

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

November 20, 2022  
"Testimony Sunday"



# 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.

*Columbia  
United Church  
Of Christ*



*November 20, 2022*

*10:30am*

*"Testimony"*

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

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude "Be Thou My Vision "

Amy Crousore  
*Irish Folk Tune/Christiansen*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

\*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 47)*

Audrey Lasley

Clap your hands, all you people!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**God rules over all the earth.  
God's majesty is a blessing to our lives.**

Sing praises to God; sing praises!  
Sing praises to God's glorious name.

**Let us join together with all people to proclaim God's glory;  
Let us join together with all people to sing praises to God.  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Gathering Hymn "Now, in the Days of Youth"

#350

\*Opening Prayer

Audrey Lasley

**God of love; as we come to the end of another season of the church, we look forward to the blessings Advent will bring us. We give thanks for all the ways you have inspired us in this season to serve you faithfully by nurturing your world. This week, as we reflect on our abundance, remind us of our blessings and assure us of your presence. Keep us faithful to your word, that our lives may be testimonies to your grace. We give thanks for all you have given us, in Jesus' name. Amen**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

*God has blessed us with abundance; for which we are abundantly thankful. But even when we fail to recognize all God has done, God forgives us and waits patiently for us to return. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. 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  
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 (3x)  
No turning back, no turning back.  
The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)  
No turning back, no turning back.*

Epistle Reading:                    Colossians 1:11-20                    Audrey Lasley

*In Paul’s letter to the Christian Church in Colossae, he talks about the glory of God and the essence of God’s presence in the ministries of Jesus. Just as we see God reflected in Jesus, Paul encourages his communities to reflect God to others. This is Paul’s testimony to the early church on matters of faith. (page #956)*

Gospel Reading:                    Luke 23:33-43                    Audrey Lasley

*In this assurance of faith, Jesus tells the criminal on his right that no matter who he is or where he is on life’s journey, no matter what he has done or what has been done to him, he is beloved and blessed by God; and that today he will be with Jesus in paradise. (page #859)*

Anthem                    “I Will Give Thanks Unto Thee”                    Celebration Singers  
Gioachino Rossini

Reflection on Confirmation                    Pastor Rick

*Our Confirmation journey began in October, 2021. In the past 14 months, this class had had 40+ sessions dealing with aspects of the Christian faith and the traditions of our heritage; from discussion about who God is to discussion about the history of Columbia United Church of Christ. On the way, this class devoted much time and energy to discernment; and the results of their commitment are the testimonies we will receive today. This is a glorious day in the life of the church, as the faith of our ancestors is passed on to a new generation!*

## Testimonies of Faith- 2022 Confirmation Class

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

**Aidan Pierson**

**John 8:12**

*“Again Jesus spoke to them saying, ‘I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’”*

**Lawson Flood-Lorber**

**Psalm 100:1-3**

*“Make a Joyful Noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing. Know that the LORD is God. It is God who made us, and we belong to God.”*

**Trevor Pierson**

**Matthew 5:6**

*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be satisfied.”*

**Danielle Dreier**

**1 Corinth. 12:12-27**

*“...all the members of the body are like the one body of Christ...”*

\*Thanksgiving Hymn      “Great is Your Faithfulness”      #423

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! Amen!***

Inclusion Moment      “Deb Haaland”      Tricia Price

Mission Moment      Voluntary Action Center      Mark Duncan

Stewardship Moment      “Giving Tuesday”      Sue Ann Schaeffer

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life      Pastor Rick

Invitation to the Offering

To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041  
You can also give online by visiting our website:  
[www.columbiaucc.com](http://www.columbiaucc.com)

Offertory

"Bagatelle "

Amy Crousore  
*Ludwig van Beethoven*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Audrey Lasley

God of all blessings, we give thanks through our offerings for all you have given us. These offerings are not just tokens of thanksgiving, but also petitions for change; that just as we have been blessed, our gifts may bless others. Take these gifts and use them to your will. Amen.

\*Benediction

Pastor Rick

\*Response:

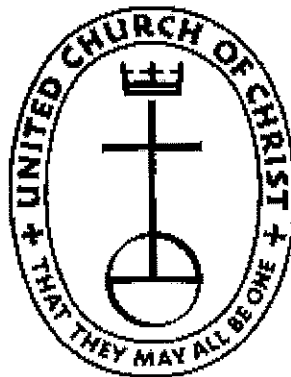
"Let There be Peace on Earth"

**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

"Come, You Thankful People, Come "

Amy Crousore  
*Elvey /Kolander*



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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Audrey Lasley  
Acolyte:  
Ushers: Christine Staelens  
Greeters: Jessica Lucas  
Technology Booth: Josh Muench & Carissa Graves  
Hospitality: Stefanie Zimny  
Council Stewards: Stefanie Zimny & Kurt Heine

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: David Meyer  
Acolyte:  
Ushers:  
Greeters: Helen Schultz  
Technology Booth: Matt Lucas & Kennedy Lucas  
Hospitality: Brent Marcks  
Council Stewards: Lydia Whitacre & Kristy Hayward

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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!

**SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS WITH PASTOR RICK**

Join Pastor Rick in small group gatherings to reconnect, hear details of his Sabbatical experience, and talk about where we have been as a church and where we are going. Gatherings will be held 11/17 at 2:00pm, 12/1at 7:00pm, 12/8 at 7:00pm and 12/15 at 2:00pm. Want to sign up? Email the church office or Jessica Lucas or sign up after worship in the Gathering Space.

**TURNING POINT**

One of the many services Turning Point offers is a place for guests to shower. Turning Point is in need of hotel size toiletries- particularly soap and shampoo. Please place donations in the container in the coat room.

**SABBATICAL FEEDBACK FORM**

The Sabbatical Team is so appreciative for all of the extra help that many members contributed over the last three months, and are interested in getting feedback from the entire congregation. See the Friday update for a clickable link to the form or there are paper copies of the form inside the main entrance.

**COOKIES BY THE POUND**

It is not too early to start thinking about Advent! We will be celebrating Advent with many activities this year, including our annual cookie sale! *COOKIES BY THE POUND* will be on Sunday, 12/11 in the Gathering Space. WE NEED YOU to bring your favorite homemade cookies to church **by 9:00am** that Sunday (or the week prior). We will be selling cookies that morning for \$8/ pound. Proceeds will go to the Nurture & Education Ministry Fund for Camp Scholarships. Questions? Talk to Lydia Whitacre, team chair!

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	11/20	<b><i>Testimony Sunday</i></b>	
		Sunday School for all ages	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
Mon	11/21	Staff Meeting	10:30am
		Loaves & Fishes	4:30pm
Tue	11/22	Quilters	10:00am
Wed	11/23	LODO Closed for Thanksgiving Break	
		NO Bells/Choir practice	
Thu	11/23	Happy Thanksgiving!	
Sat	11/26	Fellowship Hall Reserved	
Sun	11/27	<b><i>Confirmation Sunday</i></b>	
		Sunday School for all ages	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

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

Vernie Blank ... recovering from a stroke. Moved to REACH at Lenoir  
Ed Rollins (& family)... recovering from brain surgery  
The family of Andrea Waner . . . especially baby Millie in the NICU.  
Troy Bentlage... recovering from a broken hip and COVID  
Joan Bentlage... recovering from COVID  
The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our partnership friend  
Sheila... challenges in life and faith  
The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families  
The Williams, Piersee, Marsh Families

## *Health Issues:*

Tiffany Brookshire; Glenn Duermeyer; David Martin;  
Levi Markway; 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

## *Living in Independent Living Facilities:*

Helen Graves

## *Serving us in the military:*

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson,  
Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden, Tim Isom (Oberles' friend)  
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

## *2022 Confirmation Class:*

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

*CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:  
Welcoming all God's Children;  
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*



## National Native American Heritage Month

During National Native American Heritage Month, we celebrate Indigenous peoples past and present and rededicate ourselves to honoring Tribal sovereignty, promoting Tribal self-determination, and upholding the United States' solemn trust and treaty responsibilities to Tribal Nations.

America has not always delivered on its promise of equal dignity and respect for Native Americans. For centuries, broken treaties, dispossession of ancestral lands, and policies of assimilation and termination sought to decimate Native populations and their ways of life. But despite this painful history, Indigenous peoples, their governments, and their communities have persevered and flourished. As teachers and scholars, scientists and doctors, writers and artists, business leaders and elected officials, heroes in uniform, and so much more, they have made immeasurable contributions to our country's progress.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2022 as National Native American Heritage Month. I urge all Americans, as well as their elected representatives at the Federal, State, and local levels, to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities, and to celebrate November 25, 2022, as Native American Heritage Day.

*(Excerpt from Presidential Proclamation 10/31/22)*

Here in Columbia, we are celebrating Native American Heritage this November. The following information (back page) is from the MU Libraries website:

The Indian Removal Act of 1830 forced virtually all Native Americans to relocate from their original homes in order to accommodate European-American expansion. Today in Missouri, there are no federally recognized tribes. Below are listed the tribes that were original to Missouri and those that were relocated here before being re-relocated elsewhere.

The Osage Nation stretched from Wisconsin to Louisiana and covered much of Missouri. They were forced to relocate to Kansas and then to Oklahoma where they have a federally recognized reservation.

Otoe-Missouria Nation was originally two plains tribes, but due to many deaths from disease, the groups combined. They were moved to Nebraska in 1855 and moved again to Oklahoma where the Nation resides today.

The Ioway Nation also stretched into northern Missouri. They are currently located in Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Illini Tribe spanned from the Great Lakes Region to northern Missouri. They are decedents of the Mound Builders. This Nation was relocated to Kansas in 1832 and relocated again after the civil war to Oklahoma.

Quapaw Tribe originally lived in Arkansas and Southern Missouri. This Nation was moved to Oklahoma in 1834.

The following tribes were moved to Missouri from the east and then moved again further west: Shawnee, Delaware, Kickapoo, Sac&Fox, Omaha and the Sioux.

**We can do nothing about the past except acknowledge and learn from it.**

Great Is Your Faithfulness

Lam. 3:22-23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,\*  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.  
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

\*originally "my Father"

This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10. with refrain  
 William M. Runyan, 1923

*Refrain*

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your

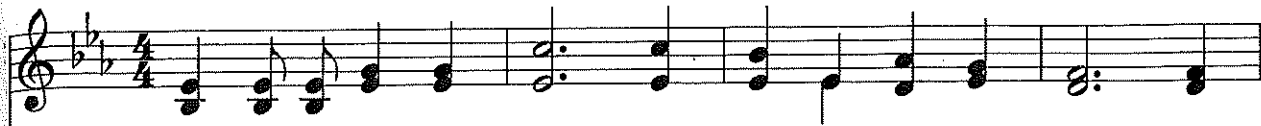
hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

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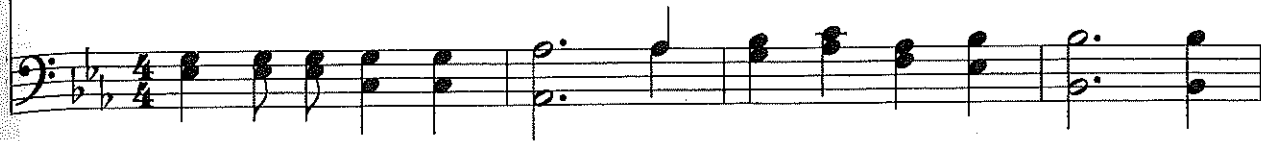
# Now in the Days of Youth

Walter J. Mathams, 1913; alt.  
Adapt. Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1992

Eccles. 12:1; 1 Cor. 16:13; Deut. 30:19-20



1 Now in the days of youth when life is filled with choice, when  
2 Teach us to use our lives with pur- pose and with power for  
3 Teach us to love in truth, to give and to re- ceive with  
4 Teach-er, Cre- a - tor, God, en - fold us in your arms; be



hope and doubt touch ev - ery hour, when all thoughts find a voice,  
vi - sions of a bet - ter world and for de - ci - sion's hour;  
joy - ful and with o - pen hearts, with all that we be - lieve;  
with us as we try our wings, and keep us safe from harm.



We turn, O God, to you for guid-ance and for grace. In  
To choose the way of life, re - ject the way of death, un -  
To seek an - oth - er's good, to hon - or what is right, to  
All good and per - fect gifts come to us from your hand. O



all our days, in all our ways, help us to seek your face.  
til the ra - dant force of God fills mind and strength and breath.  
let our will and our de - sire be held in ho - ly light.  
help us use them care - ful - ly and live by love's com - mand.



When the Rev. Walter J. Mathams of London wrote this hymn

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.