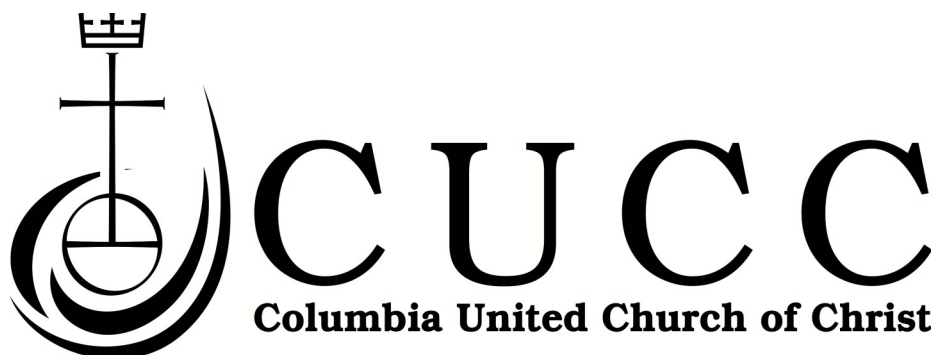


Columbia United Church Of Christ

September 20, 2026
“CROP Walk”



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**



September 20, 2026

10:30 a.m.

“CROP Walking”

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

*“Sing to God, sing praises to God;
Tell all of God’s wonderful works.”
-Psalm 105:2*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“Near the Cross”

Tim Guillaume

Frances J. Crosby/arr. Howlett

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship *(based on 1 Corinthians 12)*

Lena Muench

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
together we are more than the sum of our individual parts.

**We are the feet of Christ,
Walking in Solidarity with those who are in distress!**

We cannot do the work of Christ alone;
We each bring unique gifts.

**We are the hands of Christ,
Doing God’s work, lifting up those who have been diminished!**

Standing in unity, we accomplish much.
Divided, Christ’s ministry through us is diminished.

**We are the Body of Christ;
Enabling each one’s gifts to the benefit of the world!**

We are one body with many members;
Diverse and unique gifts brought together to God’s Glory.

**We are one body of Christ, and individually members of it.
As one body, we gather in faith to lift up God in praise!
Come, let us worship God together!**

*Hymn

“We are Marching in the Light of God”

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...marching, dancing, singing in the light of God

*Opening Prayer

Lena Muench

**God of solidarity; You call us into Your church for inspiration,
and then send us out to walk in solidarity with those who must
walk every day for food, water, and sustenance. Forgive us for the**

times we forget that we are Your hands and feet in the world. Guide our feet as we walk together to love and to serve. Help us to glorify You with our hands, our feet, our voices, and our choices. We seek to glorify You in all that we do; and we do so by lifting up one another. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

***Assurance of Blessing**

Pastor Rick

God calls us to walk in the light of God bringing hope, justice, and peace to all. But even when we fail to do so, God still loves us and forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. 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**

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
(Sung as children return to their seats)

***I have decided to follow Jesus!
I have decided to follow Jesus!
I have decided to follow Jesus!
No turning back, no turning back!***

Rainbow Bells

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

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Reception, Invitation & Questions to New Members

Pastor Rick

***Welcoming Our Newest Members**

Jerry Kiesling

We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We give thanks to every church that has been your home on your spiritual journey and for the formation they have given you. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we all continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love.

Mission Moment

"CROP Walk"

Barry Kirchhoff

Thanks to Jonah's intervention (finally) God brings Salvation to Ninevah. 120,000 people receive Salvation because Jonah reluctantly agreed to be God's vessel of Salvation. Yet, Jonah is upset because God did not destroy them.

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Jesus tells a story about vineyard laborers. This one is difficult; many feel the early laborers should receive more than the others. But God's "fairness" is not the same as earthly "earned" justice. This is what Grace is all about- getting what you don't deserve.

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**Creator God; You call us to service to be Your eyes and ears,
hands and voice in this, Your world.**

**To open our eyes not only
to the beauty and love which You create, but the injustice,
hate, and suffering that humankind generates.**

**To open our ears not only
to the chattering of this coming week, but the searching,
fears and questioning of all whom we shall meet.**

**To open our hands not only
to those we choose our lives to share, but in welcome,
love, and fellowship to all who You draw near.**

**To open our mouths not only
to speak platitudes and simple words,
but the truths You lay upon our hearts.
Your Word for this, Your world.**

**To use our feet to walk in solidarity
raising awareness in our own community;
choosing to walk,
knowing that others walk because they have no choice.**

**You call us to service, to be Your eyes and ears,
hands, voice, and feet in this, Your world.**

Bless this CROP Walk and this community

As we walk in solidarity with Your children all around the globe.

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer; The LORD's Prayer

In an effort to encourage inclusion, we suggest using the address "Creator God" in our unison recitation of The Lord's Prayer. You are certainly welcome to say "Our Father" instead of "Creator," "Trespases" instead of "debts," or "Thy" instead of "Your" if you prefer.

Creator God in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn "Guide My Feet" #497

Sharing our Announcements 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

Offertory Tim Guillaume

*Prayer of Dedication Lena Muench

Take these gifts we have given You, Creator God, and use them to spread Your Wisdom to all; that all may be inclusive of one another and exemplify Your grace. We give these gifts, loving others, as a reflection of the love that You have first shown to us. Through these gifts we love You back. 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 Tim Guillaume

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Lena Muench
Song Leader:	Killian Boyd
Ushers:	Llona Weiss & Christine Staelens
Greeters:	Pat Forward
Technology:	Carissa Graves & John Graves
Council Stewards:	Christine Staelens & Jerry Kiesling

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Sue Ann Schaefer
Song Leader:	Mike Pierson
Ushers:	Pat Forward & Phillip Neale
Greeters:	Jessica Lucas
Technology:	Judi Privitt & Doug Privitt
Council Stewards:	Judi Privitt & Tricia Soncasie

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Pastor:	Rev. Rick Oberle



Online Giving

NURSERY CARE is available for children in kindergarten and younger in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

CROP HUNGER WALK - 9/20

This year’s CROP Hunger Walk will be TODAY at Stephens Lake Park in the Gordon Pavillion. To donate on behalf of Columbia UCC, scan the QR code on the previous page.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING - 9/20

We had a very successful Young Adult Gathering in August, sharing fun, food, fellowship, and faith. We will do this again on 9/20 at Kasper and Ashley Ramirez’s house from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. All Young Adults are invited to attend. Bring a friend! For more information, talk to Ashley Ramirez.

FOOD BANK - 9/22

Our monthly shift at the Food Bank is coming up! We will be serving on 9/22 at 5:30 p.m. Come join the fun! To sign up, use the link in the Friday email or talk to Mahree Skala.

NEW DAY COLUMBIA OPEN HOUSE - 9/22

New Day Columbia (formerly Turning Point) is hosting an Open House on 9/22 at 6:30 p.m. to share the work they are doing with the unhoused community on our behalf in Columbia. New Day Columbia is located in the Opportunity Campus at 1304 Bowling Street. Light refreshments provided.

PRIDEFEST - 9/26 & 9/27

Pridefest is here in COMO, and CUCC has a booth again this year! We could use your help staffing the booth on both Saturday and Sunday. There is a sign up sheet in the rear of the Sanctuary to volunteer, as well as a link in the Friday email; or talk to Ashley Ramirez.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sun	9/20	Bible Study/Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Youth lunch at Shakespeare’s	12:00 p.m.
		CROP Walk	1:00 p.m.
		Young Adult Gathering at Ramirez’s house	5:00 p.m.
Mon	9/21	Loaves & Fishes	4:30 p.m.
		Scouting America	7:00 p.m.
Tue	9/22	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Staff Meeting	10:00 a.m.
		Food Bank	5:30 p.m.
		New Day Columbia Open House	6:30 p.m.
Wed	9/23	Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:00/7:00 p.m.
Sat	9/26	CUCC Booth at Pridefest	12:00-6:00 p.m.
Sun	9/27	<i>Chiapas Mission Sunday/Pridefest</i>	
		Bible Study/Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		CUCC Booth at Pridefest	12:00-6:00 p.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

The Johnson Family... on welcoming their new child

The Frymire Family... on welcoming their new child

Don Privitt... recovering from health issues

Jan Barry... recovering from health issues

Alethea Tennill... recovering from broken leg

Fred Wilke... on hospice (Alethea's father)

Mark Fairley... in hospice care

Joyce Andersen... in hospice care (Aimee's mother-in-law)

The people of China/Nepal... recovering from disaster

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our Partner in Education

All those whose lives are affected by state sanctioned terrorism including:

Owen Ramsingh and family,

The families of Renee Good, Alex Pretti, Lorenzo Salgado, Sebastian Guerrero,

Jack and Claudia (Pastor Rick's friends), and so many others

Our US Military... deployed in the Middle East

Health Issues:

Jeff Kies, Barry Kirchhoff, Glenn Duermeyer, Evie Marcks,

Julia Marsh (Donna Marsh's daughter), Becky Weston,

Kenny & Jane Holtgrewe (Marsha Posz's parents),

Cassandra Gartner (Edie's friend), Rev. Carolyn Held (Edie's niece),

Connie Fairley, Cody Kile, Dr. Ryan Link;

Martha (friend of the Veteto family), Ken (Adam Veteto's cousin);

Marilyn Coronado & Beverly Wilcox (Corinne Remeika's friends),

Mary Jane Johnson (Joe Remeika's sister)

Challenges in Life:

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

Living in Assisted Living Facilities:

Dean & Jan Barry, Vernie Blank, Gary Ehrhardt, Julie Roper

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Sue Beckman, Linda Evans, Don Privitt, Walter & Patty Schroeder

Serving us in the military:

Aaron Dachroeden, Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson,

Garrett Holtgrewe... (Marsha Posz's nephew)

Pregnancies in our Church Family:

Kristin & Adam Veteto

*If you are interested in joining our Prayer Team or have a prayer request
for our team to lift up please contact*

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or Tricia Soncasie (314) 374-7477 tsoncasie@aol.com

Jonah 3:10-4:11

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

4 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry.

2 He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment.

3 And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” 4 And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

5 Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

6 The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush.

7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered.

8 When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

9 But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.”

10 Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night.

11 And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

Matthew 20:1-15

1 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

4 and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

5 When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same.

6 And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’

7 They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’

9 When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius.

10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius.

11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,

12 saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’

13 But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’

14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’,

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

(We Are Marching in the Light of God)

Ps. 89:15

South African freedom song; transl. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos', si - ya -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are

hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -
kha - nyen' kwen-khos', light of God. We are march-ing, march-ing, we are
light of God. the light of God.

ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos'.
march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God.

Last time, end

This South African song and fourteen others were first recorded and published in 1980 by the Church of Sweden Mission and the singing group "Fjedur" after a visit they made to South Africa. The subsequent 1984 collection *Freedom Is Coming* brought the songs to a worldwide audience.

Tune: SIYAHAMBA Irr.
South African song

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

Isa. 52:7-10

1 God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val-leys low, the
 2 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Through youth and ag-ing years, in
 3 God reigns o'er time and space! In his-tory's by-gone days, Christ's
 4 God reigns! Em-man-u-el! God with us ev-ery day, in

farms and towns in golds and browns God's grace and beau-ty show.
 death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears.
 faith-ful folk in rev-erence spoke to bring God earn-est praise.
 all our past and to the last, our com-fort and our stay.

God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spread-ing plains, in
 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Our in-spi-ra-tion still. Through
 God reigns o'er time and space! O'er gal-ax-y and sun, through
 God reigns! Em-man-u-el! Let praise to Christ be sung! God's

rain-bow hues—reds, yel-lows, blues—of streams and coun-try lanes.
 all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reign-ing will.
 time-less years the cos-mos hears the heaven-ly mu-sic run.
 pres-ence here makes all things dear. Let joy-ful bells be rung!

The author's notes on this text describe it as a progression of awareness of God's reign among us—in physical surroundings, in the various stages of life, in time and space, and supremely in Christ, God with us.

Tune: TERRA BEATA S.M.D.
 Traditional English melody
 Adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

Guide My Feet

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*African-American traditional; alt.**Heb. 12:1-15*

1 Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet
 2 Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand
 3 I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child
 4 Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me

Yes, my God.

while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,
 while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race,
 while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,
 while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race,

Yes, my God.

For I don't want to run this race in vain.

This stanza may be added following stanza 1:

Wheel with me while I run this race . . .

The words and music of some African-American spirituals have been widely adapted during the twentieth century, especially in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. The alternate words were suggested by a fifth-grade church school class to include those who must "run this race" in a wheelchair.

Tune: GUIDE MY FEET 8.8.8.10.

African-American traditional
 Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

Columbia UCC
Young Adults Group



Pasta Bar

Sunday, September 20 @ 5 p.m.

Food - Games - Faith Centered Activity



Contact the office for location details!

Shakespeare's Pizza

👉 Downtown ~ West ~ South 👈

Fundraiser for *Columbia CROP Hunger Walk*

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Friends of Columbia CROP Hunger Walk will make purchases (Dine in, Carry Out, or Delivery) at Shakespeare's Pizza then 15% of all those sales will be donated to *Columbia CROP Hunger Walk*.

- Present this flyer, tell us when you call in an order, or show us a copy on your phone when ordering. All day, anytime.
- We'll save a copy of your receipt and add them all up at the end of the night. 15% will go back to Columbia CROP Hunger Walk!
- Everything on the menu counts: pizza, salad, t-shirt, gift card, or drink.
- Take home some frozen pizzas for later. The more you buy, the more Columbia CROP Hunger Walk makes!

Dine-In* To Go

(573) 449-2454 (Downtown)

(573) 447-1202 (West)

(573) 447-7435 (South)

225 South Ninth Street, Columbia, MO 65201

3304 Broadway Business Park Court, Columbia, MO 65203

3911 Peachtree Drive, Columbia, MO 65203

This offer CANNOT be combined with ANY coupons or discounts. We kindly request that these flyers be handed out at least 623 feet from our Front Door.

SEPTEMBER

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2026

**CROP
HUNGER
WALK**

**Collecting food can donations
September 6 - 20.**

Bring cans to church on Sundays to give to Church World Service's CROP Hunger Walk. Columbia's walk will be at Stephens Lake Park at Gordon Shelter. Registration opens at 1:00 p.m. and the welcome program begins at 1:30 p.m. After the walk, there will be snacks, activities, and celebration!

Sign up here to walk!



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September 26 & 27

12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

@Rose Music Hall

Join Columbia UCC at this years
PrideFest! We will have a booth
both days from 12-6 p.m.

Make sure to swing by and say hi
during the festival.

Contact Ashley Ramirez to
volunteer to be at the booth and
spread the love.