

Columbia United Church Of Christ

April 7, 2019
Bring a Friend 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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10:30 Worship

“Friendship”

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

“...so the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Council and said, ‘what are we to do? This man is performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him and the Romans will come and destroy our holy place (Temple) and our nation...’” - John 11:47

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“Allemande”

Amy Crousore
JS Bach

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 126)

Isaiah Jackson-Post

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
We were like those who dream.

**Our mouths were filled with laughter,
Our tongues with shouts of joy!**

All of God’s children cried out, saying
“God has done great and wonderful things!”

**God has done great things for all of us;
Joining us together in the bond of friendship.
Let us rejoice and praise God!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn “Praise to the Living God”

#8

*Opening Prayer

Isaiah Jackson-Post

God of Love; like Lazarus, you restore us to new life and new ways of living when we come before you humbly, allowing ourselves to be open and vulnerable. This is sometimes a hard task for us, gracious God. We are taught to put up walls of posterity and build ourselves up with bravado. We feel that we must pretend to be invulnerable. But you teach us that even in the midst of suffering, if we allow ourselves to be open to you, God’s glory will be revealed in our lives. Forgive us for the times when we forget this lesson; and teach us to reach out to you by reaching out to one another. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

The gift of friendship is one of God's great blessings in our lives. But we sometimes forget that to have a friend we must first be a friend. Even when we forget this lesson, God forgives us and loves us. We are all blessed and forgiven; thanks be to God!

*Prayer Response "Jesus, Remember Me"

**Jesus, Remember me...
When you come into your Kingdom!
Jesus, Remember me...
When you come into your Kingdom!**

*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.**

Mission Moment

"PET- Mobility Worldwide"

Lloyd Viehland

The CUCC Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team has selected "Mobility Worldwide" (the PET Project) as our mission focus for this quarter. Starting today, we will be focusing on Mobility Worldwide and the way they serve God's children by providing Mobility Assistance to those in need in developing countries. Mobility Worldwide started here in Columbia in 1994, and is now an International Organization. Now in their 25th year, Mobility Worldwide has distributed more than 60,000 PETs around the world.



Our Goal between now and May 19, is to raise \$3600 to provide 12 PETs for those in need. You can contribute using the envelopes in today's bulletin, scanning the QR code above and selecting "Mobility Worldwide" from the dropdown menu, or by texting "GIVE" to 573.240.4041 and following the prompts

Anthem

"In Christ Alone"

Special Ensemble

Gospel Lesson:

John 11:1-48 (selected verses)

Choral Reading

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, upsetting the Chief Priests and the Pharisees, and setting into motion a series of events that would ultimately lead to his death

Invitation to Communion

*We will celebrate altar communion this Sunday, coming forward to receive the elements. **EVERYONE** is welcome to partake in this meal, no matter what your faith is, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey.*

*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.

If you brought a friend this morning, there is a small gift for your friend as well, in the basket held by another steward. You may select a gift and present it to your friend as a symbol of our divine communion; the friendship we share.

The invitation is simple: come and eat. Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul. We receive the bread and the wine connected to the ages. Woven into this time, the hopes and fears of all the generations are present in this meal. There is great joy here! Nobody is turned away when God is the host!

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer & Invocation

Blessing the Children

In the Sacrament of Communion, we most clearly see Jesus in our midst. Our desire to share this presence prompts us to celebrate with our children, granting them a special blessing. During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a special blessing from Pastor Rick.

“As We Gather at Your Table”

#332

*Institution; Fraction; Distribution; Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, God for Spiritual nourishment at your table; where your Wisdom intercedes in our lives in places where we need it most. When the pressures and priorities of the world distract us, you transform us into something more; your servant leaders in the world. Thank you for this meal to nourish our souls.

*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

Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts

“Praise to the Living God”

Amy Crousore

John Carter

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

“Thanks Be to God”

#425

**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

Isaiah Jackson-Post

God of new life and new beginnings, you fill us up with life and hope; and as an expression of the new life within us, we give our offerings to you. We pray these offerings may bring new life to your children who are hurting and alone. Through these gifts we seek to heal your hurting world as we give back to you. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“Now in the Days of Youth”

#350

*Benediction

*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

“Rondeau”

Amy Crousore

Jean-Joseph Mouret

*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: Helen Schultz & Stefanie Zimny
Ushers: Llona Weiss & Doug Privitt
Sound Booth: Carissa Graves
Worship Leader: Isaiah Jackson-Post
Hospitality: Doug Privitt
Acolyte:

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: John & Brenda Muench
Ushers: Jan Barry
Sound Booth: Jamie Rapp
Worship Leader: Josie Arms
Hospitality: Brent Marcks
Acolyte:



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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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HOLY WEEK STARTS NEXT SUNDAY 4/14

The Holiest time of the Christian year starts next Sunday– Palm Sunday. We will celebrate Palms and Passion next Sunday with special programming during Sunday School at 9:00 and a special worship service. Maundy Thursday we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm for that service of love and servanthood. Good Friday we will worship at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Easter morning worship will be at 6:30am (outside) and 10:30.

INTERPRETIVE DANCE AT CUCC STARTS 4/14

There will be an opportunity for children in Kindergarten through fifth grade to participate in an interpretive dance in worship on Mother's Day, May 12. Katie Marienfeld will be practicing with interested children in this age range on April 14, April 28 and May 5. If you are interested, email kmarienfeld@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	4/7	<i>PET SUNDAY KICKOFF/BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Worship	10:30am
		Bring a Friend Taco Bar	11:30am
		HS Youth Field Trip to PET	12:30pm
		Wilmsmeyer 50th Anniversary	2:00-4:00pm
Mon	4/8	Staff Meeting	12:00pm
		Clergy Personnel Committee	6:30pm
Tue	4/9	Quilters	9:00am
		Food Bank	6:00pm
		Music and Worship Ministry Team	6:30pm
Wed	4/10	Bible Study	6:00pm
		Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:30pm/7:30pm
		Confirmation	7:00pm
Thu	4/11	Women's Fellowship	9:30am
		LODO Mom Prom	6:00pm
Sat	4/13	Clean-Up Columbia meet here at church	9:00am
		Western Association Gathering in Jeff City	10:00am-4:00pm
Sun	4/14	<i>PALM SUNDAY</i>	
		Men's Breakfast	7:30am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Worship	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Our church... as we discern next steps as an ONA congregation

Erika Maltsbarger... recovering from surgery 4/1

The family of Beth Lewis... on their loss (Bullerd's friend)

Gladys Koepke... recovering from a fall (Gene's mother)

Rev. Joyce Iwig... health issues (Deb Koepke's mother)

Sue Beckman... living with cancer; anticipating next steps

A dear friend who broke her kneecap (3/31)

A daughter who needs total healing from addiction (3/31)

Archie Crousore... recovering from flu in hospital (Bryan's grandson)

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Margaret Abbott;

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family; Remeika/Johnson family

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Sylvia Mosberger;

Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Christie O'Very;

Janet Shepard; Kathy Kindrick; Ashley (April's friend)

Pregnancies in our church family:

Erin & Levi Markway

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)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Anne Gregory, serving in Thailand

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;

Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp