



September 13, 2020

10:30 Worship

"Rally Day"

** indicates those who are comfortably able may stand*

"...the LORD is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love..."

-Psalm 103:8

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"L'Egyptienne"

Amy Crousore

Jean Phillippe Rameau

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Lillian Smith

*Call to Worship

(adapted from Psalm 103)

Darren Lasley

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
And all that is within me!

**God redeems us; God renews us;
God crowns us with Steadfast love and mercy!**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
Bless God's Holy Name!

**God does not deal with us according to our sins;
God forgives all our iniquities!**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
And do not forget all God's benefits!

**God works vindication and justice for the oppressed;
God is slow to anger and abounding in Steadfast Love!**

As a parent has compassion for their children,
God has compassion for those who know God.

**The Steadfast Love of God is from everlasting to everlasting!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn

"This is a Day of New Beginnings" (verses 1-4) *NCH #417*

*Opening Prayer

Darren Lasley

God of second chances and forgiveness, we admit that we have all fallen short of the expectations you set before us. You restore our dignity by offering us forgiveness; but we often fail to reflect that forgiveness in our dealings with others. Teach us to forgive, not seven times but seventy times; and love our neighbor, all of our neighbors, as much as you first loved us. We thank you for your blessings, as we strive to be blessings in your world. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

This is a day of New Beginnings! We are all renewed by God's love and God's Forgiveness. God forgives us not seven times, but seventy-seven times and more; and as forgiven servants of God, we strive to forgive others, too. We are all God's children, blessed and beloved, 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!**

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response

"I Have Decided to follow Jesus"

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

Living our Mission

"CROP Walk"

Mahree Skala

Recognition of Service

Lloyd Viehland & Kristin Veteto

Lloyd Viehland and Kristin Veteto both resigned their staff positions at CUCC this past Spring; but they continue to be active members of our community. Lloyd has been on staff at CUCC since 1990; Kristin joined the staff in August, 2017. Both have contributed significantly to the life and ministries of this church in many ways; and we look forward to their continued contributions in their "retirement." Blessings to them as continue their ministries with us!

Reflections

Pete Jaberg & James Melton

Presentation & Prayer

Pastor Rick

Ministry Charge

James Melton

Anthem

"Amazing Grace"

Patrick Ordway, cello
Stevenson

New Testament Lesson:

Romans 14:1-12

Darren Lasley

In Paul's letter to the Christian Church in Rome, he talks about forgiving each other and not judging each other by human standards. He advocates allowing each one to interpret the faith as they choose, and not judge the faith of others by external factors.

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 18:21-35

Darren Lasley

Jesus talks about forgiveness and how forgiving can bring a New Beginning to a relationship; but a relationship that is bound by a lack of willingness to forgive is doomed to fail. "Seventy-Seven Times" does not mean we should keep track of forgiveness until we reach 77; it means we should not keep track at all, just keep forgiving!

Sermon: "Seventy-Seven Times" Pastor Rick
*Meditation Hymn "In the Midst of New Dimensions" NCH #391
Blessing the New Sunday School Year (Teachers and Students will be invited to stand)

Invitation to Communion

In today's Sacrament of Communion, we will be remembering the meal in which Jesus gave us instruction to be servant leaders and to love one another even as he first loved us; however, we will not be partaking of bread and wine in the Sanctuary (people viewing at home may do so). In the act of blessing, elevation and fraction we remember God's presence in the life of Jesus; we remember Jesus' instructions throughout his life; and we remember God's Holy Spirit inspiring us to serve. For those present in the Sanctuary, we will take the presence of Jesus into our hearts in symbolic gesture, rather than physical nourishment; and all will receive a special blessing from Pastor Rick, reminding us of the blessings of community.

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayer

Institution/Fraction/Elevation/Blessing

Meditation Music

Amy Crousore

Communion Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

(sung by the congregation, led by James Melton)

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.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts

"The Chase"

Lucy Smith

Frederich Burgmuller

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*Response

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

NCH #425

**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

Darren Lasley

God of love; help us to forgive. Help us to not seek retribution, but instead seek reconciliation. Help us to use our blessings, our gifts from you, as gifts to others. We give these gifts today in that spirit of reconciliation; that spirit of thanks. Take them and use them to bring reconciliation to this fractured world; that we may all be one. 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

“Carillon Toccata”

Amy Crousore
Douglas Wagner

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.

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

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

2 Cor. 5:16-17

Brian Wren, 1978; rev. 1983

1-4

Unison

1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and
 X In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and

mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is
 Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of
 past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -

bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.
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*Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1978 for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. The music is by the editor of two hymnals of the United Methodist Church and was composed for the original Wren text.

Tune: BEGINNINGS 9.8.9.8.
 Carlton R. Young, 1987

In the Midst of New Dimensions

Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with - draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil-grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

Refrain
 Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Julian Rush, an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, has spent more than a decade as director of the Colorado AIDS Project. He wrote this hymn on the theme of "diversity" for a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference (United Methodist).

Tune: NEW DIMENSIONS 8.7.8.7. with refrain
 Julian Rush, 1985
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994