Guidebook." If you would like to order a copy, talk to Shelly, or you can look it up online!

HEALTH MINISTRY

The **Health Ministry Care Team** will be hosting a "Lunch and Learn" on "Heart Sunday"- February 12. Stefanie Zimny will be leading a CPR class, and we will learn how to use the AED machine. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up so we know how much food to buy! To sign up, talk to Anne Heine. There is also a sign up sheet in the narthex.

ALPHA HART LEWIS READING WEEK

Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary School (AHL) is celebrating Reading Week the week of March 6-10, 2023. If you would like to participate with our Columbia Public Schools Partner Friend AHL and read to some students for about 15-20 minutes, scan this QR code and fill out the attached Google sheet!



Alpha Hart Reading
Week Volunteer form

FASTNACHT

Fastnacht (the night before the fast) will be February 21, the day before Ash Wednesday. We will be celebrating with German food and music. Sign up today using the QR code in the bulletin insert, or by telling Stefanie Zimny!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday services will be February 22 at 7:00pm. We will observe the traditional imposition of ashes, and celebrate communion together. This is the beginning of the Lenten Season, a time when Christians typically give something up or take something new on to remind themselves of God's presence in their lives and Christ's command to love one another.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	1/29	<i>Celebration of our ONA Covenant</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
Mon	1/30	NO Staff Meeting	
		LODO Ministry Team	5:30 p.m.
Wed	2/1	Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:00/7:00 p.m.
Sun	2/5	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Nominating Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Heritage Team Meeting	12:00 p.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

John Adams... health issues
Gary Sieckman... health issues
Alisa Lau Sieckman... strength as caregiver for Gary
Patty Schroeder... recovering from shingles
Sharon Crousore . . . anticipating cardiac surgery February 8
The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our partnership friend

Sheila . . . challenges in life and faith
The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

Health Issues:

Glenn Duermeyer, Levi Markway, Christine Mseke

Living in Care Facilities:

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

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson,
Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden, Tim Isom (Oberles' friend)
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

Pregnancies in our church family:

Hannah Duncan & Ben Bashinski
Shelby Oberle & Ryan Furney



*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*



Happy Fastnacht

Day: Tuesday, February 21, 2023
Time: 5:30 p.m.



Don't Forget to
Sign-Up for
Fastnacht!

Use the QR code above so
we will know how many are
coming. Also, we need
volunteers to help prepare the
food, serve it, and clean up after.

Contact Stefanie Zimny if
you want to volunteer!

Stefanie Zimny:

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Office: office@columbiaucc.com



Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E-equal part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

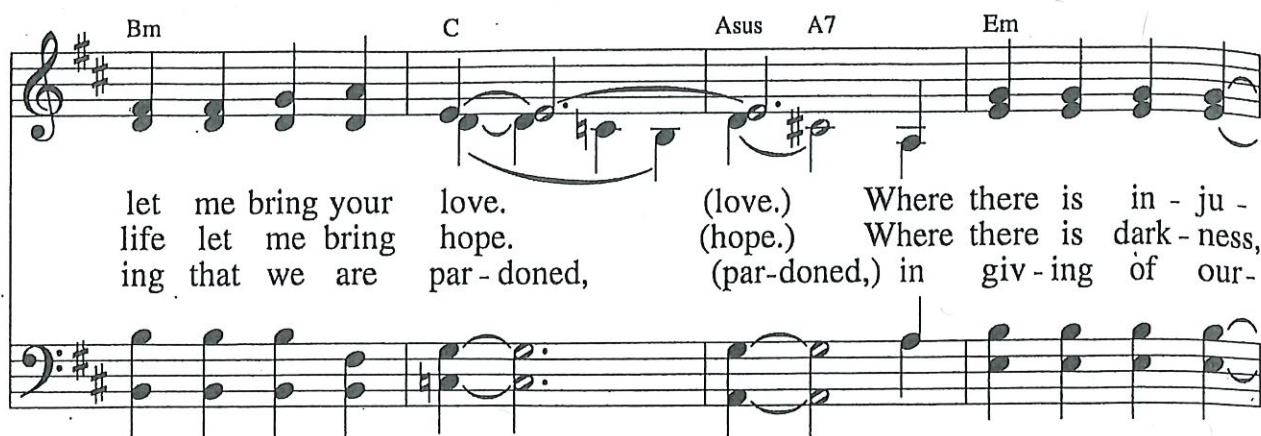


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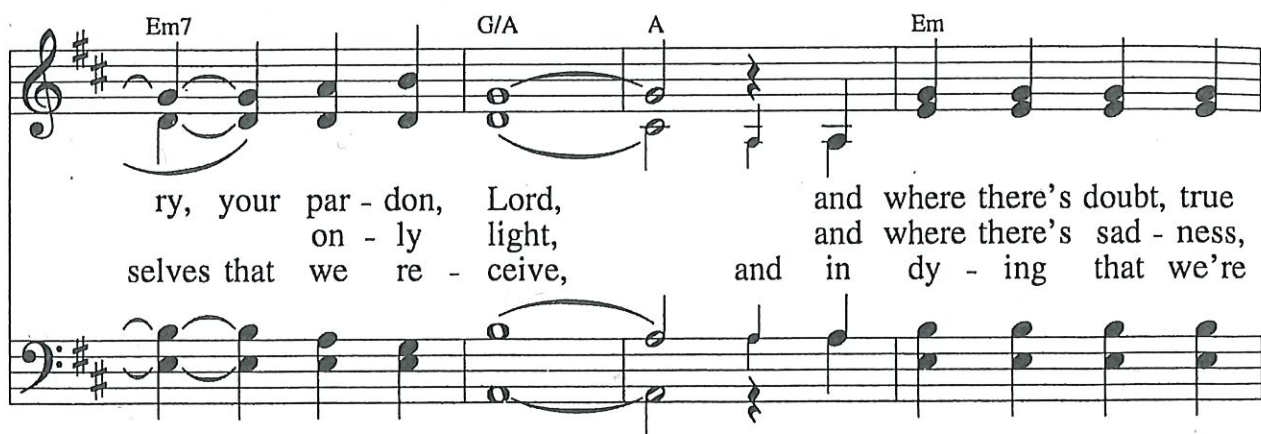
Prayer of St. Francis



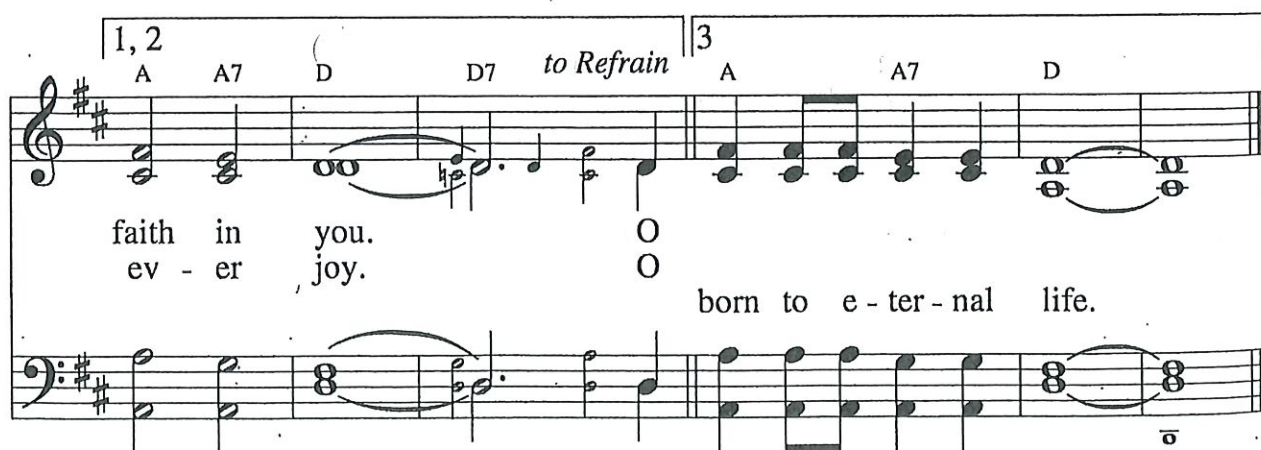
1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in
 3 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don.



let me bring your love. (love.) Where there is in - ju -
 life let me bring hope. (hope.) Where there is dark - ness,
 ing that we are par - doned, (par-doned,) in giv - ing of our -



ry, your par - don, Lord, and where there's doubt, true
 on - ly light, and where there's sad - ness,
 selves that we re - ceive, and in dy - ing that we're



1, 2 faith in you. O O born to e - ter - nal life.
 ev - er joy.

Refrain

G Em7 F#m Bm7 Em7
 Mas-ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so much to be con-
 A7 D D7 G Em7
 soled as to con - sole, to be un - der - stood, as to un - der-
 F#m Bm7 E E7 A Em A
 stand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

A Charge to Keep I Have

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1 A charge to keep I have, a God to glo - ri - fy, a
 2 To serve the pres - ent age, my call-ing to ful - fill, O
 3 Arm me with watch - ful care as in thy sight to live, and
 4 Help me to watch and pray, and still on thee re - ly, O

nev - er - dy - ing soul to save, and fit it for the sky.
 may it all my powers en - gage to do my Mas - ter's will!
 now thy serv - ant, Lord, pre - pare a strict ac - count to give!
 let me not my trust be - tray, but press to realms on high.

They'll Know We Are Christians 595.

Unison

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.