

Columbia United Church Of Christ

September 19, 2021
CROP Walk Sunday



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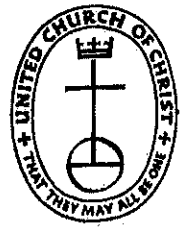
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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

"CROP"

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

"...happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread...but their delight is in the law of the LORD..."

-Psalm 1:1-2

Gathering Music

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

Amy Crousore
Zulu Melody

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 1)*

Mahree Skala

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
Or take the path that sinners tread; or sit together with scoffers.

**It is much better to take delight in God's law and God's Word;
Living the laws of the LORD and taking them into our hearts.**

We are like trees, planted by streams of water;
Yielding fruit in good season, prospering and not withering.

**We draw our nurture from God's Holy Wisdom;
We draw our strength from God's blessed intervention.**

The Wisdom of the ages has been handed down to us;
To bring us closer to God, not separate us from each other.

**The wicked use God's Word to hurt God's children;
That way of wickedness will perish; righteousness will prevail.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn "We are Walking in the Light of God" *(insert)*
(Verse 1:walking Verse 2:marching Verse 3:dancing Verse 4:praying)

*Opening Prayer

Mahree Skala

God of love; as we walk for recreation and walk for fun, we know that all around the world people are walking for water, walking for education, walking because they must in order to live. As we walk in your light, we know that there are others yearning for your blessings. Open our hearts to their situations, gracious God, and show us how we can be active in your world; walking in your light and sharing your love. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

We choose to walk because others have to walk. As we walk in God's light, we lift up those who struggle with the basic challenges of life. As God's children, we are called to serve; but even when we fall short of that goal, through our repentance, we are forgiven. You are Blessed, You are Beloved, You are Forgiven. 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!*

*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"

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

Mission Moment

"CROP Walk"

Mahree Skala

Anthem

"In the Stillness of this Moment"

Celebration Singers
Martin & Angerman

New Testament Lesson

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

Mahree Skala

The Book of James is all about practical application of faith. This book, which barely even mentions Jesus by name, is all about how to be a Christian. In today's reading, James talks about putting aside envy and selfish ambition and drawing nearer to God.
(pg. 982)

Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:33-37

Mahree Skala

Jesus catches the disciples arguing about who is greatest among them. He chastises them for this selfish behavior, then tells them the greatest among them will be the one who humbles themselves like a child.
(pg. 821)

*Hymn

"O God, You send Us Out to Walk"

(insert)

*To the tune: "God Speak to Me that I May Speak"
Written by Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2009*

Sermon

"The Paths We Choose"

Pastor Rick

*Hymn

"CROP Walking"

(insert)

*To the tune: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
Written by Laura Shore*

*Prayer for the CROP Walk

Creator God;

**You call us to service
to be your eyes and ears,
hands and voice in this, your world.**

**To open our eyes not only
to the beauty and love which you create,
but the injustice,
hate and suffering that humankind generates.**

**To open our ears not only
to the chattering of this coming week,
but the searching,
fears and questioning of all whom we shall meet.**

**To open our hands not only
to those we choose our lives to share,
but in welcome,
love and fellowship to all who you draw near.**

**To open our mouths not only
to speak platitudes and simple words,
but the truths you lay upon our hearts.
Your Word for this, your world.**

**To use our feet to walk in solidarity
Raising awareness in our own community
Choosing to walk,
knowing that others walk because they have no choice.**

**You call us to service,
to be your eyes and ears,
hands, voice and feet in this, your world.
Bless this CROP Walk and this community
As we walk in solidarity with your children all around the globe.**

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

The LORD's Prayer

**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.**

Prayer Response “Grant Us Peace”
Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
Hear our prayer, O Lord!
Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
And Grant us Thy Peace! A-men!

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Presenting our Gifts

*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*

Offertory “Menuetto Con Variazioni” Amy Crousore
Josef Haydn

*Response “For the Fruit of All Creation”
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 Mahree Skala

Take these gifts we have given you, Creator God, and use them to spread your Wisdom to all; that all may be inclusive of one another and exemplify your grace. We give these gifts, loving others, as a reflection of the love that you have first shown to us. Through these gifts we love you back. 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 “Guide Me, Ever, Great Redeemer” Amy Crousore
Hughes/Christiansen

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Greeters: Jolene Kirchoff
Technology Booth: John Graves & Carissa Graves
Hospitality: Jo Ellen Grace
Council Steward: Linda Neale & Brent Marcks



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Seth Smith
Acolyte: Lil Smith
Ushers:
Greeters: Helen Schultz
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson & Matt Lucas
Hospitality: Melba Shaffer
Council Stewards: Jessica Jenks & Tricia Price

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CROP WALK TODAY– DONATE TODAY!

The Columbia CROP Walk is TODAY, starting at 1:00pm at the Columbia Ag Park. You can join our virtual team by clicking on the link that was in the Friday email, or by emailing Pastor Rick. Our CUCC Goal this year is \$3000. Last year, we were the top fundraiser in Columbia; but we will have competition this year! Let's make this year's CROP Walk a huge success!

YOUTH TO SHAKESPEARE'S AND CROP WALK TODAY

Our CUCC Middle and High School Youth will be going to Shakespeare's pizza for lunch together today, and then walking at the CROP Walk! Youth can meet at Shakespeare's West at 12:00pm or talk to Lena Muench, Pastor Rick or Kristy Odneal for a ride.

LUNCH BUNCH THURSDAY

We will have a guest speaker from Love Columbia here to talk about the work they are doing in our community and why they are no longer called "Love INC". Bring a dish to share or a sack lunch at noon, and enjoy the fellowship!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	9/19	<i>CROP WALK SUNDAY</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Youth to Shakespeare's	11:30am
		CROP Walk	1:00pm
Mon	9/20	Staff Meeting	10:15am
		Loaves & Fishes	4:30pm
		Confirmation	6:00pm
		Membership & Care Committee Meeting	7:30pm
Tue	9/21	Quilters	10:00am
		Personnel Committee Meeting	5:30pm
		Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wed	9/22	Joyful Ringers (Bell Choir) Practice	6:30pm
		Celebration Singers (Choir) Practice	7:30pm
Thu	9/23	Lunch Bunch	12:00pm
		LODO Ministry Team	5:30pm
Fri	9/24	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sat	9/25	Youth Brunch and fun day at church	9:00am-noon
Sun	9/26	Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Healthy Relationships Training (Safe Church)	11:30am
		Pastor Rick leads worship at Lenoir	6:00pm

SAVE THE DATE FOR TRUNK OR TREAT ! SATURDAY, 10/30!

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The family and friends of Gene Koepke... on their loss
Caitlin Herritt... serious health issue (David and Ann Stone-Meyer's daughter)
Sheila Colin... anticipating shoulder surgery (Jackie Asher's cousin)
Alex Kuhn... health issue (April Rothweiler's friend)
Christie O'Very... on hospice (Kim Oberle's aunt)
Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothweiler's Aunt)
Linda Lau... living with cancer (Alisa Lau-Sieckman's sister)
Mary Rinne... living with cancer (Donna Marsh's daughter)
Sheila... challenges in life and faith
The Koerkenmeier, Malicoat, Lasley
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Helen Schultz
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Christine Mseke;
Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank

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:

Mark Knowles... serving in Lesotho

2021 Confirmation Class:

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,
Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons

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

WE ARE MARCHING/WALKING/DANCING/PRAYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

We are walking in the light of God; We are walking in the light of God!

We are walking in the light of God; We are walking in the light of God!

We are walking...we are walking, O-o! We are walking in the light of God!

We are walking...we are walking, O-o! We are walking in the light of God!

We are marching in the light of God; We are marching in the light of God!

We are marching in the light of God; We are marching in the light of God!

We are marching ...we are marching, O-o! We are marching in the light of God!

We are marching ...we are marching, O-o! We are marching in the light of God!

We are dancing in the light of God; We are dancing in the light of God!

We are dancing in the light of God; We are dancing in the light of God!

We are dancing ...we are dancing, O-o! We are dancing in the light of God!

We are dancing ...we are dancing, O-o! We are dancing in the light of God!

We are praying in the light of God; We are praying in the light of God!

We are praying in the light of God; We are praying in the light of God!

We are praying ...we are praying, O-o! We are praying in the light of God!

We are praying ...we are praying, O-o! We are praying in the light of God!

O God, You Send Us Out to Walk

A Hymn of Dedication for Those Participating in CROP Walks

Tune: Tallis' Canon LM ("All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night")

Alternate Tune: Canonbury LM ("Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak")

O God, you send us out to walk,
For faith is more than idle talk;
It's more than saying, "Be well fed!"
When others don't have daily bread.

We walk with joyful, eager feet
So others will have food to eat.
We staff the checkpoints, offer rest,
And serve you, Lord, for we've been blessed.

When we grow weary, may we know
That some must walk where'er they go.
For water, food, or work to do,
They walk till they grow weary, too.

O Lord, we walk in safety here
And know that others walk in fear.
They flee oppression, flood or war;
Each fear-filled day, they walk some more.

Not all here walk with strength or speed
But all can give to those in need.
And as we serve you, may we know
You walk with us where'er we go.

“CROP Walking” by Laura Shore

Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic

I hear children cry with hunger, yes in every single land;
I hear children cry with hunger,
and they're reaching for my hand;
I hear children cry with hunger, and at last I understand;
That they are calling me!

Walking, walking for my Brother!
Trying, crying for each other!
Giving, Living for another!
Love walks along with me!

I see children trying, trying yes, in this our great big land;
I see adults trying, trying
and they're reaching for my hand;
I see walkers, joggers, runners, and at last I understand;
That they are calling me!

I can touch them with my walking,
far across the land and sea;
I can touch them with my giving,
sharing what God's given me;
I can touch them, feed them, help them,
cause at last I understand;
That God is calling me!