

Columbia United Church Of Christ

January 20, 2019
Baptism and Temptation



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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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January 20, 2019 10:30 Worship “Baptism and Temptation”

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

*“...do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, and you are mine...”
-Isaiah 43:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“Sing Praise to God”

Amy Crousore
JG Walther

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Grace Evans

*Call to Worship *(from UCC “Worship Ways”)*

Ember Piersee

Sisters and brothers, today we recall
Jesus coming to the waters of baptism.

**In baptism, our Creator claims us;
God frees us from the power of hatred and death.**

In baptism we are joined to Christ
In baptism we are joined together in unity.

**We remember the words of the Apostle Paul:
“In baptism, there is no longer Jew or Greek;
there is no longer slave or free;
there is no longer male or female;
all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”**

In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry
and makes us signs of divine love.

It is the mark of acceptance into the church
and the beginning of our growth
into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**Therefore on this day, the whole church, the Body of Christ,
remembers and celebrates. Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn “Sing Praise To God”

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*Opening Prayer *(based on Isaiah 43)*

Andie Rapp

**Gracious God, we confess that too often we live as though we are
fearful, not faithful. When we encounter the waters of chaos and
confusion we don’t easily pass through. We obsess about the height**

of the water instead of the sight of the other side. You promised to walk through the rivers with us. Help us believe. Help our unbelief. Forgive us for the times when we doubt you. Let us realize and remember our individual baptisms into the ministry of Christ; the cost and the joys of discipleship. Teach us your Wisdom, O God; In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God Created you, formed you in God's image, and called you to the waters of baptism. God said, "Do not fear; for you are redeemed." God has called you by name, and you belong to God. This is the Good News; we all belong to God, forgiven and beloved. Praise 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

*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

"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.**

Living our Mission "Room at the Inn"

Mahree Skala

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17

Ember Piersee

The wild and unpredictable John appears from the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance. Jesus comes to John to be baptized and John is taken aback. But Jesus asks John to baptize him, symbolizing his new birth and dedication to the ministry he is about to begin.

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Anthem

Special Music Ensemble

"Come to the Water"
by John H. Foley
Harry Beckett, keyboards and vocal
Shelby Oberle, vocals
Denny Marienfeld, Electric guitar
Lea Marienfeld, percussion

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11 Andie Rapp
After Baptism, Jesus retreats to the wilderness to fast and communes with God. After fasting 40 days and 40 nights and developing an even closer relationship with God, the Devil appears to Jesus and tempts him, twisting God's Holy Scriptures into weapons to use against Jesus.
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Anthem Celebration Singers
"Jesus in the Wilderness" by Tyler Mabry

Sermon "Baptized into Jesus' Ministry" Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn "Borning Cry" #351
ushers will collect prayer request cards during 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. 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

Presenting our Gifts Amy Crousore
"Menuet" JS Bach

*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 Ember Piersee
Accept these gifts, we humbly pray, O God. May they be used to bring new life and new hope to your children; and to strengthen all in times of challenge. We give these gifts as a portion of ourselves; dedicated and devoted to you. Use them to further your mission of unity and love in your creation. Amen.

*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”

Amy Crousore
John Carter

Wisdom from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.”

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

“We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.”



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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: John & Brenda Muench
Ushers: Donna Marsh & Lloyd Viehland
Sound Booth: Carissa Graves
Worship Leader: Ember Piersee & Andie Rapp
Hospitality: *Hospitality Host Needed*
Acolyte: Grace Evans

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Stefanie Zimny & Pat Forward
Ushers: Mark & Jane Duncan
Sound Booth: Peter Jaberg
Worship Leader: Jessica Lucas
Hospitality: *Hospitality Host Needed*
Acolyte: Grace Evans

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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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2018 GIVING STATEMENTS; 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2018 Giving Statements are available on the table in the Coat Room; 2019 offering envelopes are on that table as well. If you have any questions about your statement or if you did not receive offering envelopes and would like some, contact Doug Privitt, Recording Treasurer.

CUCC LUNCH BUNCH TO TALK ABOUT CHIAPS TRIP

The CUCC Lunch Bunch (formerly the Senior Luncheon) will feature Pastor Rick and a discussion about Chiapas this week– January 24 at noon. All are welcome to attend! Bring a dish to share and enjoy a pot-luck meal. Pastor Rick will have a PowerPoint presentation of last year's trip to Chiapas, and will discuss the ministry we share together in that region. Come hear about his travels!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	1/20	Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Worship	10:30am
		Fellowship & Hospitality Team Meeting	12:00pm
		High School Youth to Sky Zone & Taco Bell	2:00-4:30pm
Mon	1/21	Staff Meeting	10:00am
		Loaves and Fishes	4:30pm
Tue	1/22	Quilters	9:00am
Wed	1/23	Chapel Ringers	6:30pm
		Confirmation	7:00pm
		Celebration Singers	7:30pm
Thu	1/24	CUCC Lunch Bunch with Pastor Rick	12:00pm
Fri-Sat	1/25-26	Youth Groups Lock-In (<i>rescheduled</i>)	7:00pm-7:00am
Sun	1/27	<i>Annual Congregational Meeting/Chili Cookoff</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Worship	10:30am
		Congregational Meeting	11:30am
		Chili Cookoff	12:00pm
		Congregational Meeting Resumes	12:30pm
Mon	1/28	Staff Meeting	10:00am
		Council Meeting	6:30pm

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The family of Anafred Fessler...on their loss (passed away 1/8)
Linda Batson... recovering from knee replacement surgery 1/14
Sue Beckman... living with cancer, recovering from surgery 12/12
Sylvia Mosberger...recovering from surgery 12/18 (Pastor Rick's aunt)
Christy O'Very... living with cancer, health issues (Kim Oberle's aunt)

Janet Shepard... thyroid problems

Kathy Kindrick... living with cancer (Janet's mother)

Mike Provin... living with cancer, health issues (Lois' son)

The Remeika/Johnson Family... Challenges in life

Delaney Hartgrove... premature baby (Lauren's friend)

Those battling addiction & depression

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon; Tommie Wildmon;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Margaret Abbott;

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family;

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece);

Nathan Schnell and Wendy (Isaiah's friends);

Gary Sieckman (Alisa's husband);

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)

Pregnancies in our church family:

April & Parker Rothweiler;

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Kearstin Bailey, serving in Greece

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;

Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp