

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

November 17, 2019  
Endings and Beginnings



# 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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Of Christ*



*November 17, 2019*

*10:30 Worship "Endings & Beginnings"*

*\*indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able  
"...for I am about to create a new heavens and a new earth;  
The former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating..."  
-Isaiah 65:17-18*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

Amy Crousore

"Many and Great"

*Native American Melody*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Abby Dennis

\*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 119)*

Mahree Skala

Teach us, O God, Your Will and Your Way;  
Teach us Your Promises and Commandments.

**We will observe them to the end;  
God will be our strength and our guide!**

Lead us in the path of Your Commandments, O God;  
We delight in relationship with You!

**We turn our hearts to God's decrees, and not to selfish gain!  
We turn away from pride, and turn towards the author of life!**

Confirm Your Promises with Your Servants, O God;  
Those who know You belong to Your Promises!

**We Long for God and God's Righteousness gives us life!  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory" (verses 1-4)

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\*Opening Prayer

Mahree Skala

**God of grace and God of glory, we hear stories from the Scriptures of our traditions about destruction and re-Creation. We tremble in fear that these are predictions of doom, bringing despair to the world. This fear is a symptom of our struggles with our faith. Forgive us for our faithlessness and help us to see your goodness and blessing in all of our challenges. Teach us to see the world through your eyes, realizing your presence and blessing and reflecting your love. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Jesus speaks of endings and destruction not as fear factors but as opportunities for realizing God's eternal presence. Even in times of ending, God is Creating a new beginning. Swaddled in God's love, we are all forgiven and free. Praise be to God!

\*Prayer Response

“Weave”

**Weave, weave! Weave us together!  
Weave us together in Unity and Love!  
Weave, weave! Weave us together!  
Weave us together; together in Love!**

\*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

“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.**

Anthem

“A Call to Thanksgiving”

Celebration Singers  
*Martin & Rainey*

Mission Moment

“VAC Christmas Drive”

Mahree Skala

The Sacrament of Baptism

*Today we celebrate the baptisms  
of Jackson James Jaberg  
and Hazel Maye Jaberg  
Children of Peter and Lisa Jaberg*

Welcome and Proclamation

Questions for the Baptismal Candidate

\*Congregational Assent

Baptism & Blessing

Baptismal Prayer

Presentation & Sending Forth



**Through these offerings, we dedicate our lives to you and seek to grow in faithfulness to your Word. Thank you, God for all that we are; for all that we have; for all that we give. 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

“March from Scipio”

Amy Crousore  
*GF Handel*

### **INCLUSION MOMENT– VETERANS**

The CUCC Inclusion Team is focusing on Veterans for the month of November; and the consequences of exclusion on the lives of Veterans. Life after the military can pose many challenges to veterans and family members. For some, returning to civilian life may feel like another battle that poses a variety of challenges that must not only be fought, but also understood and accepted in order to be successfully overcome. There are many factors involved in a veteran’s readjustment to civilian life, some of which include:

- Understanding and abiding by civilian legal standards that may be different from military standards.
- Coexisting with cultures, values, and norms different from those of the military.
- Dealing with authority figures.
- Re-establishing and even re-evaluating relationships with family and friends.
- Finding a new career path.
- Pursuing college/university education.
- Locating a new home.

Other factors of readjustment may even be a bit more complex. They may even be so complex for the individual veteran, that they prevent a progressive and positive readjustment towards a bright future. Such issues of concern include:

- Veteran’s relationship with him/herself, their sense of identity and self-worth.
- Reassessment of life goals and ambitions, followed by setting and achieving personal/professional goals.
- Coping with “starting over” in society. No longer holding the respect and authority afforded by a particular rank and/or job.
- Psychological effects of traumatic experiences, which may inhibit personal and professional growth. Examples include PTSD, survivor’s guilt, depression, and inclinations towards substance abuse/addiction.
- Physical handicap as a result of injuries sustained in combat.

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** Brenda Muench & John Muench  
**Ushers:** Llona Weiss & John Graves  
**Sound Booth:** Phil Dennis  
**Worship Leader:** Mahree Skala  
**Hospitality:** Sue Ann Schaefer  
**Acolyte:** Abby Dennis  
**Council Steward:** John Bullerd



## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** Audrey Lasley & Anne Heine  
**Ushers:** Doug Privitt & Don Helmreich  
**Sound Booth:** Matt Lucas  
**Worship Leader:** Ember Piersee, Andie Rapp & Ryan Schoeneberg  
**Hospitality:** Helen Schultz  
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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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### **VAC CHRISTMAS DRIVE**

Names are now available for the VAC Christmas Drive; see the tree in the Gathering Space to find a person in need of “adopting.” CUCC is sponsoring gifts, necessities and food for 35 people this year. To be sponsor, just select a card from the tree, leave the attached slip, and pick up the information sheet with details. ***Deadline for return of gifts and money is December 8.*** For questions, talk to Mahree Skala.

### **WELCOME HOME TO SPEAK AT LUNCH BUNCH**

The guest speaker for this month’s Lunch Bunch will be from Welcome Home, the Columbia area Veterans Community. All are welcome to come and hear of their ministry in our area. Bring a dish to share at noon and listen to our speaker at 12:30. Lunch Bunch is open to everyone, all ages! ***Lunch Bunch this month will be Thursday, November 21 at noon.***

### **THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR**

Sun	11/17	Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am
Mon	11/18	Pastor Rick leads worship at The Bluffs	10:00am
		Pastor Rick leads worship at Mill Creek Manor	11:15am
		Inclusion Team meeting at First Baptist Church	4:00pm
		Loaves and Fishes	4:30pm
Tue	11/19	Quilters	9:00am-2:00pm
		Church Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wed	11/20	Chapel Ringers	6:30pm
		Celebration Singers	7:30pm
		Confirmation Classes	6:30/7:00pm
		<i>(Last Confirmation Class for our 2019 class!)</i>	
Thu	11/21	Lunch Bunch– all are welcome!	12:00pm
Fri	11/22	High School to Shakespeares and play	5:00pm
Sun	11/24	<b><i>Testimony Sunday/Advent workshop/Hanging of the Greens</i></b>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am
		Advent Workshop	11:30am

# **Columbia UCC Prayer List**

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

Wayne Gartner... diagnosed with cancer (Laura's brother)  
Norma Klemme... recovering from broken leg  
Tracy Bach... recovering from leg fracture & sprained ankle  
Keith Birkes... recovering from broken ankle  
Jo Ellen Grace's brother... living with cancer  
Donald Long, diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease (11/10)  
The Devenney Family... on their move to South Carolina  
Our church... as we live into our call as an ONA congregation  
Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;  
Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Remeika/Johnson family  
Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family;

## *Health Issues:*

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Kathy Kindrick; Christie O'Very;  
Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Sharon Elliott, Rev. Jim Elliott,  
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Harold Hackman;  
Sue Beckman; Dennis Froeschner;

## *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);  
Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)

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

Emanuela Loccident, serving in Morocco

## *2019 Confirmation Class:*

Ember Piersee; Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg

## *2020 Confirmation Class:*

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly