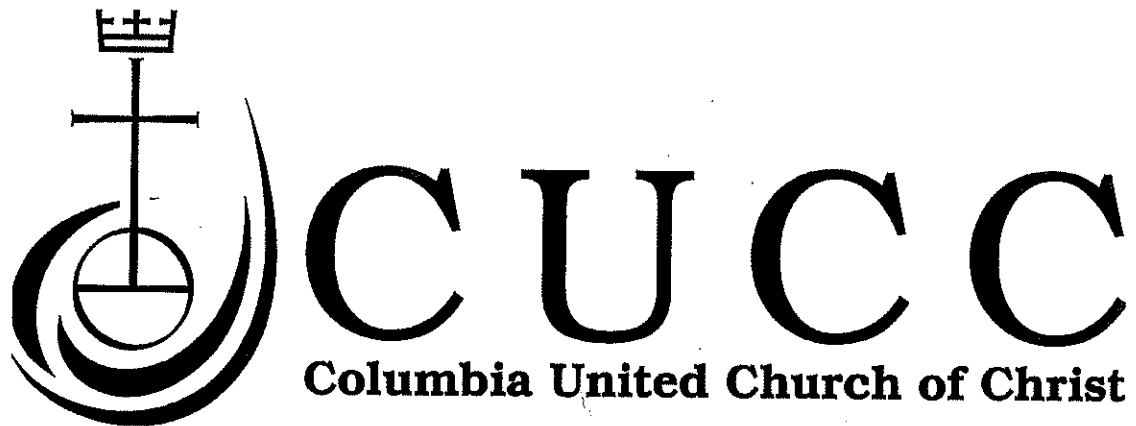


Columbia United Church Of Christ

May 9, 2021
Mother's Day



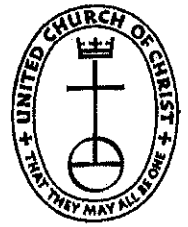
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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 9, 2021

10:30 Worship

"Inclusive Love"

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

*"...O Sing to the LORD a new song;
God has done marvelous things..."
-Psalm 98:1*

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

Amy Crousore

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

Putnam

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Sadie Tummons

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 98)

Isaiah Jackson Post

Sing to the LORD a new song;
God has done marvelous things!

**God's Steadfast Love and faithfulness
Is remembered in all the nations!**

God's victory has been made known;
All the ends of the earth have seen God.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD;
Break forth into joyous song!**

Sing praises to the LORD with joy;
With instruments and voice make noise!

**Make a joyful noise before God;
Sing out to God; for God is near!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn

"O God, Whose Steadfast Love"

#426

*Opening Prayer

Isaiah Jackson Post

God of love; you come to us as a loving mother, comforting us in times of distress and expressing empathy for our pain. You challenge us as well to do the same in your world. Forgive us for the times we let human rules and social contracts get in the way of your call to love inclusively. Remind us to open our eyes to your expressions of extravagance in our lives, and to be willing to love exhaustively. Teach us to love as you love us. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick
The Apostle Peter loved boldly, expressing the love that Jesus first showed him. We are called to do the same. But even when we neglect to follow this command, God still loves us and forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven of all our sins! We are God's beloved children; praise be to God!

*Prayer Response "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
*Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in his wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace!*

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace Pastor Rick
Pastor Rick will offer the words, "May God's Peace be with You" and you are invited to respond with the words, "And also with you."
May God's Peace be with you!
And also with you!

Children's Time Pastor Rick

Response "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
*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 "Heifer Project" Mahree Skala
*The CUCC Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team has selected "Heifer Project" as our mission focus through Mother's Day.
You can contribute using the envelopes in today's bulletin, scanning the QR code on the next page and selecting "Heifer Project" from the dropdown menu, or by texting "GIVE" to 573.240.4041.*

Anthem "All Things Bright and Beautiful" James Melton
Arr. Rutter

New Testament Lesson Acts 10:44-48 Isaiah Jackson Post
(pg. 894)

Gospel Lesson John 15:9-17 Isaiah Jackson Post
(pg. 860)

*Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" #28

Sermon: "A Feast for Gentiles" Pastor Rick

†Mother's Day Prayer Litany

Pastor Rick

In recognition of all who fill a nurturing and supportive role in our Christian Community, mothers and others, we give thanks for their faithful guidance as we join together in prayer.

Creator God; like a mother eagle teaching her young to fly,
You push us to stretch our wings while continuing to lift us up.

We thank you, God, for nurturing us.

Like a mother bear, furious when her cubs are in danger,
You bring justice on those who practice oppression.

We thank you, God, for nurturing us.

Like a Mother's arms wrapped around us,
Your Holy Spirit comforts us and keeps us safe.

We thank you, God, for nurturing us.

Creative God, we know that you have placed special helpers in our lives;
and in thanksgiving we praise you for the gift of all who are nurturers in
our lives; mothers and others who support us.

**We thank you for their willingness to nurture us, for their trust in
you to guide them through the fears in their role.**

We thank you also, nurturing God, for those who may not have been our
mothers, but give us an abundant life:

**We thank you for school teachers, relatives, grandparents, siblings,
pastors, elders, Sunday School teachers, supervisors, mentors,
spouses and friends who share their wisdom with us.**

We ask your tender mercies on all those whose mothers now sing with
the heavenly chorus; and whose tears are not yet dry from losing them.

Grant them your peace, which passes all understanding.

We pray for mothers and children who are alienated from each other by
harsh words, distance, or misunderstanding; and those who are not able
at this time to live into their parental roles.

Grant them your grace to forgive each other and love again.

We pray for those whose sons and daughters defend our way of life as
firefighters, officers of the law, and in the military

**Grant them confidence in your presence with their children in the
every day risks of their important vocations.**

**God, we give thanks for all these nurturers in our lives, and your
love that continues to embrace us. 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

Presenting our Gifts

“Poarca Romaneasca”

Lucy Smith

Bela Bartok

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

“Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost! Amen!



*Prayer of Dedication

Isaiah Jackson Post

God, we give these gifts to you today as expressions of our faith, expression of our love. Take them and use them to love your world; and through them, we pray that your Kingdom may be realized here on earth. 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

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

Amy Crousore

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Acolyte: Sadie Tummons
Ushers:
Greeters: Jolene Kirchhoff
Technology Booth: Matt Lucas & Pete Jaberg
Hospitality: Pat Forward
Council Steward: Pat Forward/Mahree Skala

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Lena Muench
Acolyte: Abby Dennis
Ushers:
Greeters: Carol Duermeyer
Technology Booth: Judi & Doug Privitt
Hospitality: Pat Forward
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CORONAVIRUS VACCINE INFORMATION

The Boone County Health Department has a very helpful website with COVID-19 Vaccine information, answering questions about the safety and efficacy of the vaccines and dispelling misinformation that is being spread. Go to www.como.gov/covidvaccine/ to read up on the vaccine and hopefully answer any questions you may have. You can also schedule a vaccine at Hy-Vee or Walmart by visiting their websites. Let's all do our part to get *EVERYONE* vaccinated and manage the COVID-19 virus once and for all!

LODO PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPEN

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year is in full swing! Please share with friends and family to let them know that we have limited space available for Fall 2021! Interested families should contact Erika Maltsbarger at 573-445-2661 or LittleOnesDayOut@yahoo.com or for availability and to schedule a tour. Additional information can be found at www.columbiaucc.com/lodohome.

FOOD BANK UPDATE

CUCC volunteers are working at together again at the Food Bank every 4th Tuesday evening at 5:30pm. We moved to 4th Tuesdays to reduce schedule conflicts. For details on how to sign up for May 25, please contact Mahree Skala at 573-474-2195 or skalamahree@yahoo.com

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 5/16

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be after worship on May 16. Plan on sticking around for lunch, and to hear information from our church ministry teams regarding our impact last year and our plans for the rest of 2021. Our Finance Team will be providing financial information as well, and we will elect Church Council Members for the coming term. Stick around that Sunday— this is an important part of our covenantal life! **CATERED BY DICKIES BBQ!**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	5/9	<i>Mother's Day</i> Sunday School Worship (in person and livestream)	9:00am 10:30am
Mon	5/10	Staff Meeting Confirmation	10:15am 6:00pm
Tue	5/11	Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team Nurture & Education Ministry Team	5:30pm 6:30pm
Thu	5/13	Women's Fellowship Worship & Music Ministry Team	9:30am 6:30pm
Fri	5/14	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sat	5/15	Fellowship Hall Booked	9:00am-2:00pm
Sun	5/2	<i>Congregational Meeting/Camp Sunday</i> Sunday School for all ages Worship (in person and livestream) Congregational Meeting and Meal	9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The Family of Ardith Wilson... on their loss (Mark Wilson's mother)

Helen Schultz... health issues

Glenn Duermeyer... recovering from knee surgery 4/20

Caitlin (mother) and Timothy Herritt (infant)... recovering from difficult birth
(David and Ann Stone Meyer's daughter and grandson)

Beth Schoeneberg... health issues (Jason's mother)

Mary Rinne... living with cancer (Donna Marsh's daughter)

Esther Rollins... health issues (Ed's mother)

Amy... challenges in life (April Rothweiler's friend)

Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothweiler's Aunt)

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Zimny, Lasley, Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,

Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece);

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);

Christine Mseke; Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell;

Mary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)

Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank

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); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Danielle Murry-Knowles... serving in Lesotho

2021 Confirmation Class:

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,

Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons



O God, Whose Steadfast Love

Gen. 18:9-15; 1 Sam. 1:1-20; Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-7

James L. Haddix, 1986; rev. 1994

1 O God, whose stead-fast love true moth - er - hood has blessed;
 2 Your prom - is - es, O God, so sure through-out the years,
 3 In your great love, O God, full par - ent - hood is known:
 4 May your house-hold of faith one fam - i - ly be - come,

who shields the in - fant small up - on its moth - er's breast:
 have lived in moth - ers' hearts, have bloomed from moth - ers' tears.
 a fa - ther mourns his child, a moth - er's strength is shown.
 that love may be in - creased and none may be a - lone;

Em - brace us, too, O God, our God, and hold us in your
 So Sar - ah laughed, and Han - nah wept, and sing - ing Mar - y
 Let par - ents' faith - ful lives un - bind your love that through them
 That moth - er's love and fa - ther's care and chil - dren's joy we

lov - ing arms, and hold us in your lov - ing arms.
 se - crets kept, and sing - ing Mar - y se - crets kept.
 we might find Christ's deep - er love for hu - man - kind.
 all may share, and chil - dren's joy we all may share.

United Church of Christ minister James Haddix wrote this text for the "Festival of the Christian Home." It was dedicated and sung to his mother, Margaret Ann Lewis Haddix, at a reception in Missouri recognizing her thirty-year career as a first-grade teacher.

Tune: RHOSYMEDRE 6.6.6.8.8.8.
 John D. Edwards, c. 1840

For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1-3, *Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.*
 St. 4, *Miriam Therese Winter, 1993*

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
 For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain
Conrad Kocher, 1838
 Adapt. *William H. Monk, 1861*

Let Heaven Your Wonders Proclaim

Ps. 89:1-2, 8-17

The Iona Community, 1991

Refrain, in unison

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Let heav-en your won-ders pro-claim, let an-gels your faith-ful-ness praise,

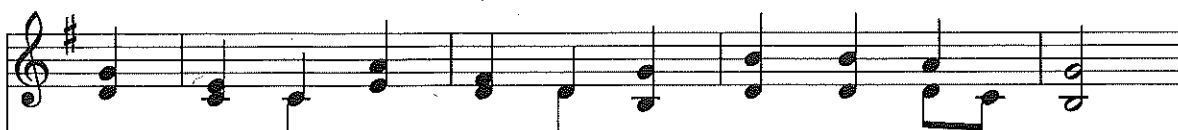
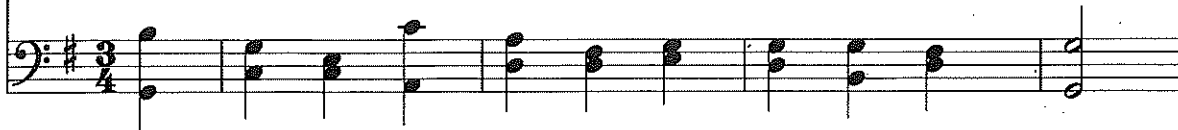
God Made from One Blood

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Thomas H. Troeger, 1988



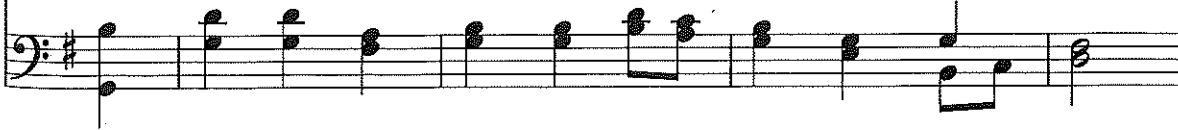
1 God made from one blood all the fam - ilies of earth,
 2 We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears
 3 Through fam - ilies we've tast - ed the val - ue of trust
 4 Help fam - ilies in all of their var - i - ous forms



the cir - cles of nur - ture that raise us from birth,
 for all of the fam - ilies we've known through the years,
 and felt what it means to be lov - ing and just,
 to face with in - teg - ri - ty strug - gles and storms;



Com - pan - ions who join us to work through each stage
 The in - ti - mate net - works on whom we de - pend
 Yet fam - ilies have al - so be - trayed their best goals,
 Grant peace to our homes that will nur - ture the bud



of child - hood and youth and a - dult - hood and age.
 of par - ents and part - ners and chil - dren and friends.
 mis - treat - ing their mem - bers and bruising their souls.
 of peace for the fam - ilies you made from one blood.



This text was commissioned by Yale University Press for A New Hymnal for Colleges and Schools (1992) to provide a hymn that recognizes the many different kinds of families that are represented when a campus congregation gathers to worship.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839