

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

August 4, 2019  
Vacation Bible School



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**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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9:30 Worship\*\*

“VBS Celebration”

\*\*Summer Schedule: 10:30 Worship resumes 9/8

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

*“...give thanks to God, for God is good...  
God’s Steadfast Love endures forever.”  
-Psalm 107:1*

Welcome and Greetings

John Graves

Prelude

Amy Crousore

“I Will Arise and go to Jesus”

John Carter

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Katelin Odneal

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 107)

Audrey Lasley

Give thanks to God, for God is good;  
God’s Steadfast Love endures forever!

**God has redeemed us from our troubles;  
God has gathered us together from all directions.**

Let all who have been gathered in God’s name give thanks;  
Praising God for God’s wonderful works and Steadfast Love.

**God satisfies the thirsty;  
God fills the hungry with good things.**

Let us hear what God will speak;  
For God will speak Love to God’s people.

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
And let your glory be over all the earth!  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn “Here I Am, Lord”

(insert)

\*Opening Prayer

Audrey Lasley

**God of joy, we come to you today celebrating the Vacation Bible School lessons we have learned this past week and all the ways your Spirit enlivened this church as we came together to share your joy with our children. Keep the lessons of this week active in our hearts, and forgive us when we forget to open ourselves to you. Teach us to always respond as Samuel, saying “Here I am, Lord” when you call to us. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Rev. John Yonker

Samuel does not know what to think when he hears God's Call; but eventually he listens. God is calling each one of us to be active in the world as well; and God even forgives us when we do not listen. God loves us, blesses us and forgives us, no matter what. Praise be to God!

\*Prayer Response

“Spirit of the Living God”

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**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!**

**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!**

**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!**

\*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

Rev. Yonker

“This Little Light of Mine”

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*(Sung as children return to their seats)*

VBS Celebration

“Roar”

VBS Overview

Lena Muench

Scripture:

Song I

“I'm Trusting You”

Scripture:

Song II

“Good in Every Way”

Scripture:

Song III

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Acknowledgements & Closing

Lena Muench

Old Testament Lesson:

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Audrey Lasley

*God calls Samuel to ministry and prophecy, while he is serving under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days and visions were not widespread. Upon hearing God's voice, Samuel does not recognize it and is confused until he speaks to Eli. Eli ministers to Samuel and instructs him on how to acknowledge God's Call.*

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New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Audrey Lasley

*Paul talks tells the church in Ephesus to live lives worthy of the calling God has given them; and speaks of the fruits of the Spirit to which they have been called and the unity inherent in Christ's call to ministry.*

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## Invitation to Communion

*We will celebrate altar communion this Sunday, coming forward to receive the elements. **EVERYONE** is welcome to partake in this meal.*

*Come forward through the **center** aisle. There will be two communion stewards on the North side of the Sanctuary, and two on the South side. You can go to either pair. Take a piece of bread, **pause a moment and eat with the steward**; then proceed to the cup. **Pause a moment and drink the cup with the steward**; then place the cup back in the communion tray.*

*The small vessels on the bread plate contain gluten free bread, the center ring of cups contains grape juice, the outer rings contain wine. For those with mobility challenges, communion will be brought to you.*

Jesus shared many post-Resurrection meals with his friends. When he did, he reminded them of the Commandment that he shared with him at that Last Supper: to be blessings in the world. As we gather for this meal, we do so remembering that message and committing ourselves to blessing God by being blessings in God’s world.

## Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer &amp; Invocation

## Blessing the Children

*During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a special blessing from Rev. Yonker.*

“I Come With Joy”

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## Institution; Fraction; Distribution

## Communion Music

“Allemande”

Amy Crousore  
JS Bach

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. John Yonker

**Loving God, we thank you for this meal; and ask that through it, the passion of your call to service may be rekindled in our hearts. We thank you for sending Jesus into our midst to remind us of your wisdom, to teach us how to live and to point us to you. We thank you for calling forth your church for service in the world; and for everyone who has dedicated themselves to your service in every time and place before us. We thank you for Jesus teaching us how to pray; and in that Spirit, we gather together as one church, uniting together in prayer:**

## \*The LORD’S Prayer

*(sung by congregation, led by Kristin Veteto)*

**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.**

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

John Graves

Presenting our Gifts

“Andante Cantabile”

Amy Crousore

*Joseph Haydn*

*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](http://www.columbiaucc.com)*

\*Response

“Thanks Be to God”

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**For the Fruits 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

Audrey Lasley

**God of love; you call us into ministry and one of the ways we  
respond is through our offerings. Take these gifts and use them to  
your will; bringing your Kingdom to fruition here on earth. Amen.**

\*Benediction

Rev. John Yonker

\*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

“Psalm XIX”

Amy Crousore

*Benedetto Marcello*

*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:** Carol Duermeyer & Stefanie Zimny  
**Ushers:** Brent Marcks & Charlie Marcks  
**Sound Booth:** Jamie Rapp  
**Worship Leader:** Audrey Lasley  
**Hospitality:** ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***  
**Acolyte:** Katelin Odneal

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** Anne Heine & Keith Birkes  
**Ushers:** Mark Duncan & Jane Duncan  
**Sound Booth:** Phil Dennis  
**Worship Leader:** Mahree Skala  
**Hospitality:** ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***  
**Acolyte:** Abby Dennis



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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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### **FLOOD RELIEF COLLECTION FOR EBENEZER, LEVASY**

In early June, Ebenezer UCC in Levasy, MO was damaged by floodwaters. Over a foot of water settled in the Sanctuary and Parsonage. The waters have receded, but the clean-up work continues. They did not have flood insurance. To address their needs, Columbia UCC took up a special collection last month, with all contributions being donated directly to Ebenezer UCC. You can still donate online using the QR code to the left or by visiting [www.columbiaucc.com](http://www.columbiaucc.com) and clicking on the "Donate to CUCC" tab.

### **CONFERENCE VISIONING SUMMIT AT CUCC SATURDAY**

This Saturday, August 10 from 10:00am-3:00pm, Columbia UCC will host a Visioning Summit for our Conference. Everyone is invited to attend, but RSVP is requested for meal planning purposes: [kathleen@mmsucc.org](mailto:kathleen@mmsucc.org) . Cost is \$10/person, which will be paid directly to our Women's Fellowship on the day of the event for the cost of the meal. If you are interested in the happenings of our Conference, plan on coming to this planning event!

### **BOOTH AT PRIDEFEST**

Columbia United Church of Christ will be hosting a booth at the Columbia Pridefest on August 24, bringing our message of inclusion and affirmation to the LGBTQ+ community. If you would like to help out, contact Inclusion Team chair Alisa Lau-Sieckman at [alisa65010@msn.com](mailto:alisa65010@msn.com).

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	8/4	<i>Vacation Bible School Presentation</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship	9:30am
Tue	8/6	Quilters	9:00am
Sat	8/10	Fellowship Hall Reserved– Conference Meeting	10:00am
		<i>All are welcome to attend Conference Visioning Gathering</i>	
Sun	8/11	Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship	9:30am
Tue	8/13	Quilters	9:00am
Wed	8/14	Membership & Care Ministry Team	6:30pm
Thu	8/15	LODO Teachers Return	
		Inclusion Team Meeting	6:30pm
Sun	8/18	Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship	9:30am

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

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

Erika Maltsbarger, Sue Beckman, Diane Privitt... recovering from surgery  
Emily & Patrick Hanks ... Welcoming their new baby  
The Dohm/Privitt families celebrating Christ's promises while grieving  
Ebenezer UCC, Levasy ... flood damages  
Maria, on the death of her godson (Aimee Anderson's friend)  
Ruth Niehaus... health issues (Helen & Carol's aunt)  
Larry Stack... health issues (Harry Beslame's friend)  
Continued recovery from knee replacement (7/28)  
Stepmother diagnosed with breast cancer (7/28)  
Rachel & Justin, trying to start a family (7/28)  
Unity in our nation & recognition of each other's humanity (7/21)  
For all the immigrants living in fear today (7/21)  
A friend with pervasive cancer throughout her body (7/21)  
Our church... as we discern next steps 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); Jody Sawyers (Megan Hall's mother);  
Sharon Elliott, Rev. Jim Elliott, Barb & Becky (Anne Heine's sisters);  
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Harold Hackman; Thomas Zumwalt

## *Pregnancies in our church family:*

Erin (Grace) & Levi Markway; Nancy Liang & Corey Grace  
Ashley (Skala) & Stephen Scott

## *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 Zumwalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)

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

Jefferey Mensendiek, serving in Japan

## *2019 Confirmation Class:*

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee; Andie Rapp;  
Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp