

**Columbia
United Church
Of Christ**

April 26, 2020

10:30 Worship

"Faithful Cleopas"

*"... God has heard my voice and my supplications;
God's ear is inclined toward me; therefore, I will call on God as long as I live!"
-Psalm 116:1-2*

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Sonatina Opus 20 #1"

Amy Crousore
Fr. Kuhlau

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Call to Worship

(adapted from Psalm 116)

Lauren Helmreich

Loving God, You have heard our voice and supplications;
Incline Your ear to our pleas in this time of worship!

**God listens to our joys and concerns;
We will call upon God as long as we live!**

You comfort us through death and distress;
You give us strength through all of our journeys.

**In all we go through in life God is with us;
Saving our lives, rescuing us from sin and separation.**

You are gracious and merciful;
Protecting us when we are downtrodden

**God encourages and embraces us!
God guides us and Saves us!
Come, let us worship God!**

Opening Hymn

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

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Opening Prayer

Lauren Helmreich

God of hope and assurance; today we hear the story of that Easter evening when Jesus walked beside two of your disciples and shared with them the Good News of his ministry. Their eyes were kept from seeing him; but they felt the warmth of his presence, the glory of his company. Forgive us, O God, for the times when we do not see your presence with us, accompanying us on our journeys.

Open our eyes, like the disciples on the Emmaus Road, and remind us of the promises you offer. Inspire us to offer hospitality to strangers and love to those in need, realizing that when we help the least of your children in need we are helping you, too. Remind us that our society is only as great as how it treats the downtrodden, the oppressed and those crying out for assistance. Teach us to be more like Jesus. In his name we offer our prayers; Amen.

Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Cleopas and the other disciple did not realize it was Jesus walking alongside them; yet they offered him extravagant hospitality. Often our eyes are also kept from seeing Jesus in our midst; and often we neglect to extend similar hospitality to strangers. But God forgives all our sins of neglect and opportunities lost. God loves us, forgives us and sets us free. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer Response

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace!**

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.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)
No turning back, no turning back**

Gospel Lesson:

Luke 24:13-35

Lauren Helmreich

On Easter evening, two disciples were travelling from Jerusalem to their home in the town of Emmaus, six miles away. As they travel, they talk about the events of that Passover season, with Jesus’ death and Resurrection. As they walk, Jesus appears with them. They do not recognize him; yet they offer him extravagant hospitality. Their eyes are opened when he breaks bread with them.

Meditation Hymn

“Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us”

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Sermon:

“Faithful Cleopas”

Pastor Rick

Meditation Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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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

Presenting our Gifts

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Amy Crousore

John Carter

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You can also give online by visiting our website: www.columbiaucc.com

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

Lauren Helmreich

God of grace; you walked with us and taught us the lessons of humility and service. With those lessons in mind, we glorify you today by offering these gifts. Take them and use them to open the eyes of all who are in need, searching for your presence. Multiply them to your glory, we pray; 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

“Crowned with Honor”

Amy Crousore

Tom Birchwood

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.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

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*Christopher Wordsworth, 1872; alt.**Matt. 28:5-8; Rom. 5:21; 6:4-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22*

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voic - es raise;
 2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born;
 3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en; shed up - on us heav - en - ly grace,
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to the God of joy;

Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal on this ho - ly Eas - ter morn;
 Rain and dew, and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of your face;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who came death's bonds to de - stroy;

Je - sus on the cross as Sav - ior for the world's sal - va - tion bled;
 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by God's lib - er - at - ing deed;
 That we, with our hearts in heav - en, here on earth may fruit - ful be,
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

But the cru - ci - fied Re - deem - er now is ris - en from the dead!
 Now the Christ with us a - bid - ing to e - ter - nal life shall lead.
 And by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be yours e - ter - nal - ly.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

Christopher Wordsworth, gifted nephew of poet William Wordsworth, served the Church of England successively as canon at Westminster, parish priest in Berkshire, and, finally, bishop of Lincoln. This Easter hymn is one of his most enduring.

Tune: WEISSE FLAGGEN 8.7.8.7.D.
 Tochter Zion, Cologne, 1741
 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

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F Dm Gm Dm Am Gm7

1. Sing of one who walks be - side us and this day is
 2. We have walked with him as strang - ers through the jour - ney
 3. Ris - en one, stay with us, raise us, once a - gain the

Bb7 Dm C Dm C Bb7

liv - ing still, one who now is clos - er to us
 of the day, and have told him of the vi - o - lence
 night is near. Dine with us and share your wis - dom,

Am Bb7 C F F Dm7

than the thoughts our hearts dis - till, Christ who once up -
 that has swept our hope a - way. He has of - fered
 free our hearts from ev - 'ry fear. In the calm of

Bb7 Gm7 Bb7 Am7 Bb7 Gm7 C

on a hill - top, raised a - gainst the power of sin,
 words of com - fort, words of en - er - gy and light.
 each new eve - ning, in the fresh - ness of each dawn,

WORDS: Ralph Wright, 1989, alt.

MUSIC: William Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; harm. Charles Anders, 1969, alt.

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F Dm C Gm7 Am Bb7 C6 C F

died in love as his own crea - tures cru - ci - fied their God and Friend!
 Did our hearts not blaze with - in us as he broke the bread this night?
 if you hold us fast in friend - ship we will nev - er be a - lone.

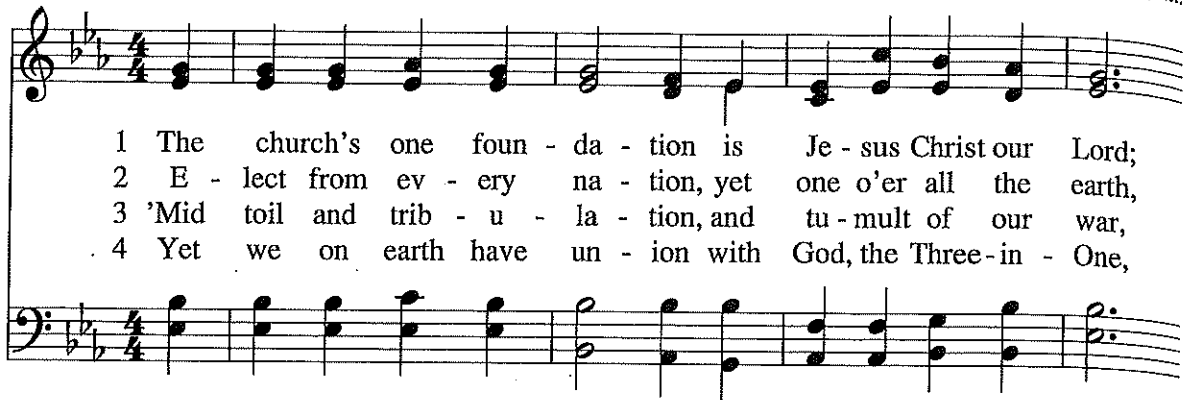
In the Great Quiet of God

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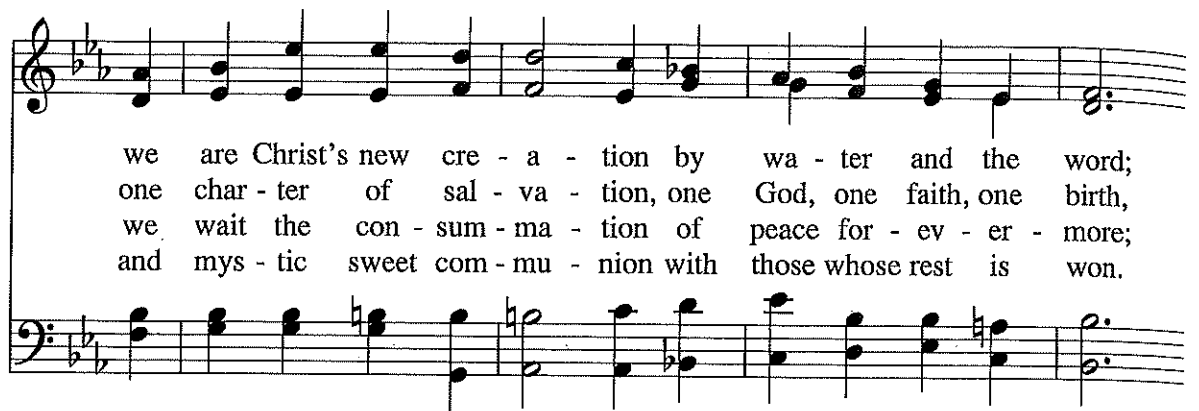
In the great quiet of God,
 my troubles are but pebbles on the road,
 My joys are like the everlasting hills.
 So it is when I step through the gate of prayer
 from time into eternity.
 When I am in the consciousness of God,
 my brothers and sisters are not far-off and forgotten,
 but close and strangely dear.
 They shine, as if a light were glowing within them.
 Even those who frown on me
 and love me not
 seem part of the great scheme of God.

—Walter Rauschenbusch, 20th-century pioneer of Social Gospel movement

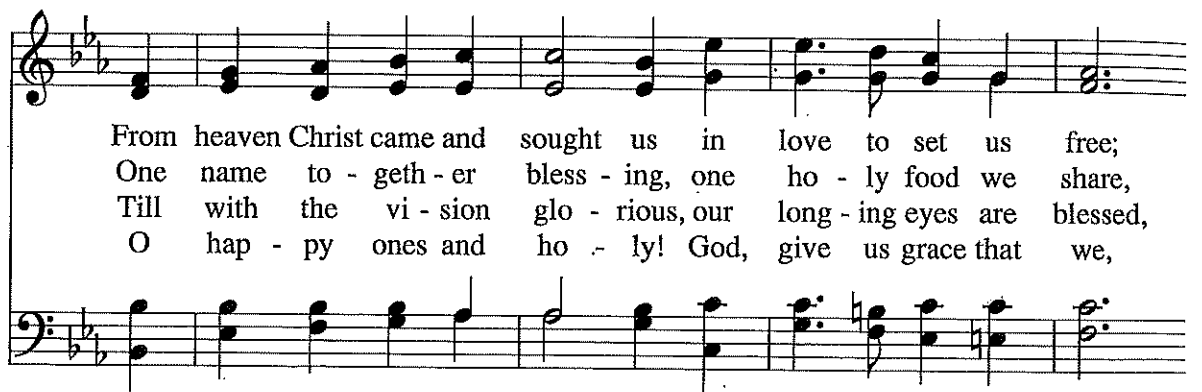
The Church's One Foundation

*Eph. 2:13-22; 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 3:11**Samuel J. Stone, 1866; alt.*


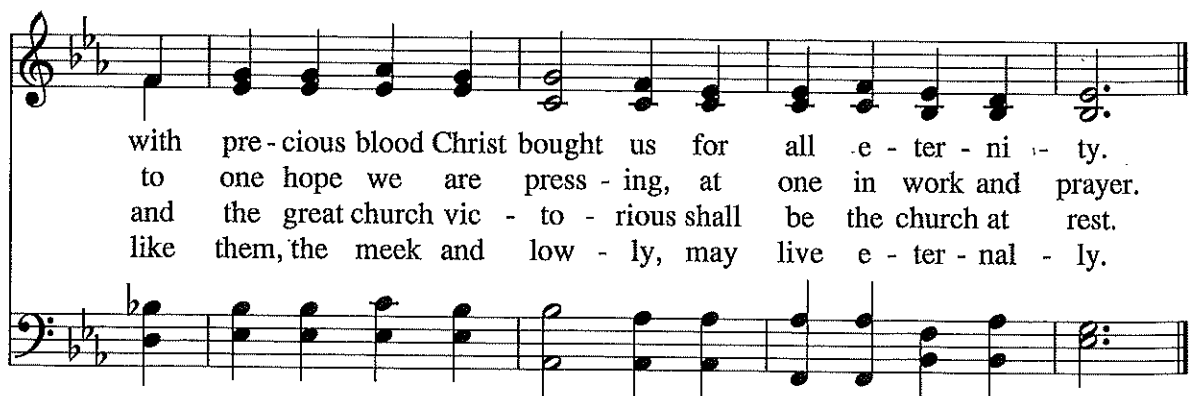
1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war,
 4 Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three - in - One,



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 holy Catholic Church."

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

We Praise You, O God

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Julia C. Cory, 1902; alt.

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our moth - ers and fa - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through life's storm and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our song of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you nev - er will for - sake us,
 Our sins now con - fess - ing, we pray for your bless - ing;

we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O God, in life's strug - gles we win.
 to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Julia Bulkley Cady Cory wrote this hymn for Thanksgiving in 1902 at the invitation of the organist of New York's Brick Presbyterian Church who felt that the familiar words to Kremser contained too much militaristic imagery.

Tune: KREMSER 12.11.12.11.
 Valerius, Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, 1626