

Columbia United Church Of Christ

September 29, 2019
LODO Sunday



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.

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

“LODO”

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

*“...you who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD,
‘My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust...’”*

-Psalm 91:1

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“Arietta”

Amy Crousore
Edvard Grieg

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Katelin Odneal

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 91)

Andie Rapp

You, who live under God’s Shelter;
Who abide in God’s expansive shadow;
Cry out to God, “my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in whom I trust!”

**God delivers us from the deadly pestilence;
God covers us with God’s wings.
Under God’s wings we find refuge;
Our shield and our strength!**

You will not fear the terror of the night,
Or the arrow that flies by day,
Or the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
Or the destruction that waits at noonday.

**We have made God our refuge and our dwelling place;
We will fear no evil; for God will protect us.
God will be with us in times of trouble.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn “Welcoming God”

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From her book “Gifts of Love– New Hymns for Today’s Worship”
Geneva Press, 2000*

(to the tune of “Blessed Assurance” by Phoebe Knapp- #473)

**Children are welcome, Christ said one day,
When the disciples just urged them away.
Children are welcome at Jesus’ knee:
God’s own examples for ministry.**

**Welcoming God, you open the way;
Even the smallest worship and pray,
Singing with faith and serving you well,
Your life to know and good news to tell.**

**Outcasts are welcome; sinners are, too,
Eating with Jesus and being made new.
Some like Zacchaeus turned right around;
Wounded and poor ones felt peace profound.**

**God of great love you stand at the door,
Welcoming people outcast and poor.
So you forgive and call us to be
Filled with the joy of your jubilee.**

**So may we welcome into your pew
All who in Jesus are being made new;
All those who seek him, wanting to know,
Wanting to love him, wanting to grow.**

**Welcoming God, you stand at our door,
As someone different, outcast or poor.
With longing eyes, Lord Jesus you search.
May we all welcome you in our church.**

***Opening Prayer**

Andie Rapp

God of welcome and inclusion; you call us into your church to be like the children are; open, accepting, loving. We know that nobody is born to hate or exclude; those are ways of the world. Forgive us when we let those worldly ways corrupt our perspective. Encourage us to see the world through your eyes, loving and forgiving. We thank you for the blessings our children are in the world, and the blessings they inspire us to be. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***Assurance of Blessing**

Pastor Rick

God views the world through eyes that are loving and kind, forgiving and accepting. Jesus calls us to view the world through the eyes of children, eyes that are also loving and kind, forgiving and accepting. Yet God forgives us, even when we let the perspective of the world corrupt the Vision of God. We are all children of God, forgiven, blessed and beloved. Praise be to God!

***Prayer Response**

“Weave”

(insert)

**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

Anthem

LODO & CUCC Children

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

"No One Exactly Like Me"

Mission Moments

Little One's Day Out

Erika Maltsbarger

"5th Sunday Food Offering"

Audrey Lasley

Gospel Lesson:

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Andie Rapp

Paul, writing to Timothy, encourages him in his ministry to shun the things of the world and pursue righteousness, Godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness

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Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 18:1-5

Andie Rapp

Jesus is questioned by the disciples about who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven; he responds by telling them that only one who changes and becomes like a child can enter the Kingdom of heaven.

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Sermon

"Jesus' Eyes"

Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn

"Now, in the Days of Youth"

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Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn

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; 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 Rick

Stewardship Moment “50 for 50” Keith Birkes

Presenting our Gifts “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Amy Crousore
Cindy Barry

*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 Andie Rapp

**God of Love; take these gifts and use them to spread Christ’s
message of love to all of your children. Bless your children with
hope and promise, and teach us all to love as openly and honestly
without worldly exclusion. These gifts are expressions of our love
and our passion for ministry. Use them to your will; Amen.**

*Closing Hymn “God, You Give Each Generation” (insert)

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*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 Amy Crousore
GF Handel

*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:

Greeters: Anne Heine & Keith Birkes
Ushers: Christine Staelens & Jason Schoeneberg
Sound Booth: Dennis Froeschner
Worship Leader: Andie Rapp
Hospitality: Elaine Trout
Acolyte: Katelin Odneal
Council Steward: Jolene Kirchhoff

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Carol Duermeyer & Helen Schultz
Ushers: Doug Privitt
Sound Booth: Carissa Graves
Worship Leader: Llona Weiss
Hospitality: Jolene Kirchhoff
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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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SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP NEXT SUNDAY

All are encouraged to come to the Suicide Prevention Workshop next Sunday. Valuable information will be presented that everyone can use. Our youth will be hosting a pasta bar prior to the workshop, a fundraiser for their 2020 mission trip and trip to National Youth Event. Come support our youth and learn valuable life-saving skills! Cindy Birkner is the workshop presenter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED OCTOBER 11

LODO needs 12 volunteers from CUCC to help with the LODO pumpkin patch on Friday, October 11 from 9:00am-noon. Can you spend some time up here supporting this wonderful ministry of our church? To sign up, talk to Kim Oberle or Emmalee Heine; or another LODO Board member. We need you!

CONGREGATIONAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Planning and Assessment Meeting will be Sunday, October 27 immediately following worship. This is the "Vision Team" meeting that will discuss the direction our Ministry Teams will take in the coming year. Stick around and learn what new things CUCC will be doing in 2020!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	9/29	<i>LODO Sunday</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am
		Pastor Rick leads worship at Lenoir	6:30pm
Mon	9/30	LODO Closed	
		Vision Team Meeting	6:30pm
Tue	10/1	Staff Meeting	10:00am
		Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team	6:30pm
Wed	10/2	Chapel Ringers	6:30pm
		Confirmation Class 2020	6:30pm
		Confirmation Class 2019	7:00pm
		Celebration Singers	7:30pm
Sat	10/5	Open & Affirming Convocation in KC	1:00pm
Sun	10/6	<i>Suicide Prevention Workshop/World Communion Sunday</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am
		All Church Dinner and Suicide Workshop	11:30am
		Middle School at Lena's House	4:00pm

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Family & Friends of Nadria Wright... on their loss (Tez Wells' sister)
Family & friends of Fran Gray... on their loss (Anne Heine's sister)
Family & friends of Larry Vollertsen... on their loss (Pastor Rick's friend)
Family & friends of Jody Sawyers... on their loss (Megan Hall's mother)
Mary K. Borts and family... grieving the loss of her father (9/15)
Tracy Bach... recovering from leg fracture & sprained ankle
Dennis Froeschner... health issues
All who were affected by hurricane Dorian
Ebenezer UCC, Levasy ... recovering from flood damages
For Melody Parry, dealing with cancer (9/8)
For a mother and daughter struggling to get by (9/8)
Brad & Tiffany for clarity, peace of mind and direction
Our church... as we discern next steps as an ONA congregation

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;
Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Remeika/Johnson family
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,
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Harold Hackman;

Pregnancies in our church family:

Ashley (Skala) & Stephen Scott

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);
Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Judy Chan, serving in Hong Kong

2019 Confirmation Class:

Ember Piersee; Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp

2020 Confirmation Class (starting October 2):

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly