

Columbia United Church Of Christ

October 2, 2022

“World Communion Sunday”



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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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October 2, 2022 10:30 a.m.

“World Communion Sunday”

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

“Increase our faith” (Luke 17: 5-10)

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Dale

Prelude

“To God Be the Glory”

Chapel Ringers
arr by Robert Nolan

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(from “Bread for the Journey”)

Lena Muench

Leader: Throughout God’s world this day Christian churches are celebrating Eucharist as one family dining together in one room under one roof.

People: **Sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, Central America, Asia, and in all lands and countries join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of blessing.**

Leader: Neither powers nor principalities shall stop us or deter our purpose, our sense of mission, or our challenge to go forth as disciples into every town, village and crossroad proclaiming the love of Christ for all creation.

People: **In Christ’s love there is no east, no west, no north, no south, but only one spirit of hope, love and peace for all**

Leader: Let us Praise Jesus Christ! May this holy meal empower each of us to be agents of hope and peace in a time of uncertainty and strife.

People: **The bread and cup are not for us alone, but are symbols of a universal message that surpasses the might of missiles and wall of oppression.**

Leader: May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!

People: **Praise be to Christ our Creator, Redeemer and Comforter!**

Gathering Hymn

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

No. 394

*Opening Prayer (Ruth Duck - "Bread for the Journey" Lena Muench

Bounteous God, you have offered us the fullness of life in Christ, you have invited us to the feast of rejoicing. We thank you that you seek us out on the roadways of life, before we even ask. Clothe us in righteousness so that we may be worthy guests at your Table. Increase our faith, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Dale
The good news is this: You are already loved by God, You are loved, as you are and as you may become. You have always been loved by God. You are accepted. Accept your acceptance. May we receive others as we have been received.

*Prayer Response "Halle" page 236

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace Pastor Dale
May God's Peace be with you!
And also with you!

Children's Time "*The World is NOT Flat!*" Pastor Dale

Response: "Halle" page 236
(Sung as children return to their seats)

Psalter Psalm 137 page 713
The Psalms were sung in earliest traditions.
The worship leader will read verses; soloist leads the response.

Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 page 966
In the very personal letters to his young friend, Timothy, the Apostle Paul encourages Timothy to "rekindle the gift of God that is within you". Throughout the letter Timothy is exhorted to courage and endurance, which are possible, not because of human qualities, but through the gift of the Spirit.

Sermon Hymn "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face" No. 336

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17: 5-10 page 852
(from "The Message" by Eugene Peterson)

Jesus has just warned his disciples of “hard trials and temptations that are bound to come”. No wonder the disciples plead: “Increase our faith.” Who wouldn’t want more faith when enduring such challenge and struggle?

Anthem “Come to the Table” Celebration Singers
arr by Earlene Rentz

Sermon: “Increase Our Faith!” Pastor Dale

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Dale

The LORD’s Prayer (sung by congregation, led by Brandon)

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.

A Liturgy for Worldwide Communion Sunday
(from “Bread for the Journey”)

The Invitation Shelly Adams, student intern
Come, people of God, out of your separateness, to enter into unity with one another, and with all those who seek the presence of Jesus Christ, through the breaking of bread and the sharing of wine. Come, confessing the sin that separates us from God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (unison)
Eternal God of all people and places, we confess to you our lack of oneness with our sisters and brothers as we begin this celebration of unity in Christ. We have closed our ears to voices of pain, and of wisdom, when they speak in accents other than our own. We have lacked the vision to see that people living in places we call foreign are as surely your children as we are. Our sensibilities are jarred even by the way our nearest neighbors express their faith in Christ. We cling to the pride of nation and denomination as if we had a special claim on truth and leadership.

Gracious God, forgive us, and renew a right spirit within us, a spirit of compassion, understanding and humility. Fill us with the vision of unity in Christ, and enable us to incarnate Christ’s love, so that we may worthily partake in the body of Christ and the cup of the new covenant. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution—Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

God of new life, with joy we have received the sacrament of bread and cup, giving you thanks for Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. Increase our faith, unite your church together throughout the world in continuing Christ's ministry of love and servanthood, that your name may be praised in all the earth. Amen.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life Pastor Dale

Mission Moment "Neighbors in Need"

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 "Joyful, Joyful" Chapel Ringers
arr by Douglas Wagner

Prayer of Dedication Lena Muench
We give you but your own, whatever the gift may be
All that we have is yours alone, a trust, O God, from Thee.

*Hymn "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" No. 347

*Benediction Pastor Dale

*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 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" Amy Crousore
Jamaican Folk Tune/ Mark Sedio

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Lena Muench
Acolyte:	Aidan Pierson
Ushers:	Mike Pierson and Llona Weiss
Greeters:	Jolene Kirchhoff
Technology Booth:	Judi and Doug Privitt
Hospitality:	Judi and Doug Privitt
Council Stewards:	Mike Pierson and Brent Marcks



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Daniel Dreier and Lawson Flood Lorber
Acolyte:	
Ushers:	Charlie Marcks
Greeters:	Audrey Lasley
Technology Booth:	Mike Pierson and Dominick Lee
Hospitality:	JoEllen Grace
Council Stewards:	Lorry Dreier and Jessica Lucas

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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! We have not yet filled the position of Nursery Supervisor and need to do so ASAP! If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Lydia Whitacre.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

In 2022, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on economic justice. One-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Justice and Witness Ministries use two-thirds to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations and support various justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. We will be receiving this portion of the "Five for Five" offerings of the UCC on October 9, 2022.

2022 CROP HUNGER WALK

We will continue to accept donations for the CROP Hunger Walk until the end of October. You can donate through the CUCC Crop Walk page.

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.

PRIDEFEST, 9/24

A huge thank you from the Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry team to all our PrideFest volunteers: Jolene and Barry Kirchoff, Lydia Whitacre, Patricia Beeson, Helen Schultz, Patricia Soncasie, Alisa Lau-Sieckman, Lorry and Danielle Dreier, Linda Neale, and anyone else I may have forgotten. Having a booth at PrideFest is a great way to get the word out in the community about our Open & Affirming church. We couldn't have done it without you!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	10/02	WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Sunday School for all ages Fellowship Time Worship (in person and livestream)	9:00am 10:00am 10:30am
Mon	10/03	LODO Ministry Team Meeting Worship & Music Ministry Team Meeting	5:30pm 6:30pm
Tues	10/04	Quilters	10:00am
Wed	10/05	Chapel Bell Ringers practice Celebration Singers practice Confirmation	6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm
Sun	10/09	Sunday School for all ages Fellowship Time Worship (in person and livestream)	9:00am 0:00am 10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Ed Rollins (& family)... recovering from brain surgery

Jolene Hackman... recovering from broken ankle & surgery

Holly Frieden... recovering from severe burns (Doug Privitt's friend)

The family of Andrea Waner . . . especially baby Millie in the NICU.

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;

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

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

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)

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***