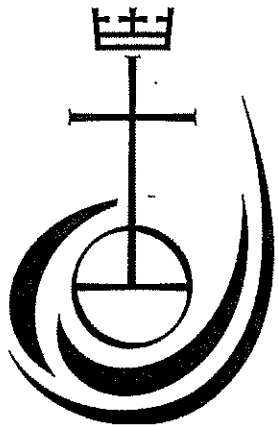


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May 22, 2022
Devoted Disciples— Lydia



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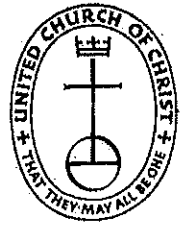
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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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May 22, 2022

10:30 Worship

"Lydia"

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

*"...let the people praise you, O God;
Let all the people praise you!"
-Psalm 67:3*

Easter Affirmation

Pastor Rick

Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen, Indeed!**

Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Fanfare Prelude on 'Old Hundredth' "

Chapel Ringers
Douglas E. Wagner

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 67)*

Mahree Skala

God's grace is our delight;
God's blessings are showered upon us!

**God's face shines upon us,
Showing us the way and bringing us Salvation.**

Let the people shout praises to God!
Let all the people praise God!

**God has brought us great joy,
Bringing us equity and guidance.**

The earth brings forth bounty and beauty
All of Creation reflects God's diversity and glory.

**Let all the people praise God!
All of Creation joins together proclaiming God's glory!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Gathering Hymn "God Reigns O'er all the Earth"

#21

*Opening Prayer

Mahree Skala

**Knitter of the Universe; it is your delight to intertwine us, to
untangle, and to stitch your children together in diverse patterns to**

vast for our comprehension. You know the pattern, the finished work of your heart. We do not need to struggle in your gentle, expert hands. We are the yarn, the energy, the Spirit of your love in the world. And we know you have called it good.

Forgive us for the times we neglect to appreciate the wisdom of your crafting with us and fail to see your stitch in our lives. Lift up our hearts, that we might be able to see more clearly the patterns you set before us, and the fabric you stitch us into.
In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God stitches us together in a diverse tapestry, and calls us to provide comfort for one another. Yet even when we cannot see beyond our own selves, God forgives us and challenges us to expand our vision. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response "Halle-Halle-Halleluja"

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Hallelujah! Halle-lu-ja!

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!
And also with you!

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response:

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
(Sung as children return to their seats)

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.

New Testament Lesson:

Acts 16:9-10, 13-19

Mahree Skala

One of the early women disciples was Lydia, who was a wealthy women from the city of Thyatira. In Paul's travels, he encountered her and told her the Good News. She became a follower of Jesus and a supporter of the early Christian Church. She gave Paul and the other disciples shelter when they were in her region. (page #900)

Gospel Lesson: John 14:19-29 Mahree Skala

Before his Ascension, Jesus tells his friends that he will send the Holy Spirit to be their Advocate, empowering them to continue his work on earth. His challenge to them is essentially to continue what he began.
(page #877)

Anthem "Peace I Give to You " Celebration Singers
Craig Courtney

Sermon: "Faithful Disciples– Lydia" Pastor Rick

*Hymn: "Bring Many Names" #11

Dedication of the Prayer Shawls

Introduction and words of Appreciation

Blessing

Loving God, we claim the power of your Holy Spirit to work in our lives as we reach out to one another in comfort and care. We pray for all those who will use these prayer shawls, that they might feel our love for them and the tenderness of your embrace. May the warmth of these shawls envelop those who feel sorrow and grief. Comfort and console them in your healing presence. Fill them and energize them with your Holy Spirit. May these shawls surround and cover with love all those facing illness and physical challenge, that your miraculous touch might ease their pain and suffering, and offer hope and healing.

Knitter of the Universe, as we dedicate these prayer shawls, we pray that their reach extend to enfold all who are going through times of discomfort and disease in our community. Be with each and every person who receives these prayer shawls, that they might feel the comfort of your strong arms and the strong arms of the community that loves them.

In the name of God our Creator, who blesses and affirms each of us, no matter our race, ethnicity, gender identity or sexual orientation, who knits us together marvelously, we offer these prayers. Amen.

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

Asian American History Month

Lydia Whitacre

Feeding God’s Sheep

“Food Bank”

Mahree Skala

Invitation to the Offering

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

Offertory

“Sonata ”

Amy Crousore
W.A. Mozart

*Prayer of Dedication

Mahree Skala

God of love, we thank you for your ever-flowing blessings; for the hands and hearts that prayerfully create in your name and for those who receive and rest, encircled in your love. We are the yarn in your hands and we know that you will use us for good. Through these gifts, we offer our dedication to you and pray that you may weave us into a rich tapestry, glorifying your creation. Amen.

*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

“Regal Procession ”

Chapel Ringers
Douglas E. Wagner

***Prayers used today are adapted from the book, “The Crocheted Prayer Shawl Companion” by Janet Bristow and Victoria A. Cole-Galo; copyright 2010 by The Taunton Press. Shirley Faleer and John Gill contributed prayers that were adapted for today’s service.*

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Hospitality:
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NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

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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!

FOOD BANK FUN

Please join the CUCC team at the Food Bank at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24. We never know exactly what we'll be doing, but our work is always needed and enjoyable, and it's satisfying to know we're helping people get good, nutritious food. To sign up, or contact Mahree Skala.

LODO PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPEN

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 School Year is in full swing! Please share with friends and family to let them know that we have *limited space available* for Fall 2022! Interested families should contact Erika Maltsbarger at 573-445-2661 or LittleOnesDayOut@yahoo.com or for availability and to schedule a tour.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

Be here on June 5 for our Sunday School VBS Preview! Our Sunday School hour will be devoted to lessons from our upcoming VBS program "Food Truck Party." In worship, we will be recognizing this year's graduates and giving scholarship awards. After worship, we will be celebrating with a meal together. Don't miss Sunday, June 5-- an amazing day of celebration!

LOOKING FOR SINGERS, INSTRUMENTALISTS

Summer is fast approaching-- and Brandon is making summer music plans! Would you like to participate in an ensemble, or sing a solo for our anthem one Sunday? Are you part of an instrumental group that could come and join us for worship one week? We are looking for musical offerings for our Sunday anthems from June 12-- mid August. If you are able to help out, contact Brandon Brown!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	5/22	Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
Mon	5/23	NO Staff Meeting	
Tue	5/24	Quilters	10:00am
		Food Bank	5:30pm
Wed	5/25	Pastor Rick leads worship at The Bluffs	10:00am
		Confirmation	6:00pm
		Chancel Ringers Rehearsal	6:00pm
		Celebration Singers Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thu	5/26	Prayer Shawl Team	10:30am
		Lunch Bunch	12:00pm
Fri	5/27	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	5/29	<i>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL-- MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND</i>	
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Families in Buffalo, NY... grieving their loss

Judy Kaiser... recovering at home

Tiffany Brookshire... recovering from surgeries

Corine Remeika... recovering from knee surgery

Becky Weston... recovering from surgery

Levi Markway... health issues (Tim & Jo Ellen Grace's son-in-law)

Clyde... living with cancer; hospitalized this week (Lydia Whitacre's friend)

The People of Ukraine... standing up to Russian oppression

The People of Russia... manipulated by their leadership

The People of Afghanistan... trying to live in a decimated country

Refugees everywhere... mourning their losses, looking for relief

The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our partnership friend

Alexis... on heart transplant list (Elaine Trout's friend's granddaughter)

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,

Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christine Mseke;

Gene Kelly... living with cancer (Jim & Connie Loveless's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,

Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson, Dane Wilson

James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);

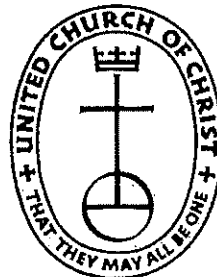
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Rene Seidel... serving in El Salvador

2022 Confirmation Class:

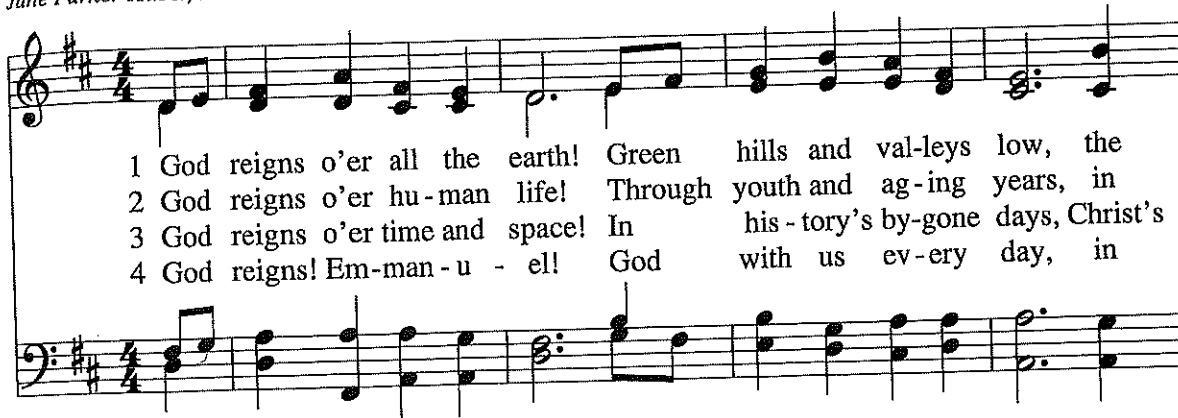
Danielle Dreier, Aidan Pierson, Trevor Pierson; Lawson Flood-Lorber



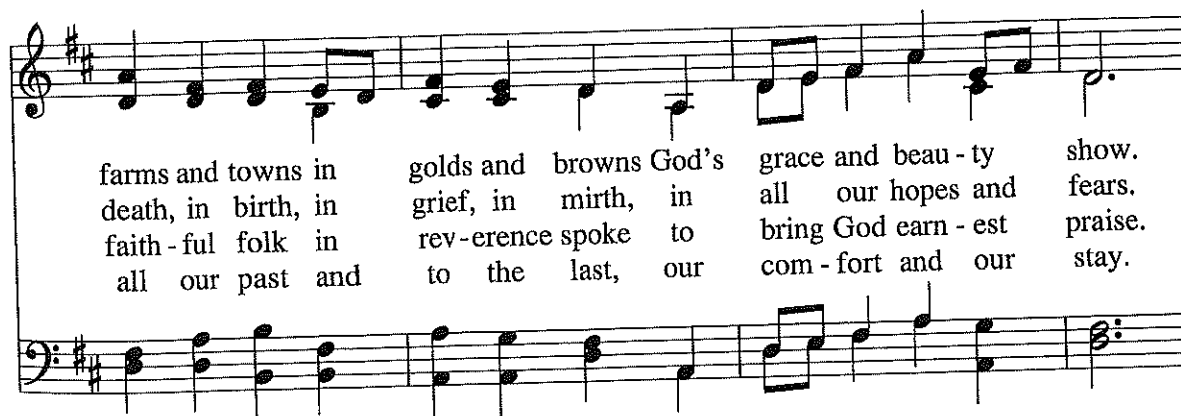
God Reigns o'er All the Earth

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

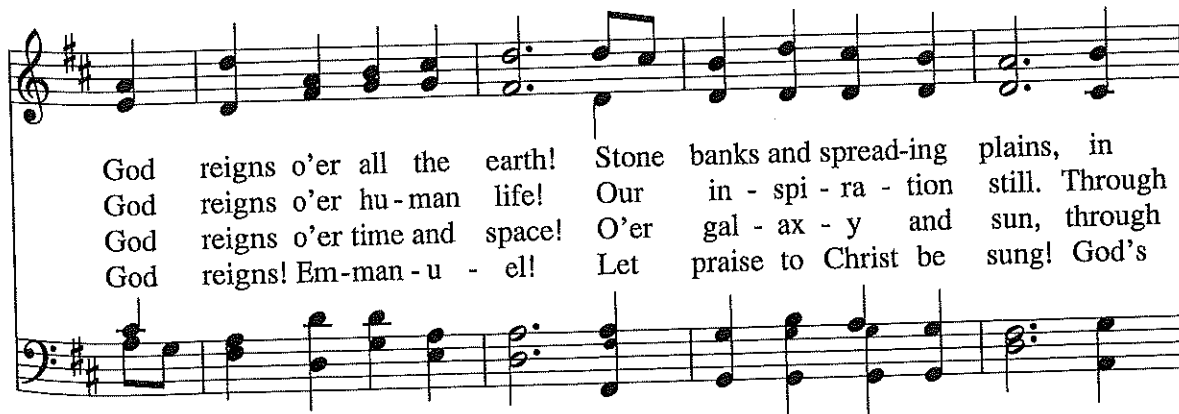
Isa. 52:7-10



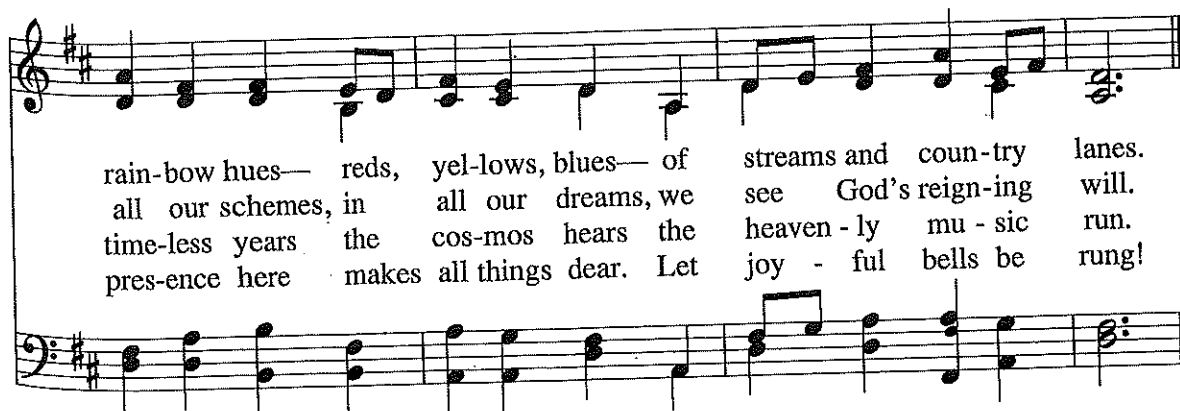
1 God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val-leys low, the
 2 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Through youth and ag-ing years, in
 3 God reigns o'er time and space! In his-tory's by-gone days, Christ's
 4 God reigns! Em-man-u-el! God with us ev-ery day, in



farms and towns in golds and browns God's grace and beau-ty show.
 death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears.
 faith-ful folk in rev-erence spoke to bring God earn-est praise.
 all our past and to the last, our com-fort and our stay.



God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spread-ing plains, in
 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Our in-spi-ra-tion still. Through
 God reigns o'er time and space! O'er gal-ax-y and sun, through
 God reigns! Em-man-u-el! Let praise to Christ be sung! God's



rain-bow hues— reds, yel-lows, blues— of streams and coun-try lanes.
 all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reign-ing will.
 time-less years the cos-mos hears the heaven-ly mu-sic run.
 pres-ence here makes all things dear. Let joy-ful bells be rung!

The author's notes on this text describe it as a progression of awareness of God's reign among us—in physical surroundings, in the various stages of life, in time and space, and supremely in Christ, God with us.

Tune: TERRA BEATA S.M.D.
 Traditional English melody
 Adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

Bring Many Names

Brian Wren, 1989

Gen. 1:27

Unison



1 Bring man-y names, beau-ti-ful and good, cel-e-brate, in
 2 Strong moth-er God, work-ing night and day, plan-ning all the
 3 Warm fa-ther God, hug-ging ev-ery child, feel-ing all the
 4 Old, ach-ing God, grey with end-less care, calm-ly pierc-ing



par-a-ble and sto-ry, ho-li-ness in glo-ry, liv-ing, lov-ing God.
 won-ders of cre-a-tion, set-ting each e-qua-tion, gen-i-us at play:
 strains of hu-man liv-ing, car-ing and for-giv-ing till we're rec-on-ciled:
 e-vil's new dis-guis-es, glad of good sur-pris-es, wis-er than de-spair:



Hail and Ho-san-na! bring man-y names! great, liv-ing God!
 Hail and Ho-san-na, strong moth-er God!
 Hail and Ho-san-na, warm fa-ther God!
 Hail and Ho-san-na, old, ach-ing God!



5 Young, grow-ing God, ea-ger,
 on the move,
 say-ing no to false-hood and
 un-kind-ness,
 cry-ing out for jus-tice,
 giv-ing all you have:
 Hail and Ho-san-na,
 young, grow-ing God!

6 Great, liv-ing God, nev-er ful-ly known,
 joy-ful dark-ness far be-yond our see-ing,
 clos-er yet than breath-ing,
 ev-er-last-ing home:
 Hail and Ho-san-na,
 great, liv-ing God!

The author states that aspects of the divine are revealed in our maleness, femaleness, youth, and age in a moving, growing matrix of life in God. The tune Westchase was composed especially for this text.

Tune: WESTCHASE 9.10.11.9.
 Carlton Young, 1989