

Columbia United Church Of Christ

May 19, 2019
Peter & Cornelius



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!

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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May 19, 2019

*10:30 Worship***

“Baptism”

***Summer time change: Worship starts at 9:30 6/9-9/1*

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

“...what God has called clean, you must not call profane...”

-Acts 11:9

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

Amy Crousore

“Sweet Sweet Spirit”

John Wilson

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Kennedy Lucas

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 148)*

Jessica Lucas

Sing Praise to God from the heavens, from all Creation!

All the angels praise God; all the heavenly host!

**The Sun and Moon and shining stars all proclaim God’s glory;
The highest heavens and deepest oceans roar with God’s praise!**

Sing songs of God’s wondrous Creation;

The beauty of the earth and the majesty of the heavens.

Mountains and trees; animals and cattle

Creeping things and flying birds all sing of God’s glory.

Youth and those advanced in years; the powerful and the meek;

People of all races, ethnicity, expression and identity praise God!

God’s name is exalted in all of Creation!

Let all the people praise God!

Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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*Opening Prayer

Jessica Lucas

Inclusive God; we read in the stories of our traditions about Peter expanding the boundaries that humanity put on you to include people of differing ethnicities, expression and identity. You challenged Peter to not put human barriers in the way of your love; yet today we often do so, attempting to erect barriers keeping others from you. Forgive us when we do this; when we judge others, conflate humanity with divinity, and try to confine your love. Teach us to never call profane what you have created clean. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God gave Peter and Cornelius a vision; that God's Steadfast Love is not confined to certain people, but is open to all people everywhere; including each one of us. Secure in God's Steadfast Love, we are all forgiven and blessed. Alleluia!

*Prayer Response "LORD, Listen to Your Children Praying"

LORD, listen to your children praying!

LORD, send your Spirit in this place!

LORD, listen to your children praying!

Send us Love, send us power, send us grace!

*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)

#524

The Sacrament of Baptism

*Today we celebrate the baptism
of Vincent Bruce Veteto,
Son of Kristin and Adam Veteto*

Welcome and Proclamation

Questions for the Parents

*Congregational Assent

Baptism & Blessing

Baptismal Prayer

Presentation & Sending Forth

"Borning Cry"

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Mission Moment

"PET- Mobility Worldwide"

Today is the last Sunday for our Mobility Worldwide campaign. Now in their 25th year, Mobility Worldwide has distributed more than 80,000 PETs around the world.

Our Goal for this campaign is to raise \$3600 to provide 12 PETs for those in need. You can contribute using the envelopes in today's bulletin, scanning this QR code and selecting "Mobility Worldwide" from the dropdown menu, or by texting "GIVE" to 573.240.4041 and following the prompts.



Anthem

“Children Bound for Heaven”

Celebration Singers

Mary McDonald

New Testament Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

Jessica Lucas

Peter is called by God's Holy Spirit to proclaim the Inclusive message of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, starting with Cornelius, a Roman Centurion; a dangerous person of great influence and power. The Jewish disciples are furious that Peter would share Jesus' message with Gentiles, until Peter relates the story of God's call to full Inclusion.

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Gospel Lesson: John 13:31-35

Jessica Lucas

At the Last Supper, after washing the feet of the disciples, Jesus gives them this New Commandment; to love one another, even as he first loved them, they should have love for one another.

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Sermon

“Expansive Expression”

Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn “Let All Things Now Living” (insert)

Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn

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

Presenting our Gifts

“God So Loved the World”

Amy Crousore

Dean B. McIntyre

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You can also give online by visiting our website: www.columbiaucc.com

*Response “Thanks Be to God”

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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

Jessica Lucas

God of transformation; throughout the stories of our traditions you call people to brave and bold tasks, sharing your Good News in situations that were inconvenient, dangerous or less than ideal. With that in mind, we dedicate these gifts today; and we pray that they, too may be used to bring your message of hope to all who need it; even in situations that are inconvenient, dangerous or less than ideal. Take these gifts and use them to your glory; Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“All Creatures of our God and King”

(insert)

*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

“All Glory be to God on High”

Amy Crousore

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*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*

The United Church of Christ:

“United in Christ's Love, A Just World for All”

Summer time change:

Worship starts at 9:30 June 9– September 1

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Greeters: John & Brenda Muench
Ushers: Hugo Wilmsmeyer & Llona Weiss
Sound Booth: Jamie Rapp
Worship Leader: Jessica Lucas
Hospitality: Helen Schultz
Acolyte: Kennedy Lucas

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Paula Wilson & Helen Schultz
Ushers: Mahree Skala
Sound Booth: Phil Dennis
Worship Leader: Jim Loveless
Hospitality:
Acolyte:



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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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BIBLE STUDY– BOOK OF ACTS

Pastor Rick is leading a 5-week Bible Study on the Book of Acts Wednesday evenings in the month of May. Join us in the Middle High/Confirmation Room upstairs each Wednesday at 6:00pm for a look at Acts! (*2 sessions left!*)

LUNCH BUNCH THURSDAY 5/23 AT NOON

The CUCC Lunch Bunch will host their last gathering of this season on Thursday, May 23 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. They will be hosting a group of physicians who will be talking about the high cost of prescription medications and what we can do to in response to that high cost. CUCC Lunch Bunch will take June and July off; then return August 22 with Rev. Sally Robertson as the guest speaker. Bring a dish to share and enjoy food and fellowship with this group!

LODO GRADUATION 5/23

Our LODO preschool will celebrate the end of the year on May 23 at 6:30pm in the CUCC Sanctuary as the 5 year old class graduates and prepares to head off to kindergarten. Come celebrate this great ministry of the church by attending the LODO Graduation! All are welcome.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	5/19	<i>Vincent Veteto Baptism</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Worship	10:30am
Mon	5/20	Staff Meeting	12:00pm
		Loaves and Fishes	4:30pm
Tue	5/21	Quilters	9:00am
		Church Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wed	5/22	Bible Study– The Book of Acts	6:00pm
		Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:30pm/7:30pm
		Confirmation	7:00pm
Thu	5/23	CUCC Lunch Bunch	12:00pm
		LODO Graduation	6:30pm
Fri	5/24	LODO Last Day	
Sun	5/26	<i>Gus Heine Baptism/Memorial Day Weekend</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Worship	10:30am

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Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Friends involved in car accident... for healing (Mindy Trout's friends)

The family of Steven Bailot... on their loss (Kim Oberle's cousin)

The family of Augie Hengstenberg... on their loss

(Donna Marsh's brother)

Randall Siddens... for healing (Christine Staelen's friend)

Blessings for a new great-grandson in NICU and for his parents (5/5)

Comfort and healing for a friend on the loss of his brother (5/5)

Peace for a family who are grieving the loss of their husband, father,
grandfather (5/12)

Our church... as we discern next steps as an ONA congregation

Harold Hackman... anticipating knee replacement in June

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon; Sue Beckman

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Margaret Abbott;

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family; Remeika/Johnson family

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Sylvia Mosberger;

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

Janet Shepard; Kathy Kindrick;

Pregnancies in our church family:

Erin & Levi Markway

Nancy Liang & Corey Grace

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:

Michelle McKay, serving in Haiti

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;

Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp