

*Columbia  
United Church  
Of Christ*

*March 29, 2020*

*10:30 Worship*

*"Lazarus Sunday"*

*"... Out of the depths I cry out to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice!"  
-Psalm 130:1-2*

Prelude

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Call to Worship

*(adapted from Psalm 130)*

Jim Loveless

Out of the depths of despair, we cry out to You, O God;  
God, hear our voices and listen with attentive ears!

**We know that God does not hold our trespasses against us;  
God forgives all our sins of separation!**

God, we wait for your assurance and deliverance;  
Our souls wait for You; and in You, we have hope.

**Our souls yearn for God;  
Even more than those who watch for the morning;  
Even more than those who watch for the morning!**

God, we trust in Your Steadfast Love;  
We trust in Your great power to redeem us!

**We place our hope in God's promises!  
We trust in God's Steadfast Love!  
Come, let us worship God!**

Opening Hymn

"God Reigns O'er All the Earth"

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Opening Prayer

Jim Loveless

**God of limitless love; your heavenly vision is greater than we can understand. Forgive us when we try to grasp it and instead create limitations on our ability to see you. Teach us that your ways are far grander and more diverse than anything we can imagine. Remind us that sin and sickness and death cannot separate us from your glory. Redirect our desires for power, our fears and our need for explanation in times such as these; that we may instead embrace the comfort of your eternal presence. In turbulent times, Gracious God, we are thankful that we have the life and experiences of Jesus to show us the way. We pray that we may always remember that we are your church, gathered to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Just as Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, God brings New Life to even in the most desolate places in our world. God fills our lives with promise and hope, even in the darkest valleys. Trust in God; God is always with you. Praise be to God, who offers us gracious love and forgiveness!

Prayer Response “Jesus, Remember Me”

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

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

Children’s Time

Response “This Little Light of Mine”

#525

**This little light of mine; I’m gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine; I’m gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine; I’m gonna let it shine!  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

Living our Mission “Food Bank”

Pastor Rick

Gospel Lesson: John 11:1-53

Jim Loveless

*The Resurrection of Lazarus results in the Chief Priests and Caiaphas deciding that Jesus must die. The events of Holy Week, seen through this lens, are consequences of what happened that day in Bethany. Raising Lazarus from the dead was the last straw. The Chief Priests decided Jesus must be stopped, at all costs.*

Sermon: “Standing Up for God”

Pastor Rick

Meditation Hymn “Lord of the Dance”

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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. 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

Stewardship Moment

Presenting our Gifts

“Lord of the Dance”

Amy Crousore  
John Turner

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\*Response

“We Praise You, O God”

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**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 bless your Holy name, glad praises we sing!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**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.**

\*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

“Postlude in G”

Amy Crousore  
Peterson