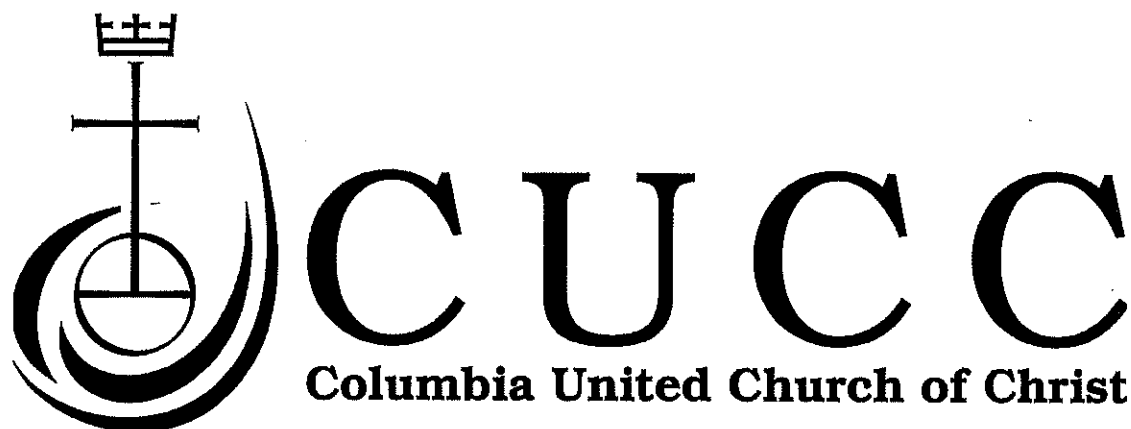


Columbia United Church Of Christ

June 27, 2021

Open and Affirming Sunday



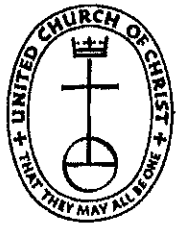
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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June 27, 2021

9:30 Worship

"ONA Sunday"

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

"...hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is Steadfast Love, and great power to redeem..."

-Psalm 9:9

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|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Gathering Music | | Amy Crousore |
| Welcome and Greetings | | Pastor Rick |
| Prelude | "Arietta" | Amy Crousore Edvard Grieg |
| Carrying in the Light of Christ | | Lil Smith |
| Lighting the Flames of Love | | CUCC Youth |
| *Call to Worship | | Seth Smith |

(based on Psalm 130;

adapted by Kimi Floyd Reich, 2021 at www.openandaffirming.org)

Listen! The voice of comfort and love is calling.

Listen and hear the voice of the Divine Comforter.

It has been a hard year.

Anger, grief, despair.

People suffering and being oppressed.

The chains of oppression are all around us.

Wait for it; listen to God; follow God's wisdom,

Just as Israel watched and waited for freedom from oppression.

All our lives we pray for deliverance from injustice;

All our lives are prayers to God.

Just as God redeemed Israel, from captivity to freedom,

You too are free to live and love as God intended.

You, too are chosen by God. You are enough, as you are, for God!

For God is love and we are God's beloved just as we are.

No matter where we are on life's journey, we are beloved!

Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

"We Are One in the Spirit"

(insert)

*Opening Prayer

(by Kimi Floyd Reich, 2021)

Seth Smith

Creator and Creative God, as we kindle the flames of change, we pray that the flames of your love set fire to the world. Forgive us for the times we let envy and malice, hatred or fear smother these flames. We pray that the spark of your love light the light of love in our hearts, that they may burn brightly throughout the day. May your flames of love also warm those who are lonely, those who feel rejected, those who feel cast out because of who they are or who they love. May your flames of radical love guide your children here, guide them home, guide them into the arms of love. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

*Prayer Response

“Spirit of the Living God”

#283

Spirit of the Living God; fall afresh on me!

Spirit of the Living God; fall afresh on me!

Melt me, Mold me, fill me, use me;

Spirit of the Living God; fall afresh on me!

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

Pastor Rick will offer the words, “May God's Peace be with You” and you are invited to respond with the words, “And also with you.”

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response

“This Little Light of Mine”

#524

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!

Inclusion Moment

Jess Wolfe

Anthem

“Many Colors Paint the Rainbow”

Celebration Singers

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New Testament Lesson

Acts 8:26-39

Seth Smith

Phillip, a leader in the early church, extends God's love to a non-binary person. According to proper Jewish society, these non-binary people would have been excluded; but the Holy Spirit calls Phillip to include them. In an act of extravagant welcome, Phillip baptizes the non-binary person, welcoming them into the church

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Gospel Lesson

Mark 5:21-43

Seth Smith

In this story, Jesus extends acts of Expressive Inclusion to two people who would have been excluded by proper Jewish society. Jesus includes them and restores their dignity and their lives.

(pg. 816)

- *Hymn "Sing a New World into Being (insert)
Sermon: "Why ONA?" Pastor Rick
*Hymn "All the Colors of the Rainbow" (insert)

"Sing a New World into Being" and "All the Colors of the Rainbow" are part of a new collection of Inclusive Hymns curated by The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada (www.thehymnsociety.org); an organization founded in 1922 to encourage, enliven and support congregational singing in the US and Canada. The hymn collection these came from is called, "Songs for the Holy Other" published in 2021. Ed, Amy and Pastor Rick all have copies of this resource if anyone wants to look through it!

***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 term "Creator God" in our unison recitation of The Lord's Prayer.)

Creator God in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours 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 Rick

Presenting our Gifts

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Amy Crousore

Bradbury/Folkemer

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

"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

Pastor Rick

*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 who Reigns Above"

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Acolyte: Lil Smith
Ushers:
Greeters: Jessica Lucas
Technology Booth: Brent Marcks & James Melton
Hospitality: Lena Muench
Council Steward: Jessica Lucas/Brent Marcks



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Sue Ann Schaefer
Acolyte: Lil Smith
Ushers:
Greeters: Jolene Kirchhoff
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Hospitality:
Council Stewards: Sue Ann Schaefer

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CORONAVIRUS VACCINE INFORMATION

The Boone County Health Department has a very helpful website with COVID-19 Vaccine information, answering questions about the safety and efficacy of the vaccines and dispelling misinformation that is being spread. Go to www.como.gov/covidvaccine/ to read up on the vaccine and hopefully answer any questions you may have. You can also schedule a vaccine at Hy-Vee or Walmart by visiting their websites. Let's all do our part to get **EVERYONE** vaccinated!

MEXICAN MISSION MEAL AT CUCC 7/15

Mark your calendars! On Thursday, July 15 we have the rare opportunity to host Global Ministries Missionary Elena Huegel here at CUCC! She is our missionary stationed at INESIN in Chiapas, Mexico! Elena is supported by us through our gifts to Global Ministries (through OCWM and OGHS). She will be speaking about the work she does on our behalf in Mexico. We will also share a Mexican meal prior to her talk! Come by for supper on July 15 at 6:00. Elena will start speaking around 6:45 and we will wrap up by 7:30. It will be a fun evening for all! Everyone is welcome! (Churros for dessert!)

VBS 2021- ADVENTURE ISLAND!

August 2 - 4, 2021 5:15 - 8:15 each evening

SAVE THE DATE to join us for a GREAT (& free!) 3 evenings of FUN @ CUCC's Vacation Bible School 2021 for those ages 3-finishing 8th Grade! Lots of hands on deck needed, so come volunteer! We'll even take care of dinner. Registration for Volunteers and Participants is open! Register today!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

| | | | |
|-----|------|---|---------|
| Sun | 6/27 | <i>Open and Affirming Sunday</i> | |
| | | Fellowship Time | 9:00am |
| | | Worship (in person and livestream) | 9:30am |
| Mon | 6/28 | Membership & Care Ministry Team | 6:30pm |
| Tue | 6/29 | Quilters | 10:00am |
| Thu | 7/1 | Church Council Executive Team | 6:00pm |
| Fri | 7/2 | <i>Church Office Closed</i> | |
| | | Pastor Rick's Day off | |
| Sun | 7/4 | <i>No Communion- moved to 7/11</i> | |
| | | Fellowship Time | 9:00am |
| | | Worship (in person and livestream) | 9:30am |
| Mon | 7/5 | <i>Church Office Closed</i> | |

We are on our Summer Schedule!

Worship is at 9:30am Fellowship time at 9:00am

(No Sunday School)

Regular schedule resumes Rally Day, September 12

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The family of Ashley Wegner... on their loss (CPS teacher)
Helen Schultz... health issues

Matt Lucas... recovering from knee surgery

Beth Schoeneberg... health issues (Jason's mother)

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

Esther Rollins... health issues (Ed's mother)

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

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Zimny, Lasley, Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece);

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);

Christine Mseke; Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell;

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); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Martha Mensendiek... serving in Japan

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

494 They'll Know We Are Christians

Guitar capo: 1; play Em
Unison

Em

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,

Am Em

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, God's on - ly Son,

Am Em

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 C G C G Em Am

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

WORDS and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

ST. BRENDAN'S
76.76.86 w. refrain

Em Am Bm Em

yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Weave

495

E♭ Gm Fm E♭ Fm E♭

Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth - er in

Fm B♭ E♭ Gm Fm E♭

u- ni- ty and love. Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er.

Fm E♭ B♭ E♭ A♭ E♭

Weave us to- geth - er, to - geth- er in love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Rosemary Crow, 1979

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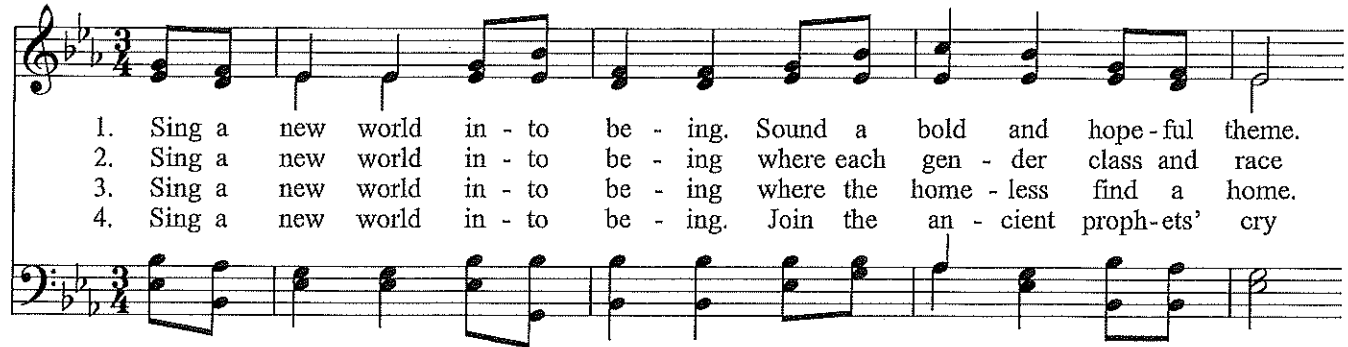
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Sing a New World into Being

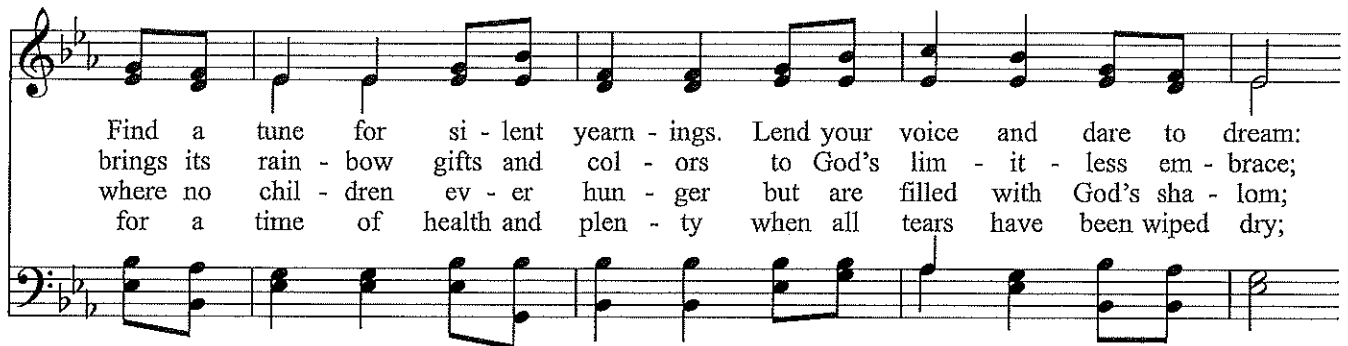
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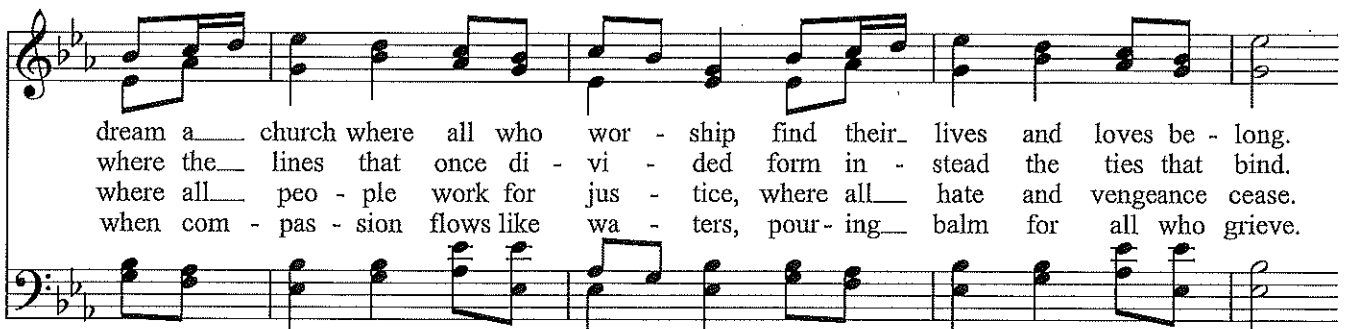
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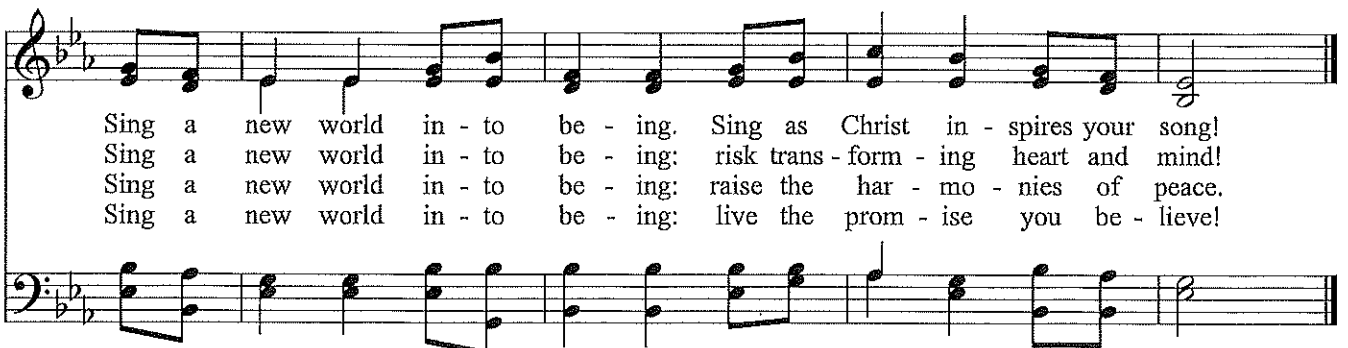
1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.
2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der class and race
3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home.
4. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient proph - ets' cry



Find a tune for si - lent year - ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:
brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em - brace;
where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;
for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;



dream a church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be - long.
where the lines that once di - vi - ded form in - stead the ties that bind.
where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and vengeance cease.
when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who grieve.



Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!

All the Colors of the Rainbow

Carl P. Daw

ABBOT'S LEIGH
Cyril V. Taylor

1. All the co - lours of the rain-bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,
2. All the bo - dy's parts are wan - ted, nor can one de - spise the rest:
3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mu - sic when the words for peace ap - pear:
4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.

but their splen - dors find ex - pres - sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;
head and hand must work to - get - ther, as must eye and ear and chest;
Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ni, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Frie - den, Mir.
Wean us from our sel - fish hab - its; let us list - en, learn, for - give.

so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:
so the church needs all its mem - bers for a range of min - i - stries:
Though our tongues make sounds that va - ry all be - speak a com - mon home:
May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,

breadth of race and class and gen - der, room for doubt and space to heal.
var - ied gifts with one great mis - sion, "Do this for the least of these."
long - ing for the end of con - flict, and a new life in God's Sha - lom.
and be - hold how those a - round us can be chan - nels of your grace.