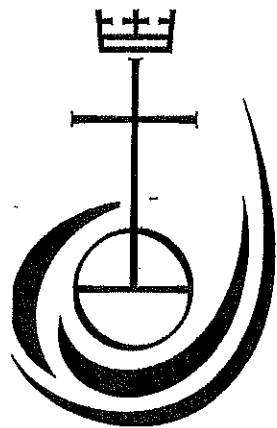


# Columbia United Church Of Christ

May 23, 2021

Pentecost



**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.

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United Church  
Of Christ



May 23, 2021

10:30 Worship

"Pentecost"

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

*"...O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!  
-Psalm 104:24,35*

Gathering Music	Amy Crousore
Welcome and Greetings	Pastor Rick
Prelude	Amy Crousore
"Variations on Veni, Creator, Spiritus"	Plainsong/Hopson
Carrying in the Light of Christ	Lil Smith
*Call to Worship	Pat Forward

*(based on Psalm 104)*

Creator God, how majestic are your works!  
Your Wisdom brings all things into being.

**The roar of the oceans, the majesty of the seas;  
Living things that frolic in the waves; You Created them all!**

You supply your Creatures with nourishment and provision;  
Care for all, in due season.

**Your hands supply goodness and love;  
Your presence refreshes and restores.**

You sent forth your Spirit and bring life;  
You breathe into each of us, re-creating your world.

**May God's Glory endure forever;  
May our meditations be pleasing to God!  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn      "On Pentecost They Gathered"

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\*Opening Prayer

Pat Forward

**God of Inspiration and Spirit of fire; at times, it feels like the light of your glory has dimmed in our souls. We feel spent, depleted, burned out. Forgive us for these times we feel helpless; for we know your Holy Spirit is waiting to be unleashed on our anxious souls, firing us up and inspiring us to follow you. As we hear the story of Pentecost, and the Holy Spirit firing up those Apostles, we pray that we can emulate them. Teach us to be bold like they were and shout your glory and live together lovingly. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God's Holy Spirit poured out on those first century Apostles and they began to work miracles in God's name. God's Spirit is poured out on us as well; and through that action, we may become miracle workers, too. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven of all our sins! We are God's beloved children; praise be to God!

\*Prayer Response

"Spirit of the Living God"

#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!*

\*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

*Pastor Rick will offer the words, "May God's Peace be with You" and you are invited to respond with the words, "And also with you."*

May God's Peace be with you!

**And also with you!**

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response

"This Little Light of Mine"

#524

*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!*

Affirmation of Ministry

*Recognizing and installing the elected leaders of this church*

Introduction & Presentation of The 2021-2022 Church Leadership Team

Affirmation of Servanthood

\*Covenant

Members of this household of faith; you have heard the promises of our friends in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant together:

**We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, to honor your leadership, and to assist you; that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

\*Prayer

Installation & Declaration

Recognition of Retiring Officers/Leaders

Mission Moment	“Strengthen the Church”	Dorothy Vetter
Anthem	“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”	Men’s Ensemble
New Testament Lesson	Acts 2:1-8,11-12	Pat Forward
	<i>In this Pentecost Story, God’s Holy Spirit is poured out on the disciples, and they are inspired to go into the streets preaching God’s Word in many different ways. The Good News of Jesus Christ is shared with thousands of people because of their bold actions.</i> (pg. 884)	
Gospel Lesson	John 16:4b-15	Pat Forward
	<i>Jesus talks about his imminent departure, and the coming of the Holy Spirit to be present with the Apostles in their lives and ministry. Likewise, though we do not have Jesus’ presence with us today, we do have the Holy Spirit guiding us in all we do...</i> (pg. 878)	
*Hymn:	“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”	#286
Sermon:	“New Beginnings”	Pastor Rick
*Hymn:	“This is a Day of New Beginnings” (use ‘alternate verse’ instead of verse 4)	#417

\*Invitation to Communion

God’s Holy Spirit fired up the first century disciples, filling them with the ability to interact with others and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Sharing bread and cup with diverse cultures and people, they spoke of the love that Jesus taught them the night he first celebrated this meal. In like manner we gather, open to God’s Holy Spirit and fired up to celebrate Jesus’ love.

*We will celebrate altar communion this Sunday, coming forward to receive the elements. EVERYONE is welcome to partake in this meal. You will be called forward by rows. The ushers will place bread cubes in your hands and a cup of grape juice in your hands. If you wish, you may remain in your seat and partake of communion symbolically, as we have the past few months.*

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer & Invocation

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

Communion Music

Amy Crousore

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of awesome power; you called your disciples together and fired them up; sending them out into the world to celebrate your love and speak of your Wisdom. Like those first century disciples, we gather here today as well; hoping to be fired up and inspired by your Holy Spirit and praying that, like those first century disciples, we can change your world. We thank you for this meal, through which we remember Jesus’ ministry with us. We thank you for your Holy Spirit, that calls the church into being. Now we gather together as one church, uniting together in the prayer Jesus taught us:**

\*The LORD's Prayer *(sung by the Congregation, led by James Melton)*

**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 "On the Wings of Song"

Lucy Smith

*Mendelssohn/Smith*

*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

\*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

"Classical Theme by Marcello"

Amy Crousore

*Marcello*

**Strengthen the Church**

**Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ**

**Collected on Pentecost— Sunday, May 23**

**From Scarcity to Abundance**

*Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit, which empowered the earliest followers of Jesus to dream anew and envision a new future for themselves and their community.*

*In the Spirit of Pentecost, our Strengthen the Church offering goes to revitalizing congregations, empowering youth ministry, and reenergizing the denomination through individual ministries.*

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Pat Forward  
**Acolyte:** Lil Smith  
**Ushers:** Mahree Skala  
**Greeters:** Jessica Lucas  
**Technology Booth:** Mike Pierson & James Melton  
**Hospitality:** Stefanie Zimny  
**Council Steward:** Pat Forward/Mahree Skala



## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Lauren Helmerich  
**Acolyte:** Ember Piersee  
**Ushers:** Don Helmerich  
**Greeters:** Helen Schultz  
**Technology Booth:** John Graves & Carissa Graves  
**Hospitality:** Audrey Lasley  
**Council Stewards:** Sue Ann Schaefer

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### CORONAVIRUS VACCINE INFORMATION

The Boone County Health Department has a very helpful website with COVID-19 Vaccine information, answering questions about the safety and efficacy of the vaccines and dispelling misinformation that is being spread. Go to [www.como.gov/covidvaccine/](http://www.como.gov/covidvaccine/) to read up on the vaccine and hopefully answer any questions you may have. You can also schedule a vaccine at Hy-Vee or Walmart by visiting their websites. Let's all do our part to get *EVERYONE* vaccinated!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL/ALL CHURCH PICNIC JUNE 6

Sunday, June 6 will be the last day of Sunday School for the academic year; and we will celebrate with some great classes! Pete Jaberg will be leading the Adult Class, discussing the flaws of "Conversion Therapy" and how it has affected youth detrimentally. Our younger classes will get a VBS preview, highlighting our VBS program for this Summer. In worship, we will be honoring our graduates. After worship, we will have our annual Sunday School Picnic, coordinated by the Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team. Plan now to be here!

### DONUTS AND DIPLOMAS

Join us for a special reception for our High School Graduates on June 6 at 10:00am in the upstairs Gathering Space! The Nurture & Education Ministry Team will host a "Donuts and Diplomas" reception from 10:00-10:30 to honor them and their achievement. Be here to celebrate with them!

### LUNCH BUNCH WITH APRIL IN MAY

This Thursday for Lunch Bunch, our own April Rothweiler will be talking about her recent bike ride across Texas to raise funds to benefit the fight against Human Trafficking. Her ride specifically raised funds for an agency in Cambodia that works to end Human Trafficking at its source. Come Thursday and hear more! Bring a dish to share, or a sack lunch if you wish.

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	5/23	<i>Pentecost/Communion</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
Mon	5/24	Staff Meeting	10:15am
		Confirmation	6:00pm
Tue	5/25	Food Bank	6:00pm
		Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry Team	6:30pm
Wed	5/26	Membership & Care Ministry Team	6:30pm
Thu	5/27	Lunch Bunch	12:00pm
		LODO Ministry Team	6:30pm
Fri	5/28	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	5/30	<b>No Sunday School</b>	
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

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

Helen Schultz... health issues  
Glenn Duermeyer... recovering from knee surgery and complications

Beth Schoeneberg... health issues (Jason's mother)  
Mary Rinne... living with cancer (Donna Marsh's daughter)  
Esther Rollins... health issues (Ed's mother)  
Amy... challenges in life (April Rothweiler's friend)  
Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothweiler's Aunt)

Sheila... challenges in life and faith  
The Zimny, Lasley, Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,  
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

## *Health Issues:*

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece);  
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);  
Christine Mseke; Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell;  
Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)  
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

## *Living in Care Facilities:*

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank

## *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); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

## *UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:*

Elena Huegel... serving in Mexico

## *2021 Confirmation Class:*

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,  
Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons

*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*



## On Pentecost They Gathered

Acts 2:1-24, 32-47

Jane Parker Huber, 1981; rev. 1993

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,  
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed  
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,  
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples to wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as God in Christ they praised.  
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.  
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,  
 What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?  
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.  
 O give us hearts to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.  
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.  
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

Jane Parker Huber explained that she wrote this text in 1981  
 "to fill a gap in current hymnody," in that "many of the hymns  
 concerning the activity of the Holy Spirit do not mention  
 Pentecost."

Tune: MUNICH 7.6.7.6.D.  
 Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693  
 Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

# Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

James K. Manley, 1978; alt.

*Unison, brightly*  
*Refrain*

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G D *Last time, end*

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the  
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a  
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

\*Reduced-size notes may be played with organ pedals in lieu of or in combination with the other notes.

HYMNS OF THE SPIRIT

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

'val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you  
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their  
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you  
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -  
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -  
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -  
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 *to Refrain*

bers and rise on your wings."  
 ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 ple on the rush of the wind.  
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

*This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waiokeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth stanza at the suggestion of a church member.*

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.  
 James K. Manley, 1978  
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

# This Is a Day of New Beginnings

2 Cor. 5:16-17

Brian Wren, 1978; rev. 1983

Unison

1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -  
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y  
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the  
~~X~~ Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and  
 → \* In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and

mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is  
 Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of  
 past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and  
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -  
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -

bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.  
 dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.  
 griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.  
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.  
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.

\*Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1978 for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. The music is by the editor of two hymnals of the United Methodist Church and was composed for the original Wren text.

Tune: BEGINNINGS 9.8.9.8.  
 Carlton R. Young, 1987