

Columbia United Church Of Christ

March 3, 2019
Transfiguration 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

“Transfiguration”

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

*“...Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
You have executed justice and righteousness in Israel...”*

-Psalm 99:4

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“O Had I Jubals Lyre”

Amy Crousore
GF Handel

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Lily Jaberg

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 99)*

Sam Schupp

God, Your Kingdom is established over all;
The earth rejoices in the vision of Your economy of justice!

**God is exalted over all; we rejoice in God’s name!
Let all people praise God’s great and glorious name!**

Mighty God, lover of justice, You have established equity.
You have established justice and righteousness in Your people!

**We remember the stories of our traditions;
Those who cried out to you, O God for justice;**

You answered them, O God, by establishing relationship.
They kept Your decrees and the statutes You gave them!

**We know that God is Still Speaking to us today;
Challenging us towards Justice, Righteousness and Shalom!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #1

*Opening Prayer Morgan Lavelly

God of transformational justice; you call us into your church to be transformed into something more; stewards of your kingdom goals, working to make them a reality in the world. Forgive us for the times when we fall short of your call. Forgive us when our stewardship of your world is lacking. Inspire in us the faith to fully give ourselves to you; and the realization that everything belongs to you and we are only stewards of it. We thank you for the opportunity to serve, to continue Christ’s ministry. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God gave humanity dominion over Creation, calling on us to be gracious stewards of God's world; nurturing, challenging, transforming. Even when we fail in this call, God forgives us and continues to love us. Through God's gracious love, we are all forgiven and blessed, transformed into something more. Amen.

*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

*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

Pastor Rick

“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.**

Stewardship Moment

Judi Privitt

Anthem

Lena Muench, James Melton, Harry Beckett
“Beautiful Savior”
by Amber Schumann

Hebrew Scriptures: Exodus 34:29-35

Sam Schupp

Moses, after communing with God, comes down from the mountain transformed. The Israelites were afraid, seeing that he was not the same as he was before communing with God. Though they were afraid, they had respect for the message Moses brings them because he spoke with authority sharing God's Word. Their fears were soon relieved.

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Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:28-35

Morgan Lavelly

Jesus climbs a mountain to spend time apart from the crowds and commune with God. He takes with him Peter, James and John. While there he communes with Moses and Elijah and is transformed, getting himself ready for the journey to Jerusalem and Crucifixion. When he again addresses the crowds, he speaks as one with a finite amount of time left.

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Sermon

“Transformation for Maximum Impact”

Pastor Rick

Invitation to Communion

*Symbolizing the call to follow Jesus, 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.

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.

“Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face”

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, God for refreshment 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. Now we gather together as your people, singing together the prayer you taught us:

*The LORD's Prayer *(sung by 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; 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
- Kindrid Online– a New Way to Give George Zimny
- Presenting our Gifts Amy Crousore
by John Carter
- *Response “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #420
**We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
 In grateful devotion our tribute we bring!
 We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
 We praise your Holy Name, glad praises we sing!**
- *Prayer of Dedication Pastor Rick
- *Closing Hymn “Be Now My Vision” #451
(verses 1-3)

Congregational Meeting to elect James Melton as Vice-Moderator

*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 Amy Crousore
John Carter
 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

*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: Cliff Beckman & Carol Duermeyer
Ushers: Christine Staelens & Lauren Helmreich
Sound Booth: Doug Privitt
Worship Leader: Sam Schupp & Morgan Lavelly
Hospitality: Cliff & Sue Beckman
Acolyte: Lily Jaberg

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Stefanie Zimny & Pete Jaberg
Ushers: Brent Marcks & Charlie Marcks
Sound Booth: Brent Marcks
Worship Leader: Lindsey Oberle & Ally Jaberg
Hospitality: Lena Muench
Acolyte: Zabibu Kibaro

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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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ASH WEDNESDAY 3/6

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday! We will observe Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes and communion. Worship will begin at 7:00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we remember that we are Created from dust, and to dust we shall return.

CUCC HERITAGE NIGHT 3/16

All are welcome! Come celebrate our UCC family at Heritage Night, Saturday, March 16 6:00-8:00 p.m. We'll have many ethnic foods, singing and fellowship, and a chance to explore the roots of Columbia UCC. We encourage you to bring family mementos, family trees, and family stories to share. There are many facets that make us the special group of Christians that we are. Come explore this one with us! Please contact Val Schoeneberg or Jolene Kirchhoff with any questions.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	3/3	Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Worship	10:30am
		Nurture & Education Ministry Team	12:00pm
		Middle School to Ronald McDonald House	2:00pm
Mon	3/4	Staff Meeting	10:00am
Tue	3/5	Quilters	9:00am
Wed	3/6	<i>Ash Wednesday Worship Service</i>	7:00pm
		Confirmation (leading worship)	7:00pm
		Celebration Singers	8:00pm
Thu	3/7	CROP Walk meeting at Rock Bridge Christian Church	5:30pm
Wed	3/6	<i>Ash Wednesday Worship Service</i>	7:00pm
Sun	3/10	Men's Breakfast	7:30am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Worship	10:30am

Two new opportunities to serve CUCC! We are forming an Archival/Heritage Team to work on our upcoming anniversary celebrations and archive our historical documents; and a By-Laws Team to review our church By-Laws and suggest some amendments to the Council. If you are interested in serving on either of these teams, talk to John Graves, James Melton or Pastor Rick!

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Our church... as we discern next steps as an ONA congregation
Oasis UCC... celebrating the installation of Pastor Rushan yesterday!

The family of Tommie Wildman... on their loss

Elaine Trout and family... on the loss of her mother

The Rothweiler family... welcoming new baby Tate! Born 2/24

Gary Sieckman... recovering from back surgery 2/25

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

Joe Schroeder... recovering from pacemaker surgery

Ashley... diagnosed with thyroid cancer (April's friend)

Jane... anticipating knee surgery (April's mother)

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 and Wendy (Isaiah's friends); Christie O'Very;

Janet Shepard; Kathy Kindrick; Hal Shaffer

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:

Priscilla Yang, serving in Hungary

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;

Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp

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.