

Columbia United Church Of Christ

November 29, 2020
Advent I- "HOPE"



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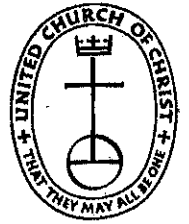
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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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November 29, 2020

10:30 Worship

"HOPE"

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

*"...restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved..."
-Psalm 80:3*

Gathering Music	Amy Crousore
Welcome and Greetings	Pastor Rick
Prelude "Pastorale on a French Carol"	Amy Crousore Gordon Young
Carrying in the Light of Christ	Lil Smith
*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 80)	Jessica Lucas

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
Stir up your might and come to save us!

**Restore us, O God;
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
You drove out the nations and planted it.

**Turn again, O God of hosts; look and see your people;
Have regard for this vine that your hand planted.**

We will never turn back from you;
Give us life, and we will call upon your name!

**Restore our HOPE, O God;
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *Chalice #119*

*Opening Prayer *Jessica Lucas*

God of HOPE; even in times of hopelessness and destitution you comfort us. Even when things seem impossible, you provide for us. Even when we feel rejected and unloved, you bless us. Yet sometimes we reject your blessings, unable to see your miracles right in front of our eyes. Teach us to see. Teach us to dream. Teach us to have HOPE. Illumine our path with the light of your love, giving us comfort and assurance. In the Advent Season, as we prepare our hearts for your birth once more, show us how to be hopeful people. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God's light shines in our lives, illuminating the dark places and inspiring us to have HOPE. Even in the darkest of times, God's light shines bright. As we prepare for Christ's birth again, we rejoice in the message of Salvation Jesus brings. We are forgiven! We are blessed! We are God's beloved! Praise be to God!

*Response

"Christians All, Your Lord is Coming" *Chalice #136*

**Christians all, your Lord is coming,
Drawing near in holy birth.
Ring the bells and sound the trumpets,
Let your music fill the earth.
Dance and move to show God's glory;
Kneel and pause to hear God's Word.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Rise, and let your songs be heard!**

Children's Time/Lighting the Advent Candle

"Like a Child Jesus Comes"

Chalice #133

**Like a child love would send to reveal and to mend,
Like a child and a friend, Jesus comes!
Like a child we may find claiming heart, soul and mind,
Like a child strong and kind, Jesus comes!
Like a child we will meet, ragged clothes, dirty feet,
Like a child on the street, Jesus comes!
Like a child we once knew, coming back into view,
Like a child born a-new, Jesus comes!
Like child born to pray and to show us the way,
Like a child here to stay, Jesus comes!
Like a child we receive all that love can conceive,
Like a child we believe Jesus comes!**

Living our Mission

"VAC Christmas Drive and CROP Walk"

Jessica Lucas

Anthem

"Come to Us, O Promised One"

Ed Rollins

Larson

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-8

Jessica Lucas

The prophet is writing in a time of restoration; Israel is restored after exile. In his writings, he muses about the destruction Israel had faced the preceding three generations. He remembers that they are all clay in the hands of God, the potter; and in this analogy, the prophet finds HOPE.

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*Prayer of Dedication (from reformedworship.org) Jessica Lucas

God of HOPE; You promised HOPE to Israelites and you kept your promise. You promised HOPE in the coming of your son and he was HOPE for the world. You promised HOPE to the early church and that HOPE was not denied. You promise HOPE to us and we pray for your continued faithfulness.

We give these gifts today; hopeful people wishing to share your gift of HOPE with the rest of the world. Take these gifts, and use them to turn the barrenness of the world into a vision of HOPE fulfilled. 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!

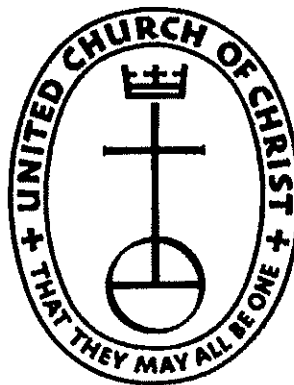
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!

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 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Amy Crousore
Balcombe



*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*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Unison

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine
 3. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things,
 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show,
 heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease;

Refrain Harmony

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 and death's deep shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice, re - joice!
 and cause us in her ways to go.
 fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

WORDS: Latin hymn (12th century); st. 1-2 tr. John Mason Neale, 1851;
 st. 3-4 tr. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916
 MUSIC: French melody (15th century); arr. and harm. Thomas Helmore, 1854

VENI EMMANUEL
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1. Chris-tians all, your Lord is com-ing, draw-ing near in .
 2. Chris-tians all, your Lord is com-ing, call-ing you to
 3. Chris-tians all, your Lord is com-ing, he will rise up
 4. Chris-tians all, your Lord is com-ing, hope for peace is

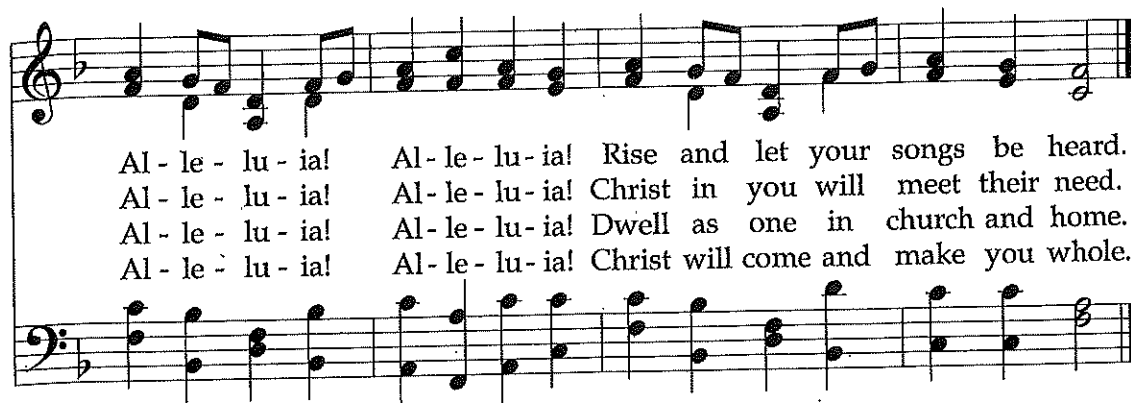
ho - ly birth. Ring the bells and sound the trum-pets,
 serve in deed. See the ones who hurt and suf - fer,
 from the dead. Lift the cup, of sin for - giv - en;
 now at hand. Let there be no hes - i - ta - tion,

let your mu - sic fill the earth. Dance and move to
 hear their cry and act with speed. Set all self - ish
 bless the host and eat his bread. Mend the ways where
 walk in faith where life de - mands. Bear the word that

show God's glo - ry; kneel and pause to hear God's word.
 ways be - hind you. Purge your hearts of sin - ful greed.
 peace is bro - ken, give your - selves to true Sha - lom.
 God has giv - en; share the birth that stirs your soul.

WORDS: Jim Miller, 1993
 MUSIC: Joshua Leavitt's *Christian Lyre*, 1830

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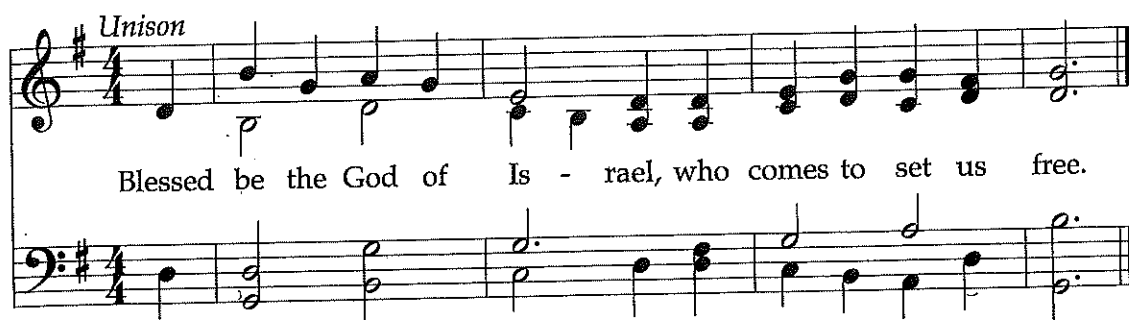


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and let your songs be heard.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ in you will meet their need.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dwell as one in church and home.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ will come and make you whole.

Song of Zechariah

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RESPONSE



Unison
 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free.

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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
 who has come to set the chosen people free.

God has raised up for us

a mighty savior from the house of David.

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old
 to save us from our enemies,
 from the hands of all who hate us;

to show mercy to our forebears,

and to remember the holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our ancestor Abraham,

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship without fear,

holy and righteous in God's sight,

all the days of our life. R

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

to give God's people knowledge of salvation

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God,

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace. R

WORDS: Luke 1:68-79 (ICET, rev. ELLC, alt.); Response, Michael Perry, 1973
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1983

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like a child

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Unison Gm C Am Dm

1. like a child love would send to re - veal and to mend, like a
 2. like a child we will meet, rag - ged clothes, dirt - y feet, like a
 3. like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a

Gm C F D7

child and a friend, Je - sus comes like a
 child on the street, Je - sus comes like a
 child here to stay, Je - sus comes like a

Gm7 C Am Dm7

child we may find claim - ing heart soul and mind, like a
 child we once knew com - ing back in - to view, like a
 child we re - ceive all that love can con - ceive, like a

Gm7 C11 F

child strong and kind, Je - sus comes
 child born a - new, Je - sus comes
 child we be - lieve Je - sus comes

WORDS and MUSIC: Dan Damon, 1992

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Come, O Long-expected Jesus

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1. Come, O long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, born to set your peo-ple free.
2. Born your peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child, and yet a king,

From our fears and sins re-lease us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.
born to reign in us for-ev-er, born your grac-ious realm to bring.

You, our strength and con-so-la-tion, come sal-va-tion to im-part;
By your own e-ter-nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a-lone;

dear de-sire of man-y a na-tion, joy of man-y a long-ing heart.
by your all-suf-fi-cient mer-it raise us to your glo-rious throne.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Jessica Lucas
Acolyte: Lil Smith
Sound Booth: Pete Jaberg
Council Stewards: Pat Forward/Mahree Skala

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Connie Loveless
Acolyte:
Sound Booth: Carissa Graves
Council Steward: Pat Forward/Brent Marcks

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“BLUE CHRISTMAS” DISCUSSION GROUP

Pastor Rick will be hosting a “Blue Christmas” discussion group Wednesday evenings in December. We will gather at 6:30pm for 90 minutes or so to talk about grief, loss, depression and anxiety; especially in light of the stresses of 2020 and the losses we have experienced this year. There will be materials supplied, and it will also be experiential. For more information, email April in the church office or Pastor Rick.

GIVING TUESDAY

“Giving Tuesday” is the charitable response to the excesses of “Black Friday” and “Cyber Monday;” and a time to express your thanks following Thanksgiving. It is a time to show the charities you support how thankful you are for all they do! You will be contacted by many worthy causes in the next few weeks; we hope you will remember CUCC in your donations as well! To donate, go to our CUCC Website, and click on the Giving Tuesday icon; then select “Giving Tuesday” from the dropdown menu. You can do this on December 1, or before!

ONLINE TRIVIA NIGHT

The Membership & Care Ministry Team is hosting an online Trivia Night December 5 at 7:00pm! There will be Amazon Gift Cards awarded as prizes to the top three teams! But— there are only 20 spots available. Make your reservations today! You can RSVP by clicking on the link that was in the Friday email, or contact Stefanie Zimny for more information.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to donate a poinsettia for the Sanctuary this Advent Season, please email (or snail mail) April in the church office by December 6. Cost for poinsettias are \$8.00 each. We will have them in the Sanctuary by December 13, and will keep them up thru the 11:00 Christmas Eve service.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sun	11/29	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Worship (online only)	10:30am
Mon	11/30	Staff Meeting NO CONFIRMATION	10:15am
Tue	12/1	GIVING TUESDAY Special Council Meeting Nurture & Education Ministry Team	6:30pm 7:15pm
Wed	12/2	Blue Christmas	6:30pm
Thu	12/3	Clergy Personnel Committee	6:30pm
Fri	12/4	Pastor Rick’s day off	
Sat	12/5	ONLINE GAME NIGHT	7:00PM
Sun	12/6	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Worship (online only)	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

On hospice: Sharon Tiemann (April Rothwieler's Aunt)
Dale Gregory... health issues; hospitalized this week
Karen Wittich... anticipating knee replacement surgery (Kim Oberle's mother)
Dennis Froeschner... anticipating knee replacement surgery
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)
The family of Fred Palmer... on their loss (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)
Becky Weston... recovering at home

Parents, students, teachers, administrators... navigating the back to school issues,
making tough decisions and enduring criticism

The leadership of CUCC... wisely navigating the many streams of conflicting
information in regard to church leadership during COVID-19

All who are suffering from COVID-19 virus and other viruses

All who are on the front lines, serving those with COVID-19

Sheila... challenges in life and faith
The Zimny, Lasley, Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);
Riley Gregg (Alisa Lau-Sieckmann's neighbor); Christine Mseke,
Jo Ellen Grace's brother... living with cancer
Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)

Living in Care Facilities:

Dale Gregory, 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)
Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Raul Santiago-Riviera... serving in Puerto Rico

Pregnancies in our Church Family:

Ed Rollins & Jess Wolfe

2020 Confirmation Class (Confirmation on delay until January):

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly

2021 Confirmation Class (started Monday, 10/26):

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