

Columbia United Church Of Christ

March 31, 2019
Food Bank Sunday



CUCC
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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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10:30 Worship

“Prodigal Father”

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

*“...I will establish my covenant between me and you,
and your offspring after you throughout their generations,
for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you
and your offspring after you...”-Genesis 17:7*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“Sarabande”

Amy Crousore
JS Bach

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Aiden Pierson

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 32)

Audrey Lasley

Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven;
For whom sins of separation are eliminated from your sight, O God!

**God’s Forgiveness and reconciliation is ours;
The temptations of the world have no hold on God’s people!**

When we keep silent, we waste away;
When we turn to You, O God, we are renewed!

**God welcomes us home with open arms;
Named and Claimed, we are God’s children always!**

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to You;
In times of distress, the waters will not collapse upon them!

**Your Salvation is within us, O God;
Your Saving Grace our Shield!**

Instruct us as we go, O God; as we travel this Lenten journey!
Your Steadfast Love holds us steady, always on course!

**Be Glad in the LORD and rejoice!
Shout for joy, God’s children everywhere! Come, let us worship
God!**

*Opening Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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*Opening Prayer

Audrey Lasley

**God of Reconciliation; you know that there are times in our lives
when we stray from the path you would have us follow; when we**

make choices that are not in line with your teachings. When we realize the error of our ways, we wonder; can we ever be forgiven? Can we ever earn back your love? Forgive us when these thoughts come into our hearts and remind us that your love is steadfast and sure. Remind us that nothing we could ever say or ever do; nothing that could ever be done to us can ever separate us from the love you have for us. Remind us that we are always your children, no matter how wayward we are; and that you will always welcome us home. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God's love is freely given, never earned. Even when we stray from God's intentions for our lives, God still welcomes us with open arms. Nothing we ever do can separate us from God's presence and God's gracious love. We are all blessed and forgiven; thanks be to God!

*Prayer Response "Jesus, Remember Me"

**Jesus, Remember me...
When you come into your Kingdom!
Jesus, Remember me...
When you come into your Kingdom!**

*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

Pastor Rick

"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.**

Mission Moment

"Fifth Sunday Food Bank"

Mahree Skala

Anthem

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Celebration Singers

Tom Trenney

Hebrew Scriptures: Genesis 17:1-8

Audrey Lasley

God's covenant with Abram is renewed; and Abram's name is changed from Abram ("exalted ancestor") to Abraham ("ancestor of a multitude"). God again promises to Abraham a land and a nation full of his descendants, as well as God's eternal presence with that nation.

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Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:11-32 Audrey Lasley
Jesus tells a familiar parable about a prodigal father, who lavishes excess on a son who has dishonored him. His gracious love and forgiveness makes us reflect upon the ways we do just the opposite; expecting others to earn our love rather than lavish it on them extravagantly.
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Sermon "Naming Rights" Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" #172
ushers will collect prayer request cards during hymn

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer Pastor Rick

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 Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts Amy Crousore
"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" John Carter

*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 "Thanks Be to God" #425

**For the Fruits 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 Audrey Lasley

God of hope; we give these gifts today as an expression of our love for you. We have been blessed by your gracious provision; and our heartfelt prayer is that others may feel equally as blessed. Take these gifts and use them to share your love with others; to shower your world with blessings; to spread your message of hope and peace to all. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“You are Salt for the Earth, O People”

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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

“Toccata in C Major”

Amy Crousore

Johann Pachelbel



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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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: John & Brenda Muench
Ushers: Doug Privitt & Mike Rapp
Sound Booth: Dennis Froeschner
Worship Leader: Audrey Lasley
Hospitality: Judi Privitt
Acolyte: Aiden Pierson

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Helen Schultz & Stefanie Zimny
Ushers: Llona Weiss & Doug Privitt
Sound Booth: Carissa Graves
Worship Leader: Isaiah Jackson-Post
Hospitality: Doug Privitt
Acolyte:



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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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BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY AND LUNCH 4/7

April 7 is "Bring a Friend" Sunday at CUCC sponsored by the Membership and Care Ministry Team! We will have activities to welcome your friends and lunch after worship. Start thinking now about who you will bring as your friend to CUCC that day! Lunch will be a taco bar.

INTERPRETIVE DANCE AT CUCC STARTS 4/14

There will be an opportunity for children in Kindergarten through fifth grade to participate in an interpretive dance in worship on Mother's Day, May 12. Katie Marienfeld will be practicing with interested children in this age range on April 14, April 28 and May 5. If you are interested, email kmarienfeld@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	3/31	Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Worship	10:30am
Mon	4/1	Staff Meeting	12:00pm
Tue	4/2	Quilters	9:00am
Wed	4/3	Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team	5:00pm
		Bible Study	6:00pm
		Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:30pm/7:30pm
		Confirmation	7:00pm
Sat	4/6	Fellowship Hall Reserved-Conference Council	9:00am-5:00pm
Sun	4/7	<i>PET SUNDAY KICKOFF/NEW MEMBER SUNDAY</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Worship	10:30am
		Bring a Friend Taco Bar	11:30am
		HS Youth Field Trip to PET	12:30pm
		Wilmsmeyer 50th Anniversary	2:00-4:00pm

Many new opportunities to serve CUCC! We are forming an **Archival/Heritage Team** to work on our upcoming anniversary celebrations and archive our historical documents; a **By-Laws Team** to review our church By-Laws and suggest some amendments to the Council; and an **Inclusion Team** to look at ways we can live into our Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant. If you are interested in serving on either of these teams, talk to John Graves, James Melton or Pastor Rick!

John Bullerd is also pulling together a **Building and Grounds Ministry Team** to address issues with our physical plant. If you are interested in serving on this team, talk to John Bullerd.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Our church... as we discern next steps as an ONA congregation

Erika Maltsbarger... anticipating surgery tomorrow 4/1

The family and friends of Hal Shaffer... on their loss

The family and friends of Shari Schubert... on their loss

The family of Beth Lewis... on their loss (Bullerd's friend)

Gladys Koepke... recovering from a fall (Gene's mother)

Rev. Joyce Iwig... health issues (Deb Koepke's mother)

Rev. Fred Brandenburg... recovering from surgery

Gary Sieckman... recovering from back surgery 2/25

Sue Beckman... living with cancer; anticipating next steps

The Muslims communities in New Zealand... dealing with violence

For a friend who died 3/23 and his family (3/24)

For an 18 year old who died 3/22 in a car/deer collision (3/24)

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Margaret Abbott;

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family; Remeika/Johnson family

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Sylvia Mosberger;

Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Christie O'Very;

Janet Shepard; Kathy Kindrick; Ashley (April's friend)

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)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Robert Breckenridge, serving in Zambia

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;

Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp