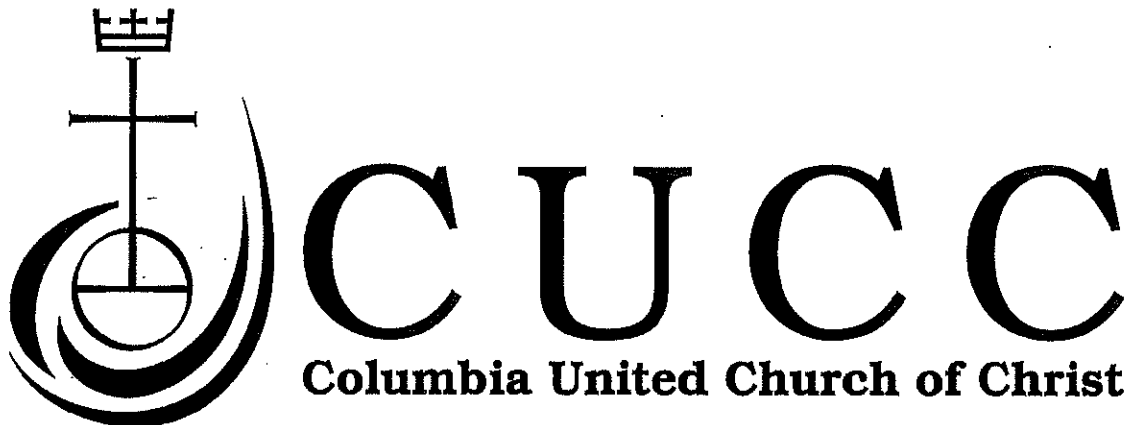


Columbia United Church Of Christ

May 15, 2022
Annual Meeting Sunday



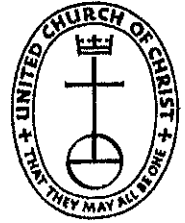
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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.

Columbia
United Church
Of Christ



May 15, 2022

10:30 Worship

"Hope"

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

"...And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new'"
-Revelation 21:15

Easter Affirmation

Pastor Rick

Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen, Indeed!**

Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Here I Am, Lord"

Amy Crousore
Schutte/Honoré

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Aidan Pierson

*Call to Worship *(based on Revelation Scriptures)*

Trevor Pierson

God of life, you give us hope;
God of life, you bring us Salvation.

**God brings us hope and Salvation,
Restoring our souls giving us new life!**

God is coming on the clouds;
Every eye shall witness to God's presence.

**God is the Alpha and the Omega;
All that is belongs to God, our Creator.**

All creatures sing of God's Abundant Blessings.
Glory to God forever and ever!

**God is always creating new hope in the world;
God's blessings are ever with us.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Gathering Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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*Opening Prayer

Danielle Dreier

**God of hope; your wisdom was revealed through the visions of John
that all who believe in you and follow your ways shall not perish, but**

live eternal and intentional lives. Yet we have taken this book of hope and turned it into a prediction of fear. We are sorry for the times we have failed to see your wisdom within the sensational visions related by your prophet. Teach us to live fully into the wisdom you have given us, that we might realize the new heaven and new earth that are possible when we live as you teach.
In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Jesus' message of New Life and Resurrection is illustrated in the revelation given to John on Patmos. But even when we fail to embrace that vision, God loves us and forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response "Halle-Halle-Halleluja"

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Hallelujah! 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

Response:

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

(Sung as children return to their seats)

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.

New Testament Lesson:

Revelation 1:4-8, 5:11-14, 7:9-12, 21:1-6 Confirmation Students

Selected verses from the Book of Revelation illustrate for the first century Christian communities the hope that Jesus Christ brings and the possibilities of God's Kingdom on Earth if they would just follow Jesus and worship God instead of following and worshipping Caesar and his Kingdom ways. The imagery used in the Book of Revelation indicates the excesses and evil of Caesar and the Roman Empire

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Gospel Lesson: John 13:34-35 Lawson Flood-Lorber
Before he is crucified, Jesus offers a New Commandment to his disciples; to love one another, even as he first loved them.
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Anthem "People Need the Lord" Celebration Singers
Tom Fettke

Sermon: "Revelations from Revelation" Pastor Rick

*Hymn: "We are One in the Spirit" (insert)

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!

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life Pastor Rick

Asian American History Month Lydia Whitacre

Feeding God's Sheep "Food Bank" Mahree Skala

Invitation to the Offering

*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*

Offertory "Two Minuets" Amy Crousore
W.A. Mozart

*Prayer of Dedication Aidan Pierson

God of Revelation, we embrace the Hope you offer us today; and we pray that these gifts may provide Hope for those in need. Take them and use them to build your Kingdom, a Kingdom that stands in opposition to the kingdom of Caesar. With these gifts we love you back; by loving your world. Amen.

*Benediction

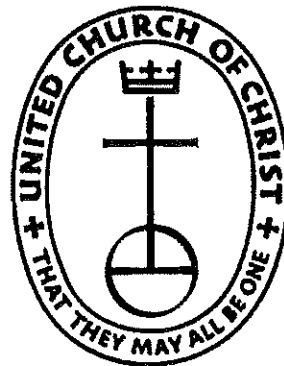
Pastor Rick

*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 "Hallelujah! Christ Arose!"

Amy Crousore
Livingston/Lowry



*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*

*If you try to fit God into your life,
You will never have time for God.
If you try to fit your life into God,
You will always have time for what matters.*

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Confirmation Class
Acolyte: Confirmation Class
Ushers: John & Brenda Muench
Greeters: Jessica Lucas
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson & Ted Dachroeden
Hospitality: Audrey Lasley
Council Stewards: Audrey Lasley & Tricia Price



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Mahree Skala
Acolyte:
Ushers: Llona Weiss
Greeters: Carol Duermeyer
Technology Booth: Hayley Dennis & Phillip Dennis
Hospitality:
Council Stewards: Kristy Odneal & Mike Pierson

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NURSERY CARE... is available for children in kindergarten and younger in room #201 in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

LODO PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPEN

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 School Year is in full swing! Please share with friends and family to let them know that we have *limited space available* for Fall 2022! Interested families should contact Erika Maltsbarger at 573-445-2661 or LittleOnesDayOut@yahoo.com or for availability and to schedule a tour. Additional information can be found at www.columbiaucc.com/lodohome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

Be here on June 5 for our Sunday School VBS Preview! Our Sunday School hour will be devoted to lessons from our upcoming VBS program "Food Truck Party." In worship, we will be recognizing this year's graduates and giving scholarship awards. After worship, we will be celebrating with a meal together. Don't miss Sunday, June 5-- an amazing day of celebration!

LOOKING FOR SINGERS, INSTRUMENTALISTS

Summer is fast approaching-- and Brandon is making summer music plans! Would you like to participate in an ensemble, or sing a solo for our anthem one Sunday? Are you part of an instrumental group that could come and join us for worship one week? We are looking for musical offerings for our Sunday anthems from June 12-- mid August. If you are able to help out, contact Brandon Brown!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	5/15	<i>Annual Meeting Sunday</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Pot Luck & Annual Meeting	12:00pm
Mon	5/16	Staff Meeting	10:30am
		Loaves and Fishes	4:30pm
Tue	5/17	Quilters	10:00am
		Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team	5:30pm
		Church Council	6:30pm
Wed	5/18	Pastor Rick leads worship at The Bluffs	10:00am
		Confirmation	6:00pm
		Chancel Ringers Rehearsal	6:00pm
		Celebration Singers Rehearsal	7:00pm
		Sabbatical Team	7:30pm
Thu	5/19	LODO Graduation in Sanctuary	6:00pm
Fri	5/20	LODO Last Day	
		Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	5/22	Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Judy Kaiser... hospitalized, battling infection
Tiffany Brookshire... dealing with surgeries
Corine Remeika... recovering from knee surgery
Becky Weston... anticipating surgery this week
The family of Sharon Tiemann... on their loss (April Rothweiler's Aunt)

Levi Markway... health issues (Tim & Jo Ellen Grace's son-in-law)
Clyde... living with cancer (Lydia Whitacre's friend)
Laura Whitacre... recovering from foot surgery

The People of Ukraine... standing up to Russian oppression
The People of Russia... manipulated by their leadership
The People of Afghanistan... trying to live in a decimated country
Refugees everywhere... mourning their losses, looking for relief
The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our partnership friend
Alexis... on heart transplant list (Elaine Trout's friend's granddaughter)

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

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christine Mseke;
Gene Kelly... living with cancer (Jim & Connie Loveless's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

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

Serving us in the military:

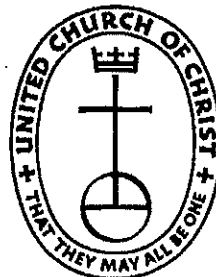
Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson, Dane Wilson
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Sarah Makari... serving in Israel/Palestine

2022 Confirmation Class:

Danielle Dreier, Aidan Pierson, Trevor Pierson; Lawson Flood-Lorber



Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27

Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;
 3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;
 4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;

Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;
 Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;
 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.
 Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;

Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.
 Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;
 You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,
 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,

Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.
 Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.

This hymn is said to have been suggested by a "Song of Venus" from Dryden's King Arthur. It is one of 6,500 written by Charles Wesley, the "sweet singer of Methodism," who was skilled at interweaving literary and scriptural images.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Zundel, 1855

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL
 For another harmonization, see 368, 495

494 They'll Know We Are Christians

Guitar capo: 1; play Em
Unison

Em

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

Am Em

we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

Am Em

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain C G C G Em Am

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love,

WORDS and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

ST. BRENDAN'S
76.76.86 w. refrain

Em Am Bm Em

yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

Weave

495

E♭ Gm Fm E♭ Fm E♭

Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth- er in

Fm B♭ E♭ Gm Fm E♭

u- ni- ty and love. Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er.

Fm E♭ B♭ E♭ A♭ E♭

Weave us to- geth- er, to- geth- er in love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Rosemary Crow, 1979

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WEAVE
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