

July 19, 2020

9:30 Worship

"Sowing Hope"

** indicates those who are comfortably able may stand*

"...search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts..."

-Psalm 139:23

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Gather Us In"

Amy Crousore
Mark Hayes

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(adapted from Psalm 139)

Pete Jaberg

God searches us and knows us;

God knows us when we sit down and when we 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

"Gather Us In"

(insert)

*Opening Prayer

Pete Jaberg

God of love; we know that our inheritance from you is more wonderful than the earthly distractions that seek to own us and the worries that struggle to possess us. In our identity as your children, we are blessed with abundant life and eternal hope; and we are challenged to be harbingers of hope to all generations. Forgive us for the times when we forget our identity as your children and instead embrace the fickle comforts of the world. Teach us to put aside the instant gratifications the world brings and embrace your call; that we may bless the world by being examples of your gracious love. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick
We are not just of the flesh; we are also of the Spirit. As God's children, born of the Spirit and inheritors of all good things we are called to live lives reflecting that blessing. But even when we neglect to do this, God still loves us and forgives us. We are all God's children, blessed and beloved; forgiven and free! Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response "Spirit of the Living God" NCH #283
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!

Children's Time Pastor Rick

Response "This Little Light of Mine"
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!

Living our Mission "Christmas in July Offering" Mahree Skala
Anthem

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:12-25 Pete Jaberg
Paul writes to the church in Rome, preaching a message of hope. He shared that, as inheritors of God's blessings, we can all rejoice in the hope of God's glory realized in us. He talks of all that has been endured have been growing pains to realize the glory that is ours in the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:24-30 Pete Jaberg
Jesus tells the parable of the good seeds and the weeds both sowed in the field. The weeds were not removed, so as not to disturb the wheat; but they grew together, contributing to the health of the wheat.

Sermon: "Growing Pains" Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" NCH #386

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

“Sonata”

Amy Crousore
Domenico Scarlatti

*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”

NCH #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 bless your Holy name, glad praises we sing!

*Prayer of Dedication

Pete Jaberg

God of love; as inheritors of your blessings, we are called to distribute those blessings with equity. Take these gifts and use them to bring your world into reconciliation, preach the Good News and work for justice for all of your children. We give these gifts as indicators of our passion and purpose; our identity as Christian stewards, sharing your love. 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

“Fantasia on ‘Forest Green’”

Amy Crousore
Lani Smith

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.

*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*

Gather Us In

Unison D A C G Gm/B \flat Dm

1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, sha-dows of doubt are
 2. We are the young—our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
 3. Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
 4. Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

C G D A C G

van-ished a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and yourdaugh-ters,
 light years a-way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm/B \flat Dm C Am7 D

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1981

GATHER US IN
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GATHERING

A C/G D/F# G A C/G

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in; our
 Gath-er us in— the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in— the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pass-ion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and

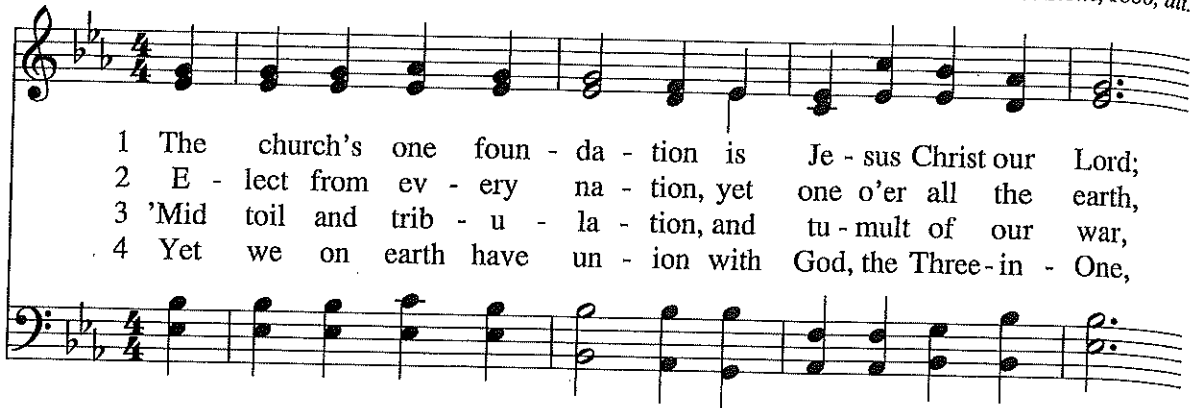
D/F# G A D A C G

spir-its in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

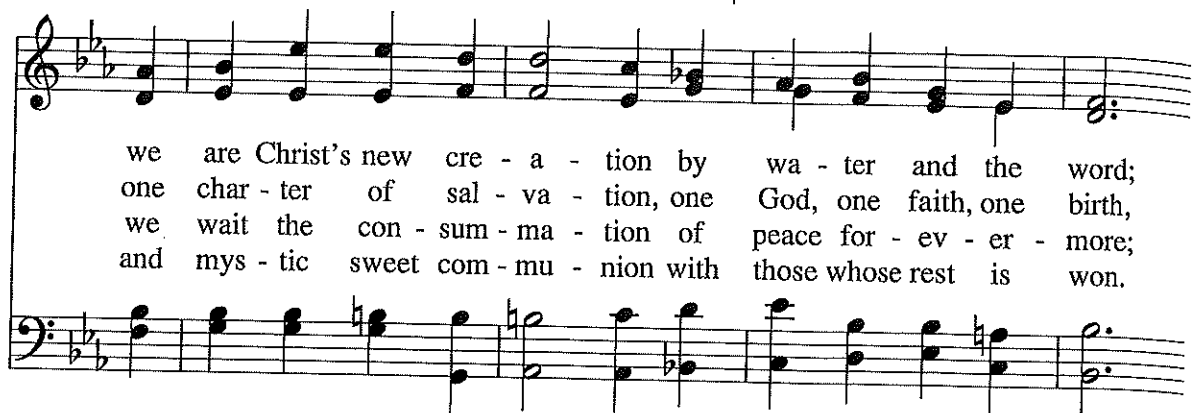
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we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

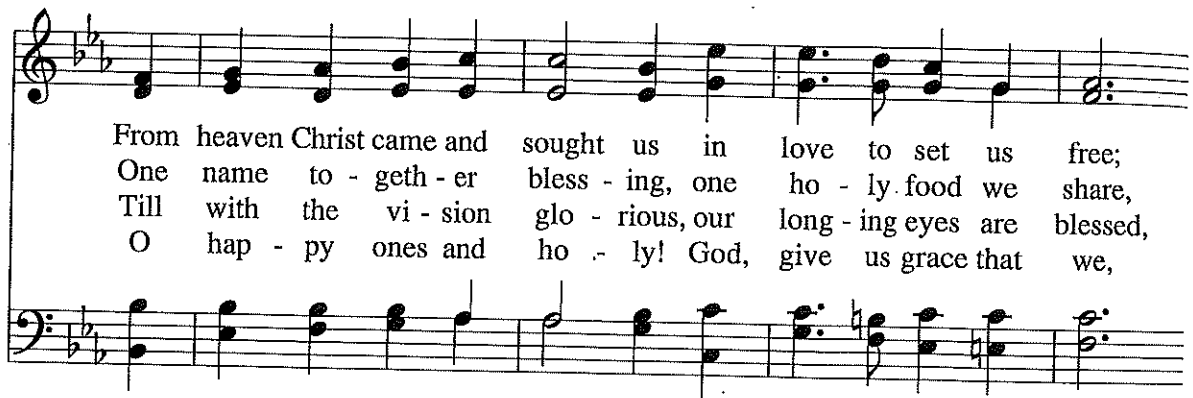
The Church's One Foundation

*Eph. 2:13-22; 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 3:11**Samuel J. Stone, 1866; alt.*


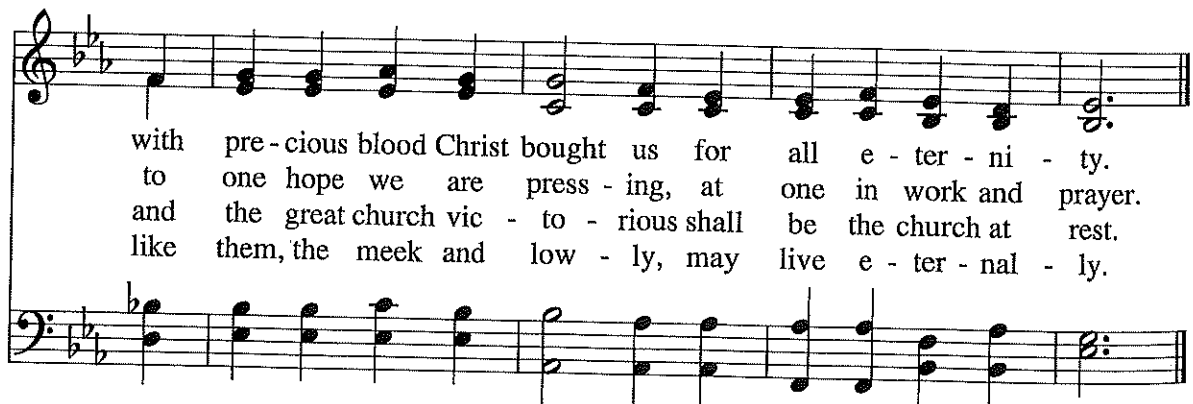
1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war,
 4 Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three - in - One,



we are Christ's new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
 one char - ter of sal - va - tion, one God, one faith, one birth,
 we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
 One name to - geth - er bless - ing, one ho - ly food we share,
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, our long - ing eyes are blessed,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that we,



with pre - cious blood Christ bought us for all e - ter - ni - ty.
 to one hope we are press - ing, at one in work and prayer.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

Like the writings of Ambrose many centuries earlier, this hymn was born out of a doctrinal dispute. The young priest Samuel J. Stone composed twelve hymns on the articles of the Apostles' Creed in support of those reacting against nontraditional views of biblical scholarship. This hymn is based on article nine, "the holy Catholic Church."

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.
 Samuel S. Wesley, 1864