

Columbia United Church Of Christ

September 8, 2019
Rally 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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September 8, 2019

10:30 Worship

“Rally Day”

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

*“...O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
You discern my thoughts from far away...”
-Psalm 139:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

Chapel Ringers

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Aiden Pierson

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 139)*

Llona Weiss

God searches us and knows us;
God knows us when we sit down and rise up.

**God knows our thoughts even from far away.
God searches out our path and shows us the way.**

God is acquainted with all our ways.
Even before a word is on our tongue, God knows us completely.

**God created each one of us;
Knitting us together in our mother’s womb.**

Praise God with all your heart!
We are wonderfully made, created to know God.

**Search us, O God and know us;
Lead us in the ways of everlasting life!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn *“God of Generations”*

*Copyright 1998 by Rev Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
From her book “Gifts of Love– New Hymns for Today’s Worship”
Geneva Press, 2000
(to the tune of “Holy, Holy, Holy”- NICAEA 12.13.12.10)*

**God of Generations, we are all your children;
To your church we bring our gifts, our worship and our song!
Young and old we follow; hand in hand together;
In your great love, together we are strong!**

**Christ, you welcomed children, called us to be like them,
And received a boy’s small gift to feed a hungry crowd.**

**In our church's children, may we see you working;
More than "our future!" They are faithful now.**

**Spirit, freely moving, giving youth a vision,
By your grace young Jeremiah heard your loving call;
Mary was a young one when she learned her mission;
Through faithful youth, you offer truth to all!**

**God of men and women, Helper on our journey,
You have called us in our faith to grow and to mature.
May we keep on learning, worshipping and praying,
That each new day we'll serve you all the more.**

*Opening Prayer

Llona Weiss

God, we celebrate the blessings of children and education this morning as we dedicate ourselves to another Sunday School year. In this day of New Beginnings, our commitment to you is fresh on our hearts. Forgive us for the times when that commitment wavers. Teach us your ways, that we may ever re-dedicate our lives to you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Our children are not only the church of the future, they are the church of today; vital members of our communion together. We realize that through our children, God blesses our community. God loves us; God forgives us always. Praise be to God, from whom all Blessings flow!

*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.**

Mission Moment

"CROP Walk"

Jessica Jenks

Anthem

"Glory Time"

Celebration Singers
Martin/Stevens

Dedication of the New Sunday School Year/Recognition of Teachers

Invitation

Recognition of Teachers

PreK-K	Audrey Lasley, Paula Wilson, Pat Forward
1-4 Grade	Kim Oberle, Linda Neale, Gina Pierson, Tricia Price
5-8 Grade	Lena Muench, Jessica Lucas, Tracy Evans
9-12 Grade	Lauren Helmreich, Kristy Odneal, Kurt Heine
Young Adult	Isaiah Jackson-Post, Josh Wedemeyer, Pastor Rick
Adult Bible Study	Rev. Bryan Crousore, Rebecca Holley
Adult Contemporary	Mark Duncan, Bradford Boyd-Kennedy

Dedication and Prayer

Gospel Lesson: John 6:1-14 Llonna Weiss
One of Jesus' most familiar miracles is enabled by a boy who is willing to share his blessings with others. Five loaves of bread and two fish wind up serving 5000 people. Page #867

Sermon "Feeding Five Thousand" Pastor Rick

Invitation to Communion

*We will celebrate altar communion this Sunday, symbolizing our call come forth, following Christ. **EVERYONE** is welcome to partake in this meal, no matter what your faith is, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey. All friends and guests are especially invited to join us for communion; this is Christ's table for all.*

*Come forward through the **center** aisle. There will be two communion stewards on the North side of the Sanctuary, and two on the South side. You can go to either pair. Take a piece of bread, **pause a moment and eat the bread with the steward**; then proceed to the cup. **Pause a moment and drink the cup with the steward**; then place the cup back in the communion tray.*

For those with mobility challenges, communion will be brought to you.

In his ministry, Jesus turned the ordinary into the extraordinary. He took something as simple as five loaves of bread and two fish, gifts presented to him by a small boy in the crowd, and turned it into sustenance for well over five thousand people. In like manner, Jesus takes these ordinary elements of bread and wine and turns them into refreshment for our soul. All are invited to partake in this meal; Jesus welcomes you to the table.

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer & Invocation

Blessing the Children "I Come With Joy" #349

In the Sacrament of Communion, we most closely see Jesus in our midst. Our desire to share this presence prompts us to celebrate with our children, granting them a special blessing. During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a special blessing from Pastor Rick.

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

Communion Music

Amy Crousore

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, God for turning our simple gifts into sustenance to feed a community. We thank you for this meal, feeding our souls. With hearts open to worship, we gather now, singing the prayer you taught us:

The LORD's Prayer *(sung by congregation, led by Jason Schoeneberg)*

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.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts

"Fugue in C Major"

Amy Crousore
GF Handel

*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

"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

Pastor Rick

*Closing Hymn

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

#495

*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

"Psalm XX"

Amy Crousore
Benedetto Marcello

The United Church of Christ:

"United in Christ's Love, A Just World for All"

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: John & Brenda Muench
Ushers: Doug Privitt & Jan Barry
Sound Booth: Jamie Rapp
Worship Leader: Llona Weiss
Hospitality: Sue Ann Schafer
Acolyte: Aiden Pierson



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Carol Duermeyer & Audrey Lasley
Ushers:
Sound Booth: Matt Lucas
Worship Leader: Pat Forward
Hospitality: Lena Muench
Acolyte: Abby Dennis

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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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BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR RICK Continues this Wednesday

Pastor Rick will be continuing our midweek Adult Bible Study class on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:00pm in the Confirmation Classroom. This will be a 4-week Bible Study (September 4, 11, 18 & 25) focusing on the Psalms.

HERITAGE SUNDAY/50TH ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER 22

September 22 we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of this building! There will be special events during worship that day, and a catered meal after worship at noon. *Please RSVP by visiting www.columbiaucc.com and clicking on the "50th Anniversary Celebration" tab.*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	9/8	<i>Rally Day– Worship returns to 10:30/Communion</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am
		All Church Fish Fry	11:00am
		High School Youth at Pastor Rick's House	5:00-8:00pm
Mon	9/9	LODO Advisory Board	5:45pm
		Music & Worship Ministry Team	6:30pm
Tue	9/10	Quilters	9:00am
		Staff Meeting	10:00am
		Pastor Rick leads worship at The Bluffs	3:00pm
		Nurture & Education Ministry Team	6:30pm
		Food Bank (Choir)	6:00pm
Wed	9/11	By-Laws Team	11:30am
		Bible Study with Pastor Rick	6:00pm
		Chapel Ringers	6:30pm
		Confirmation	7:00pm
		Celebration Singers	7:30pm
Thu	9/12	Women's Fellowship Breakfast/Bible Study	9:30am
		Heritage Team	11:00am
Sun	9/15	<i>CROP Walk Sunday</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship	9:30am
		High School Youth to Lunch and CROP Walk	12:00-3:00pm
		CROP Walk	1:30pm

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

All who are affected by hurricane Dorian

Ebenezer UCC, Levasy ... recovering from flood damages

The family of Fred Holstein... on their loss (Kim Oberle's uncle)

The family of Jody Sawyers... on their loss (Megan Hall's mother);

Brad & Tiffany for clarity, peace of mind and direction

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

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Remeika/Johnson family

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family;

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Kathy Kindrick; Christie O'Very;

Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Sharon Elliott, Rev. Jim Elliott,

Barb & Becky (Anne Heine's sisters); Finn Price (Tricia's nephew);

Harold Hackman; Thomas Zumwalt

Pregnancies in our church family:

Ashley (Skala) & Stephen Scott

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);

Thomas Zumwalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Danielle Murray-Knowles, serving in Lesotho

2019 Confirmation Class:

Ember Piersee; Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp