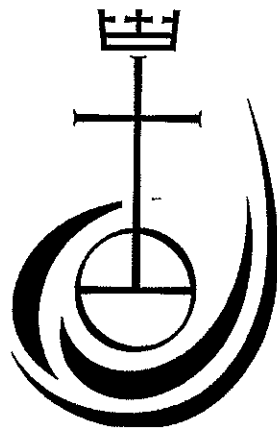


Columbia United Church Of Christ

July 3, 2022
Independence Day



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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July 3, 2022

9:30 Worship

"Freedom"

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

*"... O LORD, my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me..."*

-Psalm 30:2

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude "My Country 'tis of Thee"

Amy Crousore
Smith/Williams

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 30)*

Lindsey Oberle

Sing Praise to God!

Give thanks to God's Holy Name!

God's favor is with us all of our lives.

Weeping may linger for the night;

But God brings joy with the morning.

In our prosperity, we often turn our backs on God;

Not remembering all our strength comes from God.

But soon we remember;

God is the source of all our joy.

God has turned our mourning into dancing;

God has clothed us with joy, so that our souls may praise God.

We will give thanks to God forever!

Come, let us worship God!

*Gathering Hymn "For the Healing of the Nations"

#576

*Opening Prayer

Lindsey Oberle

God of freedom and liberation, as we gather together we recall the stories of our traditions where you expanded liberty for your children and shared the joy of Salvation. We know that your ideal for us all is unity and liberty. We admit that often we fail to live into this ideal of freedom. Forgive us for the times we neglect your call to share liberation with all of your children, and open our hearts to the ways we can more fully serve you. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

- *Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick
 God's passion for all of God's children is liberation; and God expects us to work for liberation as well. Yet even when we fail to live into this ideal, God loves us and forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to 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 Pastor Rick
 May God's Peace be with you!
And also with you!
- Children's Time Pastor Rick
 Response: "This Little Light of Mine" #525
(Sung as children return to their seats)
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!
- Old Testament Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-14 Lindsey Oberle
Naaman, a great commander in the army of Aram and an enemy of the Israelites, comes to Israel to be cured of leprosy after hearing of the great prophet Elisha. Elisha offers him a cure, but fails to be impressed by his grandeur. Naaman is furious and almost rejects the cure because of his wounded pride. (page #293)
- Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:1-11 Lindsey Oberle
Jesus sends seventy of his disciples out into the world to preach the Good News and share God's blessings with those in despair. But Jesus knows that many will reject this Good News, allowing fear and prejudice to interfere with the gift of Jesus. (page #844)
- Anthem "God and God Alone" Lena Muench
Phill McHugh
- Sermon: "Freedom" Pastor Rick
- *Hymn: "O For a World" #575

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

Living Our Mission

"Mobility Worldwide"

Jessica Jenks

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

"Adagio"

Amy Crousore
W.A. Mozart

*Prayer of Dedication

Lindsey Oberle

**Take these gifts, O God, and use them to bring peace and justice to
your world; that all your children may be lifted up and affirmed,
and nations wage war no more. Let your reign of peace rule in your
cities, gracious God, and let these gifts help make that peaceful reign
a reality. 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

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" Amy Crousore
Southern Harmony/Trey Clegg

**WE WILL STAND WITH YOU IN PROTEST': UCC NATIONAL OFFICERS
SPEAK OUT AFTER SCOTUS OVERTURNS ROE V. WADE**

*The national officers of the United Church of Christ have issued this letter,
speaking out against the U.S. Supreme Court decision denying women the
Constitutional right to comprehensive reproductive health care.*

Long before the Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, the United Church of Christ, by action of the General Synod, affirmed the right of every individual to follow their personal religious and moral convictions regarding their reproductive healthcare. We continue to stand by this conviction today.

Our Synod resolutions, which represent the will of the church in light of scripture, highlight the importance of ensuring access to the full range of reproductive health care regardless of race, religion, or economic status. We do not take this stand in spite of faith, but rather because of it. Throughout sacred text humankind is tasked with care of self and others. Bodily autonomy is a human right given by God.

Today's Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, discarding nearly 50 years of precedent, will endanger the lives and well-being of people who do not choose to continue pregnancy. We believe all people have the right to make their own decisions about their bodies and medical treatment. We believe women have an inalienable right to shape the direction of their lives as they see fit, and no institution established by humankind should supersede such freedom.

The Supreme Court's decision to vacate Roe v. Wade represents a continual effort to oppress women. Such uniform repression targeted at one specific class of people, namely those who have a uterus, creates yet another stark division in a country that so desperately needs unity. In addition to gender bias, such a rendering also disproportionately affects birthing people of color and women in rural or low-income areas who face challenges in access to safe and medically supervised reproductive health care, including abortions. The gravity of this decision and the devastation of its impact cannot be overstated.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God offers these words of comfort to the Israelites during a challenging time: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10) These are not words that assuage us with easy answers and shallow promises. There is no declaration that things will be better tomorrow. They will not be. But they do promise that we are not alone in our struggles.

We, the officers of the United Church of Christ, want those feeling the pain of today's decision to know that you are not alone. God has not abandoned you and neither will we. We will do what we always do when the law loses its love. We will grieve with you and offer space for lament and mourning. We will work with you until the rights of every person are honored in this land. We will stand with you in protest. We will kneel with you in prayer. And we will maintain our commitment to educate people about abortion access and safe medically supported reproductive healthcare. Now and always, we remain firm in the knowledge that all are beloved of God, and this cause is right and holy.

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Acolyte:
Ushers: Llona Weiss & Melba Shaffer
Greeters: Carol Duermeyer
Technology Booth: Josh Muench
Hospitality: Stefanie Zimny
Council Stewards: Stefanie Zimny & Kurt Heine



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Sue Ann Schaefer
Acolyte: Lawson Flood-Lorber
Ushers: Phillip & Linda Neale
Greeters: Jolene Kirchhoff
Technology Booth: Carissa Graves & John Graves
Hospitality: Helen Schultz
Council Stewards: Lydia Whitacre & Sue Ann Schaefer

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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!

VBS ENROLLMENT FOR VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Enrollment is open for VBS volunteers and participants. VBS will be August 1-3, but participants must register by July 10 so we know how many supplies to order. See the enclosed flyer for a QR code to use to register, or click the link in the Friday email. If you have any questions, ask Lena Muench or Gina Pierson.

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.

ANNUAL HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS TRAINING

Every year, CUCC members who will be working with children and youth are required to participate in Healthy Relationships Training (also called "Safe Church") to maximize the way we interact with our youth. However, this training is good for everyone to maximize our potential interactions with others in our society. EVERYONE at CUCC is invited to participate. There will be two sessions this summer, July 24 starting at 8:30am (before worship) and August 28 at 10:30am (after worship). You must register ahead of time; talk to Lydia Whitacre or Linda Neale, or click the link in the Friday email to register.

FIRST FRIDAY FILMS

First Friday films will be the second Friday of July! We will be watching a movie outside, on the big screen. Movie TBD. We will gather at 8:00 and the movie will start as soon as it is dark enough. Please RSVP to Helen Schultz if you are coming; 573.554.2780. Hope to see you all there!

PET CART DECORATING

The next two Sundays, there will be a Mobility Worldwide PET cart in the narthex (lobby) for you to decorate! We will be sending this cart to Kenya to help those in need. There will be decorating supplies ready for you to use. Come early before worship or stay after-- and decorate our CUCC Mobility Worldwide cart!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	7/3	Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am
Tue	7/5	Quilters	10:00am
		Sabbatical Team	6:30pm
Wed	7/6	Sabbatical Team	9:00am
		Church Council Retreat	6:00pm
Fri	7/8	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	7/10	Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Families of victims in immigrant massacre in San Antonio (53 dead)
Holly Frieden... recovering from severe burns (Doug Privitt's friend)
Lena Muench... recovering from foot surgery
Tiffany Brookshire... recovering from surgeries
Glenn Duermeyer... health issues
David Martin... health issues
Levi Markway... health issues
Alexis... on heart transplant list (Elaine Trout's friend's granddaughter)
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
Schoolchildren and their families everywhere... in the wake of gun violence
The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our partnership friend
Sheila... challenges in life and faith
The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat 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:

Wally Burnham... serving in Costa Rica

2022 Confirmation Class:

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

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

In Egypt under Pharaoh

Dosia Carlson, 1989

Exod. 1:1-14; 7:8-11:10; 14:21-31

1. In E-gypt un-der Pha-raoh the Is-rael-ites were bound,
from plag-ues and trib-u-la-tions no re-spite could be found.
Praise God who in sur-pris-ing ways gave pas-sage through the waves.
Our Lib-er-a-tor res-cues, our Lib-er-a-tor saves.
2. From Af-ri-ca to gang-planks, a-cross a friend-less sea,
black cap-tives harsh-ly treat-ed all strug-gled to be free.
Praise God who strength-ened ad-vo-cates with power that does and dares.
Our Lib-er-a-tor res-cues, our Lib-er-a-tor cares.
3. Wher-ev-er hurt-ing hu-mans un-just-ly live in pain,
the hun-gry, home-less, hope-less, cry out for growth and gain.
Praise God whose great re-deem-ing love each ser-vant free-ly gives.
Our Lib-er-a-tor res-cues, our Lib-er-a-tor lives!

Dosia Carlson wrote this text in 1989 for the United Church of Christ celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Amistad event.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
Henry T. Smart, 1836

O for a World

Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

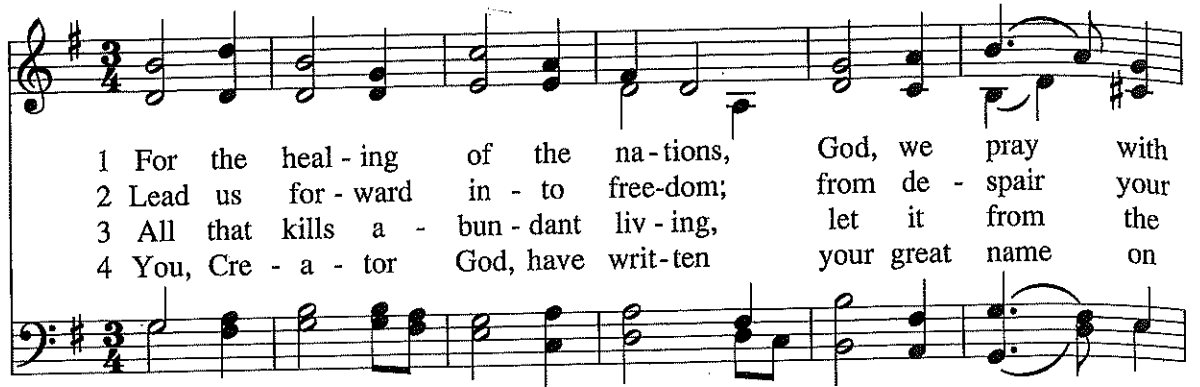
Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828

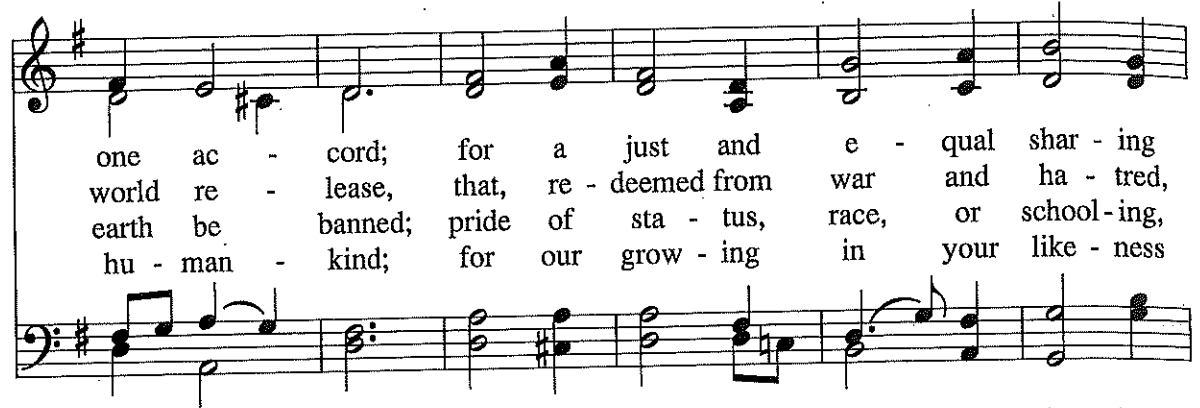
Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

For the Healing of the Nations

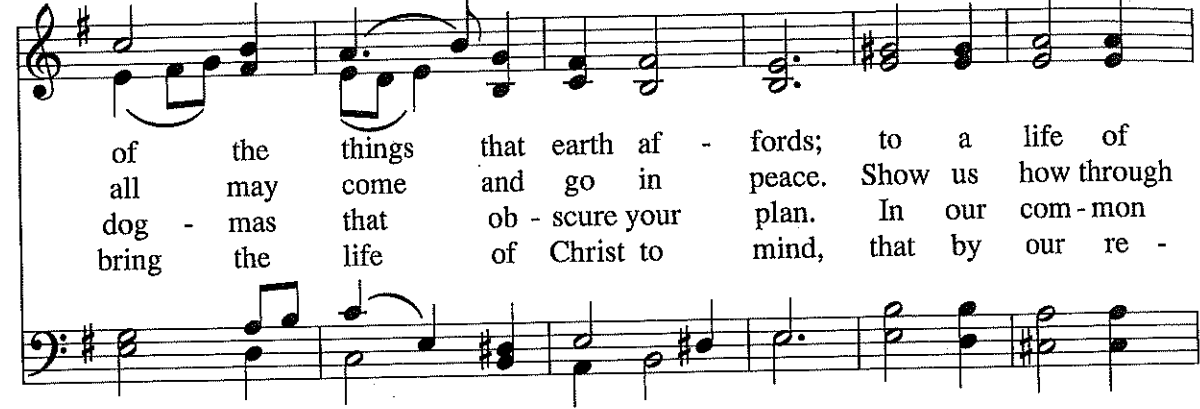
Fred Kaan, 1965



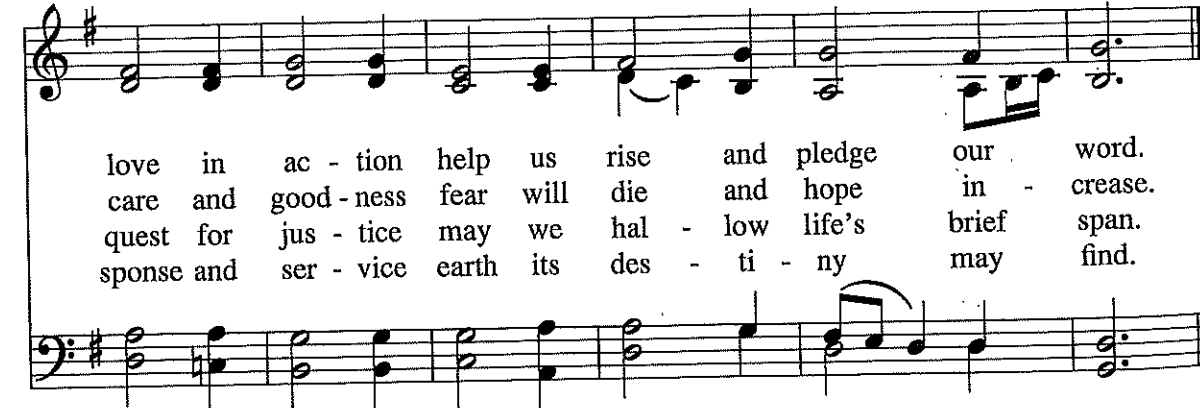
1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on



one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness



of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -



love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

Fred Kaan's most widely published text was first sung at Pilgrim Church in Plymouth, England, at a service of worship marking Human Rights Day in 1965. It has been used for many subsequent occasions, including the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Henry Purcell, c. 1680
 Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842