

Columbia United Church Of Christ

September 15, 2019
CROP Walking



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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10:30 Worship

“CROP Walk”

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

*“...the LORD, looks down from heaven on humankind
to see if there are any who are wise; who seek after God...”*

-Psalm 14:2

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

Amy Crousore

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by our Love”

Mark Hayes

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Aiden Pierson

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 14)

Pat Forward

God searches humankind;
Searching for the wise, those who seek after God.

**Fools turn away from God’s Wisdom, embracing apathy;
Corruption and abominable deeds are the result.**

God embraces those who walk for justice;
Those who journey on paths God sets before us.

**Yet often we wander astray; and we look around us and ask,
“Is there no one who does good? Not one?”**

Call upon God, O people of God;
Deliverance from aimlessness and sin comes from God.

**God is with the company of the righteous;
The LORD is constant and sure; our refuge at all times.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn “God Reigns O’er All the Earth”

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*Opening Prayer

Pat Forward

**God of power and love; through the ministry of your son Jesus
Christ you challenge us to think outside of the box and realize new
ways of understanding the world with which you have gifted us.
You teach us to find abundance in scarcity, plenty in times of want,
and to understand that the needs of one who is lost deserves an
extravagant focus for our lives. Forgive us when we let the busy,
hectic bustle of the world interfere with your challenge to serve.
Remind us of the blessings you call us to be as we gather together,
your church to serve. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God throws the expectations of the world aside and searches with Steadfast Love for the lost sheep among us. We are blessed by God's eternal presence. Even we are lost, God is searching for us. God loves us, forgives us, blesses us. 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.**

Anthem

“Walk in the Light”

Celebration Singers

Andre Thomas

Mission Moment

“CROP Walk”

Jessica Jenks

“Festival of Sharing”

Kim Oberle

Gospel Lesson:

Luke 15:1-10

Pat Forward

Jesus tells a parable that throws the social and religious conventions of his day out the window. He advocates an extravagant focus on the one who is lost over the many who are not. “The needs of the one often outweigh the needs of the many.” His advocacy challenges the culture of zero sum thinking and an economy of scarcity.

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Sermon

“Walking for Jesus”

Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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Ushers will collect prayer cards during the 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; 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!**

Recognition of our CROP Walkers Pastor Rick
Those who are participating in the CROP Walk today will be asked to stand and receive a blessing for their dedication to this ministry.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts Amy Crousore
"We are Marching in the Light of God" John Carter
*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 Pat Forward
God of Justice; with each step we take, we offer prayers to you for the goodness of the earth and the dignity of your people restored. Now take the gifts we offer from our hands; they are simple tools to do your work in the world, symbols of the dedication we share. Use them to bring water to the thirsty, food to the hungry, and justice to the oppressed. Multiply these gifts so that our hands and our feet may do your work in the world. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Guide My Feet" #497

*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

“Trumpet Tune in D Major”

Amy Crousore
Henry Purcell

SPECIAL MISSION PROJECT PROPOSAL

The Church Council, putting together the **2018** CUCC Budget, decided to dream big with a grand ministry plan and budgeted an extra amount of money to be used for a “Special Mission Project” to be determined at a later date. After some discernment by the congregation last year, guided by the Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team, that money was given to Camp MoVal to refurbish one of their cabins.

In our **2019** budget, the Church Council decided to repeat this ministry goal and budgeted **\$5750 for a “Special Mission Project.”** The Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team, after some discernment about possible projects, has decided to recommend to the Church Council that we spend this money on our Global Missions Ministries in Chiapas, disbursed as follows:

\$3000 to INESIN for their ongoing programs, including their Reforestation Program

\$2750 to Melel Xojobal for their work with the children of Chiapas

More information about these agencies can be found on the Global Ministries website: www.globalministries.org

Both of these are agencies we visited and worked with on our last Mission Immersion Experience in Chiapas; and have historic connections with the United Church of Christ. The Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team is seeking your input regarding this distribution. To share your thoughts, please contact Mahree Skala, Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team Chair at skalamahree@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your continuing support of our outreach programs!

(The next Mission Immersion Experience to Chiapas is tentatively scheduled for June 30-July 7, 2020. Talk to Mahree or Pastor Rick if you are interested in participating!)

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“United in Christ’s Love, A Just World for All”

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Carol Duermeyer & Audrey Lasley
Ushers: Lloyd Viehland & John Graves
Sound Booth: Matt Lucas
Worship Leader: Pat Forward
Hospitality: Lena Muench
Acolyte: Aiden Pierson

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Pat Forward
Ushers: Llona Weiss & Donna Marsh
Sound Booth: Brent Marcks
Worship Leader: Rev. Bryan Crousore
Hospitality: Helen Schultz
Acolyte: Riley Hayward



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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 18 at 6:00pm in the Confirmation Classroom. This is 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

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| Sun | 9/15 | <i>CROP Walk Sunday</i> | |
| | | Fellowship Time | 9:00am |
| | | Sunday School | 9:00am |
| | | Worship | 10:30am |
| | | High School Youth to Lunch and CROP Walk | 12:00-3:00pm |
| | | CROP Walk | 1:30pm |
| Mon | 9/16 | Loaves and Fishes | 4:30pm |
| | | Pastor Rick at Continuing Education Retreat | 12:00-9:00pm |
| Tue | 9/17 | Quilters | 9:00am |
| | | NO Staff Meeting | |
| | | Pastor Rick at Continuing Education Retreat | 9:00am-5:00pm |
| | | Council Meeting | 6:30pm |
| Wed | 9/18 | Pastor Rick at Continuing Education Retreat | 9:00am -Noon |
| | | Bible Study with Pastor Rick | 6:00pm |
| | | Chapel Ringers | 6:30pm |
| | | Confirmation | 7:00pm |
| | | Celebration Singers | 7:30pm |
| Thu | 9/19 | Inclusion Team Meeting | 6:30pm |
| Sat | 9/21 | CUCC 50th Anniversary Tailgate | 11:30am |
| Sun | 9/22 | <i>Anniversary Sunday– Anniversary and Building Rededication</i> | |
| | | Fellowship Time | 9:00am |
| | | Sunday School | 9:00am |
| | | Worship | 10:30am |
| | | All Church Dinner and Reception | 12:00pm |

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Family & Friends of Nadria Wright... on their loss (Tez Wells' sister)
Family & friends of Fran Gray... on their loss (Anne Heine's sister)
Family & friends of Larry Vollertsen... on their loss (Pastor Rick's friend)
Family & friends of Jody Sawyers... on their loss (Megan Hall's mother)
Mary K. Borts and family... grieving the loss of her father (9/15)
Tracy Bach... recovering from leg fracture & sprained ankle
All who were affected by hurricane Dorian
Ebenezer UCC, Levasy ... recovering from flood damages
For Melody Parry, dealing with cancer (9/8)
For a mother and daughter struggling to get by (9/8)
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,
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Harold Hackman;

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 Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Judy Chan, serving in Hong Kong

2019 Confirmation Class:

Ember Piersee; Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp

2020 Confirmation Class (starting October 2):

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly