

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

November 26, 2023  
"Chiapas Sunday"



# CUCC

**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.

*Columbia  
United Church  
Of Christ*



*November 26, 2023                      10:30 Worship                      "Mission Immersion"*

*"... Make a Joyful Noise to God, all the Earth!  
Serve God's with gladness; come into God's presence with singing!"  
-Psalm 100:1-2*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude                      "O Worship the King"

Steve Jannetti  
*Haydn/arr. Keveren*

Bringing in the Light of Christ

\*Call to Worship                      *(based on Psalm 100)*

Judi Privitt

Make a joyful noise to God!  
All the earth worship God with glad hearts!

**We celebrate the joys of God's Kingdom;  
A passion for Justice, Righteousness, and Shalom!**

We know that God has made us, and we belong to God.  
God is our hope and our Salvation.

**We are God's people,  
The sheep of God's pasture.**

Let us enter God's gates with Thanksgiving in our hearts!  
Let us enter God's courts with praise.

**God's Steadfast Love endures forever;  
God is faithful to all generations.  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Gathering Hymn                      "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*(insert)*

\*Opening Prayer

Judi Privitt

**God of Majesty, you crown the year with your goodness; you call us to service and enfold us in your loving arms. On this last day of the church year, we give thanks for all of your blessings. We give thanks for our mission partners in Chiapas and our ability to work with them. We are united with these neighbors far away, across man-made walls and mortal boundaries, united in the love of Christ. Forgive us for the times we let our human passion for borders and boundaries, walls and division turn us against one another and against you. Remind us again that we are all your children, united as siblings in your love, no matter who we are or in what country we reside. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God sees no walls, no boundaries, no barriers, and God is saddened when we divide ourselves against one another. But even when we do, 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

“Sanctuary”

*Lord, prepare me to be a Sanctuary  
Pure and Holy; tried and true!  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for you!*

\*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!  
**And also with you!**

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response:

“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!*

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

Judi Privitt

*In Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus, he talks of the reign of Christ, the king of the world. The lesson is not a worldly understanding of Kingdoms but a divine understanding. How does Jesus' Kingdom differ from worldly Kingdoms?*  
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Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:34-40

Judi Privitt

*The author of this Gospel talks of Jesus commending those who have fed the hungry, quenched the thirsty, clothed the naked and visited the sick and imprisoned, for in doing so, they serve God.*  
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Anthem

“Rejoice the Lord is King”

Celebration Singers  
arr. Mark Edwards

Sermon

“Mission Immersion - Chiapas”

Pastor Rick, Judi Privitt, Jerry Kiesling, & Keith Birkes

\*Hymn

“The Church's One Foundation”

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## 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.**

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Pastor Rick

Mission Moment

"VAC Christmas Drive"

Mahree Skala

Invitation to the Offering

*As we have been blessed, we give to be blessings in God's World.  
To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041*

Offertory

"Song Without Words "

Steve Jannetti

*Felix Mendelssohn*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Judi Privitt

**With these gifts, we give thanks, gracious God, for all you have given us. We know that all we have and all we are is thanks to your Divine blessing. As we give these gifts, we pray that they may be used to share your love with our friends all around the world, in Chiapas and beyond. Take them and use them to your will. 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

"Larghetto "

Steve Jannetti

*F. Walczynski*

# **CUCC STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2024 (and beyond)**

## **CARING FOR EACH OTHER**

- Advocate for policies that provide support for others
- Incorporate everyone's talents into the work and life of the church
- Formulate support & education classes for parents and children
- Improve staff training and professional development
- Ensure that our staff are paid just wages
- Discern and address the needs of our older members
- Strive to meet the needs of our members where they are

## **ESTABLISHING OUR IDENTITY**

- Increase public awareness of our mission and location
- Increase our advertising/marketing efforts
- Consistently canvass the neighborhood north of the church
- Attract more members, focusing on youth and diversity
- Strive for intentionality, incorporating youth and young adults into the life of the church
- Strive for intentionality, incorporating a diverse community into the life of the church

## **DEVELOPING OUR FACILITY**

- Continue to modernize and maintain our building and grounds
- Develop a comprehensive maintenance manual with records, goals, and strategies for modernization and maintenance
- Seek out new ways to utilize our building to enhance our ministry and generate income
- Establish financial security for our ongoing ministry programs
- Establish our facility as a host site for music groups, choirs, concerts, lecturer series, and other public events

## **SERVING GOD'S WORLD**

- Partner with other agencies that share our goals & interests
- Create a fulfilling, engaging, inclusive Sunday morning experience
- Develop partnerships with others to share our facility
- Strive for intentionality in connecting children, youth, and adults to outreach and service opportunities
- Look for ways to reach out to other UCC congregations and work together for justice
- Strive to identify ways that we can be socially responsible and educated in areas of ecological justice, international mission, and other justice issues at home and abroad

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Judi Privitt

Ushers: Mary Lorber & Jerry Kiesling

Greeters: Jessica Lucas

Technology: Doug Privitt & John Graves

Hospitality: Mary Lorber

Council Stewards: Mary Lorber

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Lena Muench

Ushers: Pat Forward & Llona Weiss

Greeters: Mary Lorber

Technology: Doug Privitt & Judi Privitt

Hospitality: Tricia Price

Council Stewards: Tricia Price

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**NURSERY CARE** is available for children in kindergarten and younger in room #201 in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

### **VAC CHRISTMAS DRIVE**

Families have all been sponsored for the VAC Christmas Drive, but there is still a need for monetary donations. If you would like to donate, your help would greatly be appreciated. If you have questions, ask Mahree Skala. **The deadline for returning all gifts and monetary donations is December 3.**

### **EAT WITH EIGHT – SIGN UP BY 12/3**

Sign up today or talk to Anne Heine! Don't miss out on the fun! There is a sign up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary for this great activity.

### **DECORATING THE SANCTUARY – 12/2**

We will be decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas on Saturday 12/2 at 9:00 a.m. Can you help? There is a job for everyone! If you are interested in helping, talk to Mike Pierson!

### **ADVENT BANQUET – 12/10**

**It is time to sign up for the Advent Banquet!** It will be December 10 after worship, catered by Tammy Pryor. We need an accurate count for the caterer, so sign up today! There is a sign up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.

### **COOKIES BY THE POUND – 12/10**

Our Annual Cookie Sale to benefit the Nurture & Education Fund will be Sunday 12/10 starting at 9:00 a.m.! We need your help – bring homemade cookies and homemade Christmas candies to donate by 9:00 a.m. that Sunday, and be ready to purchase a vast assortment of cookies! There will be many to choose from! Stock up for your holiday parties!

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

Sun	11/26	<b>CHIAPAS SUNDAY</b>	
		Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
Tue	11/28	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Staff Meeting	10:30 a.m.
		Food Bank	5:30 p.m.
		New Century Sanctuary Team Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed	11/29	Bells Choir Practice/Choir Practice	6:00/7:00 p.m.
Fri	12/1	Church Women United	9:00 a.m.
Sat	12/2	Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas	9:00 a.m.
		Stop Human Trafficking Christmas Party	12:00 p.m.
Sun	12/3	<b>Confirmation Sunday/First Sunday of Advent</b>	
		Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team	12:00 p.m.

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

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

The Family of Larry Noxon . . . on their loss  
Sharon Elliott... health issues

Kurt & Emmalee Heine . . . celebrating the birth of baby Joseph on 11/9!  
Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our partnership friend

The People of Israel/Palestine . . . targeted by violent attacks  
Bea Gordon . . . on hospice at The Bluffs

*Recovering from surgeries/procedures:*  
Kitty Rogers; Sharon Crousore; Linda Evans; Mahree Skala

### *Health Issues:*

Cliff Beckman, John Adams, Patty Schroeder  
Neal Stumbo (Jean Strothmann's nephew)  
Terry & Mike Freeman (friends of the Remeikas)  
Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's niece)

Sheila . . . challenges in life and faith  
The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

### *Living in Care Facilities:*

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank

### *Living in Independent Living Facilities:*

Helen Graves, Don Privitt

### *Serving us in the military:*

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden, Jeffrey Sanderson,  
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

*CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:*

*Welcoming all God's Children;*

*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*



*If you try to fit God into your life, You will  
never have time for God.*

*If you try to fit your life into God, You will  
always have time for what matters.*



## Crown Him with Many Crowns

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1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
4. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,



Hark! how the heaven-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save;  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
his glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high,  
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierc - ed feet  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
fair flowers of par - a - dise ex-tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.  
thy praise and glo-ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.



## The Church's One Foundation

Eph. 2:13-22; 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 3:11

Samuel J. Stone, 1866; alt.

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war,  
 4 Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three - in - One,

we are Christ's new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;  
 one char - ter of sal - va - tion, one God, one faith, one birth,  
 we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;  
 One name to - geth - er bless - ing, one ho - ly food we share,  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, our long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that we,

with pre - cious blood Christ bought us for all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 to one hope we are press - ing, at one in work and prayer.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

*Like the writings of Ambrose many centuries earlier, this hymn was born out of a doctrinal dispute. The young priest Samuel J. Stone composed twelve hymns on the articles of the Apostles' Creed in support of those reacting against nontraditional views of biblical scholarship. This hymn is based on article nine, "the*

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.  
 Samuel S. Wesley, 1864