

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

February 9, 2025

“The Book of Revelation”



# CUCC

**Columbia United Church of Christ**

## **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.

**Columbia  
United Church  
Of Christ**



**February 9, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**

**"Revelation"**

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

*"I give thanks to You with all my heart, O God;  
I sing Your praise before all else!"  
-Psalm 138:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Shelly Adams

Prelude

"Menuet"

Steve Jannetti  
*Jean-Phillipe Rameau*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

\*Call to Worship

*(based on Psalm 138)*

Llona Weiss

We give thanks to God with grateful hearts;  
Before all others, we sing praise to God!

**We gather in God's holy place,  
Singing praises, gathering for worship.**

God's steadfast love endures forever.  
God's faithfulness is worthy of our praise.

**God's wisdom is exalted over everything else.  
When God calls, our spirits soar.**

All the Earth shall sing praises to God!  
God's glory and God's love endure forever!

**Though we walk in the midst of trouble, God preserves us.  
God's hand reaches out, delivering steadfast love.  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Hymn

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

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\*Opening Prayer

Llona Weiss

**God of hope; You call us to follow You faithfully and fish for people, spreading Your word of love to all who can hear and follow. You encourage us to stay faithful even in the midst of persecution. You inspire us to live into our true identity as followers of Jesus. Forgive us for the times we fail to fully take these blessings into our lives and our hearts. Strengthen us for the journey ahead; that we may be courageous and bold in our journey of faith. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Shelly Adams

Through vision and revelation, God's Holy Spirit shows us the possibilities of what could be if we just trusted God. But even when are blind to this apocalypse, 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

May God's Peace be with you!

**And also with you!**

Children's Time

Shelly Adams

“This Little Light of Mine”

*(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!***

Mission Moment

“Alpha Hart Lewis”

Llona Weiss

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 2-3 (selected verses)

Llona Weiss

*The book of Revelation is a message of hope for the early Christian Church. In these verses, a message is addressed to seven of the early Christian churches who were being persecuted by Rome. The message is that they are to remain faithful in the midst of persecution, and to strive to live into their true identity as followers of Christ.*

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Gospel Lesson

Luke 5:1-11

Llona Weiss

*Jesus encounters Simon, James, and John fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. He gets into Simon's boat and implores him to set out to sea. Jesus teaches the fishers from his position in the boat. Finally, Jesus implores Simon to cast his net into the sea and he catches a great quantity of fish. Jesus tells the men to follow him; that from now on, they will be fishing for people.*

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Anthem

“Until I Reach My Home”

Celebration Singers

*Brandon Boyd*

Sermon

“Radical Commitment”

Shelly Adams

\*Hymn

“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

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Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

The LORD’s Prayer

*In an effort to encourage inclusion, we suggest using the address “Creator God” in our unison recitation of The Lord’s Prayer. You are certainly welcome to say “Our Father” instead of “Creator,” “Trespases” instead of “debts,” or “Thy” instead of “Your” if you prefer.*

**Creator God in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Meditation Hymn

“Your Ways Are Not Our Own”

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Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Shelly Adams

Invitation to the Offering

*To give online text “GIVE” to 573.240.4041  
You can also give online by visiting our website:  
[www.columbiaucc.com](http://www.columbiaucc.com)*

Offertory

“You Alone”

Steve Jannetti  
*Hart / Liles*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Llona Weiss

**God of mercy, we have been richly blessed and we pray that these gifts may richly bless Your children, as well. Take them and use them to season Your creation, to give light to the world. Through these offerings, we let our light shine, glorifying Your name and leading others to Your Wisdom. Amen.**

\*Benediction

Shelly Adams

\*Response:

“Jesus, the Light of the World” (*verse 3 only*)

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***Christ, by highest heaven adored; Jesus, the Light of the World;  
Christ, the everlasting Word, Jesus, the Light of the World.***

***We will follow the light, beautiful light,  
Come where the dew drops of mercy are bright,  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the light of the world.***

\*Postlude

“Rondo”

Steve Jannetti  
*James Hook*

## BISHOP MARIANN BUDDE

Mariann Budde, who is mentioned in today's sermon, is an American prelate of the Episcopal Church. She has served as the bishop of Washington since November 2011. She is Washington's first female diocesan bishop.

Budde was ordained as a deacon in 1988 and as a priest in 1989. She served as rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from 1993 until she became the bishop of Washington in 2011. In 2017, she oversaw the removal of Washington National Cathedral's stained-glass windows honoring Confederate generals, which were replaced in 2023 with windows representing the civil rights movement. In 2018, she presided over the interment of the ashes of Matthew Shepard, a gay man who was murdered, at the cathedral.

In 2020, Budde criticized the clearing of protestors from Lafayette Square for President Donald Trump's photo op during the George Floyd protests. She also delivered a benediction at the 2020 Democratic National Convention. In January 2025, Budde delivered the homily at the interfaith prayer service following the inauguration. Her sermon called for compassion toward marginalized groups. Trump and some of his supporters criticized her remarks, while other public figures and church leaders supported her. Budde later stated that her sermon emphasized leadership qualities like mercy and unity.

Budde worked in urban ministry in Arizona and then as a missionary in Honduras before joining the clergy. She was accepted as a postulant in the Episcopal Church at the age of 24. She was ordained as a deacon on May 28, 1988, and as a priest on March 4, 1989. Her first position after seminary was as assistant priest at Trinity Episcopal Church in Toledo, Ohio. She became rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1993, and served 18 years in that position. Budde has frequently cited the miracle of the "loaves and fishes" as the foundation of her ministry.

## SCOUTING AMERICA AND CUCC

CUCC is the Charter Organization for four Scouting America units, over 150 children, youth, and adult volunteers. These units are:

- **Cub Scout Pack 5183** – The younger group of Scouts, with boys and girls from kindergarten age through 5th grade. They meet every other Monday.
- **Scouting America Troop 4475** – The girls troop. They are a very active troop of girls from 6th-12th grades. They meet every Monday.
- **Scouting America Troop 708** – The boys troop. They are from 6th-12th grades and are very active. They meet every Monday, too.
- **Venture Crew 5334** – This is a focused co-educational group of older youth, from High School through college age.

As the Charter Organization for these four units, they are a part of us and we are a part of them. "They are our scouts, and we are their church." Working together, in covenant, we will share the joys of common life and enhance one another's mission, all to the glory of God. We welcome them to worship with us today as we celebrate "Scouting Sunday" together!

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Llona Weiss
Ushers:	Charlie Marcks & Pat Forward
Greeters:	Jessica Lucas
Technology:	Mike Pierson & Josh Muench
Council Stewards:	Mary Lorber

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Conference Youth
Ushers:	Llona Weiss & Phillip Neale
Greeters:	Susan Dunham
Technology:	Ted Dachroeden
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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!

### **SOUPERBOWL COLLECTION ENDS TODAY**

Donate now to the Souperbowl! Our CUCC youth will be holding soup pots after worship to collect money to address hunger issues in our community through Loaves and Fishes and the Food Pantry. We are also be collecting canned goods. If you forgot your donation today, you can bring it up this week.

### **LUNCH & LEARN NEXT SUNDAY 2/16**

Next Sunday is our Team Earth “Lunch & Learn” focusing on Solar Power! Stick around for lunch, and hear from Jay Hasheider about how solar power works and how solar power is making all our lives better. See Shelly Adams for more information. Come join us for food, fun and education!

### **ALPHA HART LEWIS COLLECTIONS THRU 2/23**

There are two carts in the lobby for AHL– we are collecting for “Love Month.” One cart is for boxed valentines; this collection ends today. The other cart, which will be out until 2/23, is for goodies to stock the teacher’s lounge ahead of conferences week. Bring your donations for AHL!

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2/22**

The annual CUCC Habitat for Humanity Pancake Breakfast will be 2/22 in the Fellowship Hall. The Men’s Fellowship is coordinating this, but they could use your help serving– and eating! If you want to help, talk to Brent Marcks or Doug Privitt. They also have tickets available– bring a group! Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for those ages 6-12, and free to those 5 and under. All profits are donated to Habitat for Humanity.

### **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 3/2– POT LUCK MEAL!**

Bring your favorite dish on March 2 for Stewardship Sunday! We will celebrate everyone’s talents by sharing a meal together. We also will have, as our special guest, professor Kristin Leslie from Eden Seminary, who will share the joy of church with us. Don’t miss celebrating with your church family on March 2!

### **THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR**

Sun	2/9	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
Mon	2/10	Scouting America	7:00 p.m.
Tue	2/11	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	6:30 p.m.
		Troop 708 Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed	2/12	Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:00/7:00 p.m.
Thu	2/13	Women’s Fellowship	9:30 a.m.
Sun	2/16	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Team Earth Lunch & Learn	12:00 p.m.

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

*Please keep in your prayers this week . . .*

Sharon Elliott... on hospice  
Cas Burleson...health issues (Mahree's cousin)

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our partnership friend  
The people of Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine

## *Health Issues:*

Edie Diel, Neal Sprick, Lloyd Mickelson, Bryan Crousore  
Kristan Whelihan... health issues (Russell Eveler's teacher)  
Ann Wilke... health issues (Alethea's mother)  
Jim Elliott, Cheryl Cobb, Lauren Helmreich,  
Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's niece), Jennifer (Edie Diel's niece),  
Julia Marsh (Donna Marsh's Daughter),  
Joanne Good (Sue Beckman's friend), Mark Fairley & Connie Hackman Fairley  
Marilyn Coronado (Corinne Remeika's friend)

## *Challenges in Life:*

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

## *Living in Care Facilities:*

Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves, Sharon Elliott

## *Living in Independent Living Facilities:*

Don Privitt, Alice Moon

## *Serving us in the military:*

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden

*Did you know we have a Prayer Team here at CUCC, lifting up the prayer concerns of our congregation? If you are interested in joining our Prayer Team or have a prayer request for our team to lift up please contact*

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***CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:***

***Welcoming all God's Children;***

***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***



# Tú has venido a la orilla

(You Have Come down to the Lakeshore)

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11

Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979; alt.

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1989; alt.

D A7 D

1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -  
 2 Tú sa - bes bien lo que ten - go: en mi

1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing  
 2 You know full well my pos - ses - sions. Nei - ther

G A7

ca - do ni a sa - bios, ni a ri - cos, tan só - lo  
 bar - ca no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das; tan só - lo  
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, But on - ly  
 trea - sure nor weap - ons for con - quest, Just these my

D A7 D

*Estrillo (Refrain)*  
D7

quie - res que yo te si - ga. Je -  
 re - des y mi tra - ba - jo.  
 ask - ing for me to fol - low. O  
 fish - nets and will for work - ing.

G D

sús, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos;  
 Je - sus, you have looked in - to my eyes;

One of the most popular hymns to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious songs in Spain, this text has been translated into nearly eighty languages. The Spanish composer-author was a parish priest known for his work among youth.

Tune: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

8.10.10. with refrain

Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979

Harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987

son - ri - en - do, has di - cho mi nom - bre;  
kind - ly smil - ing, you've called out my name.

en la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca;  
On the sand I have a - ban - doned my small boat;

jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.  
now with you I will seek oth - er seas.

3. Tú ne - ce - si - tas mis ma - nos,  
mi can - san - cio que a o - tros des - can - se,  
a - mor que quie - ra se - guir a - man - do.  
*Estrillo*

3. You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion,  
work - ing love for the rest of the  
wea - ry—  
A love that's will - ing to go on lov - ing.  
*Refrain*

4. Tú, Pes - ca - dor de o - tros ma - res,  
an - sia e - ter - na de al - mas que es - pe - ran.  
A - mi - go bue - no, que a - sí me lla - mas.  
*Estrillo*

4. You who have fished oth - er wa - ters;  
you, the long - ing of souls that are  
yearn - ing:  
As lov - ing Friend, you have come  
to call me.  
*Refrain*

## **Revelation 2:2-5, 9-10, 13-16, 19-20;**

2:2 “I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false.

3 I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and that you have not grown weary.

4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

5 Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first.

9 “I know your affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich. I know the slander on the part of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

13 “I know where you are living, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny your faith in me even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives.

14 But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the people of Israel, so that they would eat food sacrificed to idols and practice fornication.

15 So you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

16 Repent then. If not, I will come to you soon and make war against them with the sword of my mouth.

19 “I know your works—your love, faith, service, and patient endurance. I know that your last works are greater than the first.

20 But I have this against you: you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet and is teaching and beguiling my servants to practice fornication

## **Revelation 3:3, 8, 10, 15-17, 20, 22**

3:3 Remember then what you received and heard; obey it, and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.

8 Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

10 Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

15 “I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot.

16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

17 For you say, ‘I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.’ You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

20 Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

22 Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

## **Luke 5:1-11**

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,

2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.

3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”

5 Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.”

6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.

7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”

9 For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken;

10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.”

11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

# Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

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*Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.**Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; John 21:15*

1 Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest-less sea;  
2 As of old, Saint An-drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,  
3 Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship of the trea - sures we a - dore,  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
5 Je-sus calls us! By your mer - cies, Sav - ior, may we hear your call,



Day by day that voice still calls us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol - low me."  
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
From each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."  
Je - sus calls, in cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."  
Give our hearts to your o - be-dience, serve and love you best of all.



*Cecil Alexander, who in Ireland wrote sacred verse to teach children the meaning of the catechism and liturgy, designated this poem for St. Andrew's Day. Many years later Galilee was composed for this text by an English organist, William Jude.*

Tune: GALILEE 8.7.8.7.

*William H. Jude, 1887*

Alternate setting: ST. ANDREW

# Your Ways Are Not Our Own

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Lavon Bayler, 1988, rev. 1993

Luke 6:17-38; Rom. 12:9-21



1 Your ways are not our own, O gra-cious God most high,  
2 Christ teach-es us to bless the ones who curse and harm,  
3 Yet, we can-not ex-cuse a-buse in an-y form,  
4 How shall we show your love, your par-don to be-lieve?  
5 For-give-ness is our joy, re-ceive-ing, give-ing, too.



Yet we would fol-low in your paths and on your love re-ly.  
To turn the oth-er cheek when struck, at-tack-ers to dis-arm.  
For all are chil-dren of your care, and love must be our norm.  
You bid us share as we are blessed and give as we re-ceive.  
Keep us from judg-ments hard and cruel, that we may dwell with you.



*Lavon Bayler has served on the Illinois Conference staff of the United Church of Christ beginning in 1979. She maintains a faithful practice of writing worship materials as part of her daily spiritual discipline and has published several books of resources.*

Tune: SCHUMANN S.M.  
Cantica Laudis,  
Lowell Mason and G. J. Webb, 1850