

Columbia United Church Of Christ

June 30, 2019

Open and Affirming Sunday



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!

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9:30 Worship**

“ONA Sunday”

**Summer Schedule: 10:30 Worship resumes 9/8

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

*“...let me hear of your Steadfast Love in the morning;
For in you I put my trust...”
-Psalm 143:8*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“Lord, I Want to be a Christian”

Amy Crousore
Robert Hughes

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Katelyn Odneal

*Call to Worship **

Pat Forward

We are part of the Church Universal;
Faithful people of every color, gender, class, sexual orientation,
Gender identity, age and ability; gathered to love and serve God.

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation!
Together let us worship God,
Rejoicing in the Good News which we celebrate this day.

There is a place in this inclusive faith community for all people;
Intentionally welcomed and affirmed,
Included in the full life of this congregation.

There is a place in God’s heart
There is a place at Christ’s table,

The Holy Spirit who gathers us
Bids us to follow in the ways of love and justice.

May our hearts be open to Christ’s lead
In our worship and in our living, this day and always.
Come, let us worship God together!

*Opening Hymn

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

#495

*Opening Prayer **

Pat Forward

We give thanks, merciful God, that in Christ you seek to unite all things in heaven and on earth; and to reconcile all people to one another and to you. We confess that the new creation is not yet

complete in us, and that we feel everywhere the barriers that separate humankind from each other and from you. Forgive us when we let those barriers influence our actions. Forgive us, and fill us with your spirit of unity. Reveal to us those places where fear and selfishness rebuild the walls once torn down by Christ.; and help us to be agents of reconciliation in your world. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

Assurance of Blessing *

Pastor Rick

We are a pilgrim people, accompanied by our God; who journeys beside us, accepting us for who we are; yet goes before us, beckoning us toward who we might become. Sisters and brothers, we can trust God at all times. By God's mercy, our feet are set again upon the path of faithfulness; we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, our hope and our guide forevermore!

***Prayer Response**

"Love Canon"

a Capella

**Love, Love, Love, Love
Christians this is your call;
Love your neighbor as yourself,
For God Loves us all!**

**Love, Love, Love, Love
The Gospel in one word is Love!
Love your neighbor as yourself
For God Is 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

"This Little Light of Mine"
(Sung as children return to their seats)

Pastor Rick
#524

Mission Moment

"Fifth Sunday Food Bank"

Alice Moon

Anthem

"What a Wonderful World"

Special Ensemble
Mark Hayes

New Testament Lesson:

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16

Pat Forward

Paul, writing to the church in Ephesus, implores the church to put aside the human divisions that separate them and embrace unity; realizing that God created everyone with the blessing of diversity, and that diversity is an expression of Gods glory.

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Gospel Lesson: John 14:1-14 Pat Forward
As God is glorified in the expressions of faith Jesus embodied, God is also glorified— or not glorified— in the expressions of faith we embody in the world. Page #877

Sermon “It’s All About Love” Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn/Glitter Blessing
“Lord, I Want to be a Christian” #454

During the hymn, the congregation is invited to, if you wish, come forward and receive a “glitter blessing.” With “glitter glue,” Pastor Rick will paint a cross on your hand (or cheek if you prefer) while offering you a special blessing. Children are encouraged to come forward at this time as well.

*Affirmation of Faith (*CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant*)

God of rainbow covenants and inclusive love, we gather here as your church, committed to actively pursuing inclusion and affirmation in our interactions with everyone; but especially your most vulnerable children, those who have been disenfranchised and dismissed by others.

Exemplifying your love, we now gather at this time, reciting together the Open and Affirming/Inclusion covenant we, your people, have adopted as our guide:

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God of love and grace, help us to keep this covenant close and fresh in our hearts, in our minds and in our interactions in your world. This we pray in the name of the one who taught us to exemplify love, your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

The LORD's Prayer

(in an effort to encourage inclusion, this Sunday we are suggesting using the term "Creator God" in our unison recitation of The Lord's Prayer.)

Creator God, 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

Amy Crousore

"The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"

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 "Thanks Be to God"

#425

For the Fruits of all Creation, thanks be to God!

For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God!

For the wonders that astound us,

for the truths that still confound us,

Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God!

*Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Rick

*Benediction

*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

Amy Crousore

"Rigaudon"

Andre Campre

***Portions of today's liturgy are from*

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Stefanie Zimny & Audrey Lasley
Ushers: Audrey Lasley & John Graves
Sound Booth: Doug Privitt
Worship Leader: Pat Forward
Hospitality: Inclusion Team
Acolyte: Katelin Odneal

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: *2 GREETERS NEEDED*
Ushers: Ally Jaberg & Llona Weiss
Sound Booth: John Graves
Worship Leader: Isaiah Jackson-Post
Hospitality: Sue Ann Schafer
Acolyte: Aidan Pierson



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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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NEW COOKBOOK COMING

The Women's Fellowship is putting together a new CUCC Cookbook! We need your recipes to make it happen. The women are collecting recipes until July 31. You may submit your recipe in the pot outside the sanctuary or e-mail it to the Church Office. For more information, talk to Mariann Bullerd.

BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTIONS IN JULY

The Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team will be collecting school supplies for the Voluntary Action Center Back to School Fair. We will be collecting on July 7, 14 and 21. Items we are collecting include the following:

Backpacks; Dry Erase Markers; 24-Pack Crayons; Pink Erasers; Scissors;
Earbuds; 1 Subject Spiral Notebooks; Loose-Leaf Paper; 8 Pack #2 Pencils;
Blue & Red Ballpoint Pens; Composition Notebooks; Glue Sticks;
10 Pack Washable Markers; 12 Pack Colored Pencils; Highlighters

There will be a collection point in the Gathering Space for these items. Help out children in need this year through Voluntary Action Center!

SIGN UP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS sign ups will be concluding soon! If you are a helper, or if your child is a participant, everyone is asked to sign up. You can do so using the link in the Friday email, or by visiting the CUCC website and clicking on the VBS link. Meals will be served for everyone starting at 5:00 each evening.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7/4 & 7/5

The Church office will be closed July 4 and July 5 to observe the Independence Day holiday. April and/or Pastor Rick will be in the office Monday thru Wednesday from 9:00am-3:00pm. If you get the church voice mail, please leave a message!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	6/30	<i>Open and Affirming Sunday</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship	9:30am
Tue	7/2	Quilters	9:00am
Thu/Fri	7/4 & 7/5	Church Office Closed	
Sun	7/7	<i>Independence Day Sunday</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship	9:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Sue Beckman... anticipating knee surgery

Harold Hackman... anticipating knee surgery

Aileen Dohm... on hospice (Judi Privitt's mother)

The Dohm/Privitt families celebrating Christ's promises while grieving

Jean Strothmann... recovering from car accident

Raj Tolani... health issues

Jeff Kies... health issues

Sharon Elliott... living with cancer, receiving chemotherapy

Rev. Jim Elliott... for speedy relief from health issues

Infant Finn Price and the Price family... Finn is diagnosed with Myotonic

Dystrophy (Tricia's nephew)

Barb & Beth... health issues (Anne Heine's sisters)

Those affected by flooding... and other climate change symptoms

Ebenezer UCC, Levasy & Peace UCC, Hartsburg... dealing with floods

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;

Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Christie O'Very;

Pregnancies in our church family:

Erin & Levi Markway; Nancy Liang & Corey Grace

Emily & Patrick Hanks

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)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Cindy Moraga, serving in Mexico

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;

Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp