

Columbia United Church Of Christ

February 16, 2020
Restoring Relationships



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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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10:30 Worship

"Black History Month"

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

*"...happy are those whose way is blameless,
Who walk in the law of the LORD..."*

-Psalm 119:!

Welcome and Greetings

Kristy Odneal

Prelude

"O Savior, Let Me Walk With You"

Amy Crousore
Perry Smith

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Raelyn Zimny

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 119)*

Llona Weiss

Happy are those whose way is blameless;
Who walk in the ways of God!

**We strive to walk God's path;
In all our days, in all our ways!**

Happy are those who seek God's decrees;
Who seek God with their whole heart!

**We ask God's vision and strength upon our hearts;
That we may always seek God's decrees in our lives!**

God has written God's laws upon our hearts;
Building us up in relationship, providing us with guidance!

**O, that our ways may be Steadfast, bound by God's guidance;
That our eyes may be fixed on God's commandments!**

Let us praise God with an everlasting joy!
With grateful hearts, let us come before our Creator!

**God will never forsake us; God is our constant joy.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" #495

*Opening Prayer Llona Weiss

God of loving relationship; you call us to not just believe in you, but to love you; and to love one another as you first loved us. You challenge us to live not in isolation but in relationship; and we strive to live into that model. We confess that often we fail, and construct

barriers to keep others away. We act out of fear, afraid of vulnerability. Open our hearts, God and restore our relationships; with you and with each other; as we embrace your gracious love and forgiveness. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Quinn Rosenthal

God loves us all; and God forgives all our shortcomings. God calls us into relationship with God and with each other; but even when we fail to heed that call, we are forgiven. We are all blessed and beloved! Praise be to God, from whom all blessings flow!

*Prayer 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

Quinn Rosenthal

*At this time, you are invited to greet one another
with a hug or a handshake and the words,
"May God's Peace be with you!"*

Children's Time

Quinn Rosenthal

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
(Sung as children return to their seats)
**I have decided to follow Jesus; (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.
The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.**

Anthem

"Ubi Caritas"

Celebration Singers

Bryan Sharpe

Living our Mission

"Loaves and Fishes"

Audrey Lasley

Old Testament Lesson:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Llona Weiss

The author talks about the restoration of relationship with God and each other, and therefore embracing God's blessings. He juxtaposes this relationship with the consequences of turning away from God and embracing false gods.

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Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 5:21-24

Llona Weiss

Jesus, continuing his Inaugural Address (Sermon on the Mount) tells the crowds that God's commandments are not a checklist for prohibition but a means for establishing relationship. He tells them they have gutted the heart of the Law (restoration of relationship) and left the prohibition of the Law (retribution). Jesus advocates a return to restoration thinking and turning away from retributive thinking.

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Sermon:

“Sometimes Things Just Don’t Work Out” Quinn Rosenthal

*Meditation Hymn “O Savior, Let Me Walk With You” #503
Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

Quinn Rosenthal

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. 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

Kristy Odneal

Presenting our Gifts

“Theme and Variations”

Amy Crousore
WA Mozart

*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*

*Response

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

#425

**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

Llona Weiss

God of love; through Jesus Christ, your ministry challenged the status quo of the world that was, and prioritized restoration over retribution. In our world, you challenge us to follow the same standards of restoration; prioritizing relationship over regulation. As we offer our gifts, we offer our hearts; praying that through them, relationships may be restored with you and with each other. Amen.

*Benediction

Quinn Rosenthal

*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

“The Spacious Firmament on High”

Amy Crousore
Josef Haydn

Sometimes, I want to ask God a few questions...

With all of God's power...

Why does God allow poverty to exist in the world?

Famine? Hunger? Injustice?

Cruelty and torture?

**I want to ask, why does God to allow these things to exist in
the world when God could do something about it?**

But I am afraid to ask God...

**...because I am afraid God might
ask me the same Question...**



*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*

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Judi Privitt & Stefanie Zimny
Ushers: Charlie Marcks & Brent Marcks
Worship Leader: Llona Weiss
Acolyte: Raelyn Zimny
Sound Booth: Pete Jaberg
Hospitality: ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***
Council Steward: Pete Jaberg



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Bryan Crousore & Sharon Crousore
Ushers: Llona Weiss & Mahree Skala
Worship Leader: Connie Loveless
Acolyte: Katelyn Odneal
Sound Booth: Doug Privitt
Hospitality: ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***
Council Steward:

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WELCOME GUESTS! If you are a guest visiting with us this morning, please fill out a green card found in your chair pocket; and leave it in the offering plate when it is passed. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Rick! We would love to get to know you better!

NAMETAGS We strive to be a friendly and welcoming church! Members and frequent guests, please wear your nametag each Sunday so we can greet each other most effectively and become an even friendlier church!

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS If you are a graduating Senior or are attending college currently, applications are available in the church office for scholarships from the NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND! Applications are due in the church office by April 1. (*Contributions to this Fund are welcome also, so we can continue this ministry for years to come!*)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST The annual Habitat for Humanity Pancake Breakfast will be February 22 from 7:00-11:00am. To purchase tickets see Doug Privitt, Brent Marcks, John Graves, or another member of the Men's Fellowship.

TRANSGENDER AND CHRISTIAN

CUCC, along with other churches in Columbia, is sponsoring an event at First Baptist Church, "Transgender and Christian" featuring transgender theologian Austen Hartke. Austen will be speaking on February 21 and 22 on the intersectionality of these topics and discussing how transgender people fit into the Christian narrative. All are welcome!

BOOK STUDY IN MARCH

Pastor Rick will be hosting a daytime Book Study on the book "Transgender and Christian" in March, as a follow up to Austen Hartke's presentation at the end of February. The time for the Book Study will be Wednesdays at noon, but we will utilize Zoom technology so people can participate from home or work using their laptop or cell phone. Copies of the book are available in the church office; see Alisa Lau Sieckman for details.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	2/16	Fellowship Time/Sunday School Worship	9:00am 10:30am
Mon	2/17	Church Office Closed Loaves and Fishes Music & Worship Ministry Team	4:30pm 6:30pm
Tue	2/18	Quilters Membership & Care Ministry Team	9:00am-2:00pm 6:30pm
Wed	2/19	Bells/Choir Confirmation	6:30pm/7:30pm 6:30pm
Fri	2/21	Lifetouch Pictures at CUCC Austen Hartke event at First Baptist	2:00-9:00pm 6:30pm
Sat	2/22	Habitat for Humanity Pancake Breakfast Austen Hartke event at First Baptist Lifetouch Pictures at CUCC	7:00-11:00am 6:30pm 10:00am-5:00pm
Sun	2/23	<i>Camp Sunday– Wear your Camp T-shirts!</i> Fellowship Time/Sunday School (<i>Sunday School will start in the Sanctuary with songs and games</i>) Worship	9:00am 10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The family of Nicholas Johnson ... on their loss
The family of Mary Loveless... on their loss (Jim's Mother)
The family of Sharon Koch... on their loss (Lisa Jaberg's aunt)
Gladys Koepke... health issues after a fall (Gene's mother)
Rev. Dr. David Beebe... living with cancer (Oberle's friend)
Jo Ellen Grace's brother... living with cancer
Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;
Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Remeika/Johnson family
Sheila... challenges in life and faith
Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family;

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Kathy Kindrick; Christie O'Very;
Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Sharon Elliott; Rev. Jim Elliott; Shirley Lawler;
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Sue Beckman; Wayne Gartner (Laura's brother)
Pat Enos (Alisa's brother-in-law)

Pregnancies in our church family:

Makayla Smith and Joey Oberle
Coleen & Tim Williams (Bullerd's daughter)

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)
Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson, Chuck Sheller (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Abigail Hernandez, serving in Japan

2020 Confirmation Class:

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly

*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.*