

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

January 13, 2019  
Baptism of Christ



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*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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*January 13, 2019*

*10:30 Worship*

*“Baptism”*

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

*“...do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, and you are mine...”  
-Isaiah 43:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“Sing Praise to God”

Amy Crousore  
JG Walther

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Riley Hayward

\*Call to Worship *(from UCC “Worship Ways”)*

Ember Piersee

Sisters and brothers, today we recall  
Jesus coming to the waters of baptism.

**In baptism, our Creator claims us;  
God frees us from the power of hatred and death.**

In baptism we are joined to Christ  
In baptism we are joined together in unity.

**We remember the words of the Apostle Paul:  
“In baptism, there is no longer Jew or Greek;  
there is no longer slave or free;  
there is no longer male or female;  
all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”**

In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry  
and makes us signs of divine love.

It is the mark of acceptance into the church  
and the beginning of our growth  
into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**Therefore on this day, the whole church, the Body of Christ,  
remembers and celebrates. Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn “Sing Praise To God”

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\*Opening Prayer *(based on Isaiah 43)*

Andie Rapp

**Gracious God, we confess that too often we live as though we are  
fearful, not faithful. When we encounter the waters of chaos and  
confusion we don’t easily pass through. We obsess about the height**

**of the water instead of the sight of the other side. You promised to walk through the rivers with us. Help us believe. Help our unbelief. Forgive us for the times when we doubt you. Let us realize and remember our individual baptisms into the ministry of Christ; the cost and the joys of discipleship. Teach us your Wisdom, O God; In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God Created you, formed you in God's image, and called you to the waters of baptism. God said, "Do not fear; for you are redeemed." God has called you by name, and you belong to God. This is the Good News; we all belong to God, forgiven and beloved. Praise 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

*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

"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.**

Called to the Waters of Baptism

*Today we celebrate the baptisms of  
Jackson James Jaberg and Hazel Maye Jaberg  
Children of Peter and Lisa Jaberg*

Welcome and Proclamation

Questions for the Parents

\*Congregational Assent

Baptism & Blessing

Baptismal Prayer

Presentation & Sending Forth

\*Meditation Hymn

"Borning Cry"

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*ushers will collect prayer request cards during hymn*

Living our Mission      “Room at the Inn”      Mahree Skala

Gospel Lesson:      Matthew 3:1-17      Andie Rapp & Ember Piersee  
*The wild and unpredictable John appears from the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance. Jesus comes to John to be baptized and John is taken aback. But Jesus asks John to baptize him, symbolizing his new birth and dedication to the ministry he is about to begin.*  
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Anthem      “Come to the Water”      Special Music Ensemble  
by John H. Foley

Sermon      “Baptized into Jesus’ Ministry”      Pastor Rick

Community Prayer

Silent Prayer

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

Presenting our Gifts      “Menuet”      Amy Crousore  
JS Bach

\*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      Ember Piersee

**Accept these gifts, we humbly pray, O God. May they be used to bring new life and new hope to your children; and to strengthen all in times of challenge. We give these gifts as a portion of ourselves; dedicated and devoted to you. Use them to further your mission of unity and love in your creation. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

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\*Benediction

\*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

“Sing Praise to God”

Amy Crousore

*John Carter*

“I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that God will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things.”

-Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** Carol Duermeyer & Tracy Bach  
**Ushers:** Hugo Wilmsmeyer & Llona Weiss  
**Sound Booth:** Jamie Rapp  
**Worship Leader:** Ember Piersee & Andie Rapp  
**Hospitality:** *Hospitality Host Needed*  
**Acolyte:** Riley Hayward

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** John & Brenda Muench  
**Ushers:** Donna Marsh & Lloyd Viehland  
**Sound Booth:** Carissa Graves  
**Worship Leader:** Pat Forward  
**Hospitality:** *Hospitality Host Needed*  
**Acolyte:** Grace Evans

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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 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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### **COMO VALUES DIVERSITY**

COMO Values Diversity, an annual program the Thursday before Martin Luther King Weekend each year, honors MLK's dream for unity, celebrating the diverse gifts each one brings to the table. CUCC has 10 seats available for this program. If anyone is interested in attending, talk to Pastor Rick (program starts at 7:00am)

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL TO RONALD MC DONALD HOUSE**

The Middle School Youth will be going to Ronald McDonald House today to prepare a meal for those who are staying there. Middle High Youth, meet at RMD at 2:00pm. We will be done around 5:00pm.

### **CUCC LUNCH BUNCH TO TALK ABOUT CHIPAPS TRIP**

The CUCC Lunch Bunch (formerly the Senior Luncheon) will feature Pastor Rick and a discussion about Chiapas this month— January 24 at noon. All are welcome to attend! Bring a dish to share and enjoy a pot-luck meal. Pastor Rick will have a Powerpoint presentation of last year's trip to Chiapas, and will discuss the ministry we share together in that region. Come hear about his travels!

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

|     |      |   |              |
|-----|------|---|--------------|
| Sun | 1/13 | Men's Breakfast                           | 7:30am       |
|     |      | Sunday School                             | 9:00am       |
|     |      | Fellowship Time                           | 9:30am       |
|     |      | Worship                                   | 10:30am      |
|     |      | Nurture & Education Ministry Team         | 12:00pm      |
|     |      | Middle School to RMD House                | 2:00pm       |
| Mon | 1/14 | Staff Meeting                             | 10:00am      |
| Tue | 1/15 | Quilters                                  | 9:00am       |
|     |      | Finance and Stewardship Ministry Team     | 6:00pm       |
| Wed | 1/16 | Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team       | 5:30pm       |
|     |      | Chapel Ringers                            | 6:30pm       |
|     |      | Confirmation                              | 7:00pm       |
|     |      | Celebrations Singers                      | 7:30pm       |
| Thu | 1/17 | COMO Values Diversity Breakfast           | 7:00am       |
|     |      | LODO Board Meeting                        | 5:45pm       |
|     |      | Membership and Care Ministry Team         | 6:30pm       |
| Sun | 1/20 | Sunday School                             | 9:00am       |
|     |      | Fellowship Time                           | 9:30am       |
|     |      | Worship                                   | 10:30am      |
|     |      | High School Youth to Sky Zone & Taco Bell | 12:00-4:00pm |

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

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

Sue Beckman... living with cancer, recovering from surgery 12/12  
Sylvia Mosberger...recovering from surgery 12/18 (Pastor Rick's aunt)  
Christy O'Very... living with cancer, health issues (Kim Oberle's aunt)

Janet Shepard... thyroid problems

Kathy Kindrick... living with cancer (Janet's mother)

Mike Provin... living with cancer, health issues (Lois' son)

The Remeika/Johnson Family... Challenges in life

Delaney Hartgrove... premature baby (Lauren's friend)

Those battling addiction & depression

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon; Tommie Wildman;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Margaret Abbott;

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family;

## *Health Issues:*

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece);

Nathan Schnell and Wendy (Isaiah's friends);

Gary Sieckman (Alisa's husband);

## *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)

## *Pregnancies in our church family:*

April & Parker Rothweiler;

## *UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:*

Kearstin Bailey, serving in Greece

## *2019 Confirmation Class:*

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;

Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp