

Columbia United Church Of Christ

January 26, 2020
The Scope of Inclusion



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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Of Christ*



January 26, 2020

10:30 Worship

"Inclusion Sunday"

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

*"...God is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"
-Psalm 27:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Allegro from Sonata #1"

Amy Crousore
Beethoven

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Abby Dennis

*Call to Worship

Mahree Skala

God, you call us to full inclusion of all people;
No matter who they are or where they are on life's journey

**Responding to Jesus' call to love everyone fully,
We gather as people who intentionally welcome and affirm all.**

No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
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**Responding to Jesus' call to love everyone fully,
We serve as people who intentionally welcome and affirm all.**

No matter age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;
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**Responding to Jesus' call to love everyone fully,
We worship as people who intentionally welcome and affirm all.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

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*Opening Prayer

Mahree Skala

God of love; we build the foundation of our church on nothing less than Jesus Christ, and his call to live as he lived and love as he loved. Embracing this call, we have entered into covenant with you for full inclusion of all your children. In this culture it is hard, for external factors and human challenges often place barriers in our path. Forgive us for the times when we fall short of our mutual covenant. Guide us; that we may express love as you call us to love, for all of your beloved children. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

The central message of the Gospel is the Good News that God loves us all; and through the example of Jesus Christ, shows us how to love. But even when Jesus' closest friends fell short of that example, he continued to love them and forgave them. In like manner, God forgives us when we fall short of the goal. We are blessed and beloved; Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus;
Look full in his wonderful face;
And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and 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 "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.**

Inclusion Anthem

Inclusion Ensemble

"All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir"

Pepper Choplin

Living our Mission

"Chiapas Mission Immersion Experience"

Pastor Rick

Psalter Lesson:

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Mahree Skala

The Psalmist talks about being faithful to God's consequences of that prophetic living.

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Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 4:12-25

Mahree Skala

Jesus hears of John the Baptizer realizing the consequences of prophetic witness, and establishes a ministry on that same foundation. Adopting the message first set by John, Jesus begins to "recruit" disciples to follow his lead. Embodying John's message, Jesus and the disciples see the Gospel realized in the lives of those who follow. The fruits of their labor are evident.

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Inclusion Anthem

Ally Jaberg

"Room for All"

Lorraine Nelson Wolf

***Meditation Hymn**

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

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Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn

***Renewal of our Inclusion Covenant**

One year ago today, January 27, 2019, this congregation entered into a covenant with God to love as Jesus loved, to love as God has called us to love. Today we celebrate the one-year anniversary of that “Love Contract” as we renew our covenantal vows in the unison recitation of the CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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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. 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!

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Hear our Prayer, O Lord!

And Grant us Thy Peace! A-men!

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts

Chapel Ringers

“They’ll Know we are Christians by our Love”

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

*Response

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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**For the Fruit 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

Mahree Skala

God of love; you call your disciples to follow you all the way to the cross. We yearn to be one of these disciples. We covenant today to follow in your will and your way, to embody your example of love in our lives. The gifts we give today are examples of that willingness to serve. Take them and use them to shower your world with love and to restore dignity for all your children. 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

“A Song of Jubilant Praise”

Amy Crousore
Franklin Ritter



*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*

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: John & Brenda Muench
Ushers: Llona Weiss
Worship Leader: Mahree Skala
Acolyte: Raelyn Zimny
Sound Booth: Matt Lucas
Hospitality: ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***
Council Steward: Mahree Skala



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters:
Ushers: Ember Piersee, Andie Rapp & Ryan Schoeneberg
Worship Leader: Hazel Keithahn & Lilly Jabert
Acolyte: Polly Fuller
Sound Booth: John Graves
Hospitality: ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***
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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 leave it in the offering plate when it is passed. 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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SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS If you are a graduating Senior or are attending college currently, applications are available in the church office for scholarships from the NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND! Applications are due in the church office by April 1.

2019 GIVING STATEMENTS 2019 Giving Statements are in the coat room, along with 2020 offering envelopes. Check back there for yours before leaving church today!

PHOTO SITTINGS FOR DIRECTORY UPDATE The Membership & Care Ministry Team is signing people up for our Pictorial Directory update after worship today! If you did not have your picture in the old directory, now is your chance to have it in the new one! Check in at the table in the narthex. Photo sittings will be February 21 & 22.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual Habitat for Humanity Pancake Breakfast will be February 22 from 7:00-11:00am. To purchase tickets see Doug Privitt, Brent Marcks, John Graves, or another member of the Men's Fellowship.

TRANSGENDER AND CHRISTIAN

CUCC, along with other churches in Columbia, is sponsoring an event at First Baptist Church, "Transgender and Christian" featuring transgender theologian Austen Hartke. Austen will be speaking on February 21 and 22 on the intersectionality of these topics and discussing how transgender people fit into the Christian narrative. All are welcome!

YOGA SUNDAY NEXT WEEK

Next week is Yoga Sunday with Stefanie! Stick around after worship for Yoga! If you can breathe, you can do Yoga! It is a great, healthy discipline!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	1/26	<i>Congregational Meeting/Chili Cookoff</i> <i>ONA/Inclusion Covenant One Year Anniversary Observance</i> Fellowship Time/Sunday School 9:00am Worship 10:30am Chili Cookoff 12:00pm Congregational Meeting 12:30pm
Tue	1/28	Quilters 9:00am-2:00pm Staff Meeting 10:00am Church Council Meeting 6:30pm
Wed	1/29	Bells/Choir 6:30pm/7:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm
Sun	2/2	<i>Frozen Sunday/Communion/Yoga Sunday with Stefanie</i> Fellowship Time/Sunday School 9:00am Worship 10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The Family of the Rev. Dr. Libby Brueseke (Oberle's friend)... on their loss

The Family of Donald Long (Vena's husband)... on their loss

The family of Neva Schupp (Linda Graves' mother)... on their loss

Gladys Koepke... health issues after a fall (Gene's mother)

Harold Hackman... recovering from knee surgery 12/6

Rev. Dr. David Beebe... living with cancer (Oberle's friend)

Jo Ellen Grace's brother... living with cancer

The Anderson Family... on the loss of their mother, Claudia

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

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

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; Shirley Lawler;

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Sue Beckman; Wayne Gartner (Laura's brother)

Pat Enos (Alisa's brother-in-law)

Pregnancies in our church family:

Makayla Smith and Joey Oberle

Coleen & Tim Williams (Bullerd's daughter)

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson

James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)

Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson, Chuck Sheller (Oberles' friends);

Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin);

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Ricardo Mayoi, serving in Guatemala

2020 Confirmation Class:

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly