

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

April 19, 2026  
"Third Sunday of Easter"



# 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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**April 19, 2026**

**10:30 a.m.**

**“Road to Emmaus”**

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

*“God has heard my supplications;  
I will call on God as long as I live!”  
-Psalm 116:1-2*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“O Worship the King”

Chapel Ringers  
*Haydn / Keveren*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

\*Call to Worship

*(based on Psalm 16)*

Judi Privitt

Loving God, You have heard my voice and supplications;  
Incline Your Ear to our pleas in this time of worship!

**God listens to our joys and concerns;  
We will call upon God as long as we live!**

You comfort us through death and distress;  
You give us strength through all of our journeys;

**In all we go through in life God is with us;  
Saving our lives, rescuing us from sin and separation.**

You are gracious and merciful;  
Protecting us when we are downtrodden

**Like an ideal Parent, God encourages and embraces us!  
Like a loving Father, God guides us and Saves us!  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Hymn

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

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\*Opening Prayer

Judi Privitt

**God of new life; we continue to hear the refrain of Easter morning in our ears, even as our culture grows more dire in need of Your resurrection joy. Like that early church, who first heard Peter’s message, we are confused, asking what we should do. Forgive our hesitation. Give us the strength of that early church and teach us to welcome Your Good News. Remind us of Your promise of presence and restoration. Teach us devotion, that we may continue to grow in faith. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.**

- \*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick  
 The promises of Jesus' Resurrection both comfort and challenge us on this continued Easter journey. Even when we harbor fears or doubts, God never leaves us alone. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!
- \*Prayer Response "Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja"  
*Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!*  
*Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!*  
*Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!*  
*Halle-lu-ja! Halle-lu-ja!*
- \*Sharing God's Gift of Peace Pastor Rick  
 May God's Peace be with you!  
**And also with you!**
- Children's Time Pastor Rick  
 "Tell me the Stories of Jesus"  
*(Sung as children return to their seats)*  
***Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;  
 Things I would ask him to tell me, if he were near:  
 Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea  
 Stories of Jesus, tell them to me!***
- Mission Moment "Earth Day" Llona Weiss
- New Testament Lesson Acts 2:37-42 Judi Privitt  
*Peter continues his sermon to the gathered crowds in Jerusalem, proclaiming the divinity of Christ and a message of repentance. He exhorts them to save themselves from the corruption of their current generation. His testimony is so compelling that three thousand people decide to follow Jesus.*  
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- Gospel Lesson Luke 24:13-35 Judi Privitt  
*Jesus appears to two disciples on the road to Emmaus, but keeps them from knowing his appearance. He lets them share their testimony of his life, crucifixion, and resurrection; and then makes himself known in the sharing of the communion meal.*  
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- Anthem "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" Arr. Downing  
The Celebration Singers
- Sermon "Divine Confusion" Pastor Rick
- \*Hymn "Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us" (insert)

## Community Prayer & Silent Prayer; The Lord's Prayer

*In an effort to encourage inclusion, we suggest using the address "Creator God" in our unison recitation of The Lord's Prayer. You are certainly welcome to say "Our Father" instead of "Creator," "Trespases" instead of "debts," or "Thy" instead of "Your" if you prefer.*

**Creator God in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Meditation Hymn "The Day of Resurrection" #245

Sharing our Announcements Pastor Rick

Invitation to the Offering

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You can also give online by visiting our website:  
[www.columbiaucc.com](http://www.columbiaucc.com)*

Offertory "Holy, Holy, Holy Cry" Steve Jannetti  
Rick Modlin

\*Prayer of Dedication Judi Privitt

**God of new life and surprises, You fill us with joy. We give thanks for the joy we see in those early disciples experiencing Your resurrection visits, and the joy we see in Your Good News. Now take the gifts we offer You today. Let them be used to share that joy with all the world. 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 "This Is My Father's World" Steve Jannetti  
Sheppard / Keveren

# **CUCC STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2026 (and beyond)**

## **CARING FOR EACH OTHER**

- Advocate for policies that provide support for others
- Incorporate everyone's talents into the work and life of the church
- Formulate support & education classes for parents and children
- Improve staff training and professional development
- Ensure that our staff are paid just wages
- Discern and address the needs of our older members
- Strive to meet the needs of our members where they are

## **ESTABLISHING OUR IDENTITY**

- Increase public awareness of our mission and location
- Increase our advertising/marketing efforts
- Consistently canvass the neighborhood north of the church
- Attract more members, focusing on youth and diversity
- Strive for intentionality incorporating youth and young adults into the life of the church
- Strive for intentionality incorporating a diverse community into the life of the church

## **DEVELOPING OUR FACILITY**

- Continue to modernize and maintain our building and grounds
- Develop a comprehensive maintenance manual with records, goals and strategies for modernization and maintenance
- Seek out new ways to utilize our building to enhance our ministry and generate income
- Establish financial security for our ongoing ministry programs
- Establish our facility as a host site for music groups, choirs, concerts, lecturer series, and other public events

## **SERVING GOD'S WORLD**

- Partner with other agencies that share our goals & interests
- Create a fulfilling, engaging, inclusive Sunday morning experience
- Develop partnerships with others to share our facility
- Strive for intentionality in connecting children, youth and adults to outreach and service opportunities
- Look for ways to reach out to other UCC congregations and work together for justice
- Strive to identify ways that we can be socially responsible and educated in areas of ecological justice, international mission, and other justice issues at home and abroad

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Judi Privitt  
Song Leader: Mike Pierson  
Ushers: Christine Staelens & Deborah Long Birkes  
Greeters: Carol Duermeyer  
Technology: Doug Privitt & Ted Dachroeden  
Council Stewards: Judi Privitt & Ashley Ramirez

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Llona Weiss  
Song Leader: Killian Boyd  
Ushers: John & Brenda Muench  
Greeters: Mary Lorber  
Technology: Carissa Graves & John Graves  
Council Stewards: Kristin Veteto



Online Giving

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**NURSERY CARE** is available for children in kindergarten and younger in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Our elementary school age singers are scheduled to sing alongside adult choir members again on Mother's Day, 5/10. We'd love to have you join us! Questions? Ask Linda Neale or Connie Loveless.

### **EARTH DAY - 4/26**

Earth Day is next Sunday, and CUCC will have a booth at Peace Park! There are opportunities available to staff this booth in two hour shifts from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. To sign up, talk to Mahree Skala or Rev. Mike Williams.

### **ALPHA HART LEWIS CARNIVAL - 5/8**

It is the end of the school year, and our Partner in Education, Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary School, will be celebrating with a carnival on 5/8! They are looking for volunteers; if you can help talk to Llonna Weiss!

### **TEAM EARTH LUNCH AND LEARN - 5/3**

Our next Team Earth Lunch and Learn will be 5/3, right after worship. Plan on sticking around to help begin crafting language for our Creation Justice Covenant as we take steps to becoming a Creation Justice Church!

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/POT LUCK - 5/17**

Save the date for our Annual Meeting! There will be a pot luck meal prior to the meeting, at noon. Plan to stick around and bring a dish!

### **SAVE THE DATE - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Get ready to blast off! This year's Vacation Bible School will be out of this world. Save the date for Tuesday July 14 and Wednesday, July 15 for two days full of cosmic Christian fun. More information will be available after Easter from our Nurture & Education Ministry Team.

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	4/19	Bible Study/Sunday School Fellowship Worship (in person and livestream)	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Mon	4/20	Loaves & Fishes Scouts	4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Tue	4/21	Staff Meeting Quilters Pause to Color Church Council Meeting	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Wed	4/22	Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers Confirmation	6:00/7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Thu	4/23	Music & Worship Ministry Team Clergy Personnel Committee	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Sun	4/26	Earth Day Bible Study/Sunday School Fellowship Worship (in person and livestream) Earth Day Booth @ Peace Park	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

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

Dean Barry... health issues

Marna... health issues (Edie Diel's sister)

Shirley Gallaher... recovering from hip replacement

Kenny & Jane Holtgrewe... health issues (Marsha Posz's parents)

Evie Marcks... health issues

Marshia Beckmann... health issues

The Family of John Lund... on their loss (Edie's friend)

Michael Butterworth... recovering from surgery

Christopher Tennill... on deployment in the Middle East

Fred Wilke (Alethea's Father)... more health issues

Jen Siebert... challenges in life

Jonathon Schultz... recovering from ankle surgery

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our Partner in Education

All those whose lives are affected by state sanctioned terrorism including:

Owen Ramsingh and family,

The family of Renee Good, The family of Alex Pretti,

Jack and Claudia (Pastor Rick's friends), and so many others

Our US Military... deployed in the Middle East

## *Health Issues:*

Jeff Kies, Barry Kirchhoff, Glenn Duermeyer,

Julie Roper (Alexandra's Mother), Karleen Martindale (Kasper's Mother),

Mark & Connie Fairley, Cody Kile, Dr. Ryan Link;

Julia Marsh (Donna Marsh's Daughter),

Martha (friend of the Veteto family), Ken (Adam Veteto's Cousin);

Marilyn Coronado & Beverly Wilcox (Corinne Remeika's friends)

## *Challenges in Life:*

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families, Kieran Armstrong

## *Living in Care Facilities:*

Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank

## *Living in Independent Living Facilities:*

Don Privitt, Sue Beckman, Linda Evans, Walter & Patty Schroeder

## *Serving us in the military:*

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden

Garrett Holtgrewe... (Marsh Posz's nephew)

## *Pregnancies in our Church Family:*

Shelby Oberle & Ryan Furney; Chloe & Mark Eveler

*If you are interested in joining our Prayer Team or have a prayer request  
for our team to lift up please contact*

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## **Acts 2:37-42**

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

38 Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

## **Luke 24:13-35**

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,

14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

17 And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.

18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?”

19 He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,

23 and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

25 Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”

27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

29 But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.

32 They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

34 They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”

35 Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

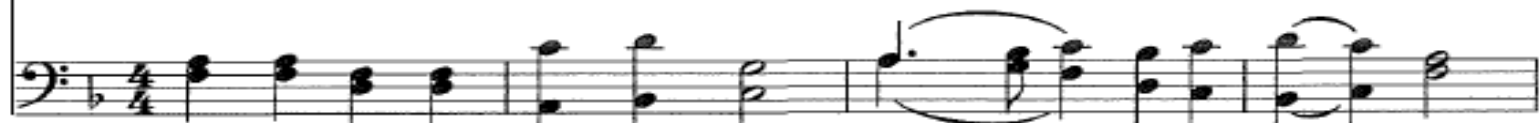
Matt. 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-10

St. 1 transl., Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

St. 2-5 transl., The New Century Hymnal, 1994



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 To the tomb the wom - en bring, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 There the an - gel clothed in white, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 "Has - ten now to Gal - i - lee," Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 Christ ap - pears in full ar - ray, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Spic - es rich, an of - fer - ing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Tells the news with great de - light, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 "Tell the oth - ers what you see!" Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sing with joy this Pas - chal day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ask - ing where might Je - sus be, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 This the news the an - gel gives, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 With ex - cite - ment trem - bling, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ now from the dead is raised, Al - le - lu - ia!



Unison



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sav - ior come to set us free, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 That the Sov - ereign glo - rious lives, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Off they run, good news to bring, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ho - ly Trin - i - ty be praised, Al - le - lu - ia!



## Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

F Dm Gm Dm Am Gm7

1. Sing of one who walks be - side us and this day is  
 2. We have walked with him as strang - ers through the jour - ney  
 3. Ris - en one, stay with us, raise us, once a - gain the

Bb7 Dm C Dm C Bb7

liv - ing still, one who now is clos - er to us  
 of the day, and have told him of the vi - o - lence  
 night is near. Dine with us and share your wis - dom,

Am Bb7 C F F Dm7

than the thoughts our hearts dis - till, Christ who once up -  
 that has swept our hope a - way. He has of - fered  
 free our hearts from ev - 'ry fear. In the calm of

Bb7 Gm7 Bb7 Am7 Bb7 Gm7 C

on a hill - top, raised a - gainst the power of sin,  
 words of com - fort, words of en - er - gy and light.  
 each new eve - ning, in the fresh - ness of each dawn,

F Dm C Gm7 Am Bb7 C6 C F

died in love as his own crea - tures cru - ci - fied their God and Friend!  
 Did our hearts not blaze with - in us as he broke the bread this night?  
 if you hold us fast in friend - ship we will nev - er be a - lone.

# The Day of Resurrection

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*John of Damascus, 8th century*

*Mark 16:1-6*

*Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.*

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;  
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,  
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

*A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn. John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.*

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.  
*Henry T. Smart, 1836*

# WALK4NF

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