

Columbia United Church Of Christ

March 1, 2020
Stewardship 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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March 1, 2020

10:30 Worship

"Stewardship Sunday"

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

*"...be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O Righteous,
And shout for joy, all you upright in heart..."*

-Psalm 32:11

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Amy Crousore
John Carter

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Polly Fuller

*Call to Worship

Pat Forward

Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven;
For whom sins of separation are eliminated from your sight, O God!

**God's Forgiveness and reconciliation is ours;
The temptations of the world have no hold on God's people!**

When we keep silent, we waste away;
When we turn to You, O God, we are renewed!

**God welcomes us home with open arms;
Named and Claimed, we are God's children always!**

Instruct us as we go, O God; as we travel this Lenten journey!
Your Steadfast Love holds us steady, always on course!

**Be Glad in the LORD and rejoice!
Shout for joy, God's children everywhere!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

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*Opening Prayer

Pat Forward

Creator God, you call us to not just follow you but to become true disciples; dedicating ourselves to your service. As we experience your goodness and grace in our lives, we can do nothing less than follow you. Forgive us for the times when we, like Nathaniel, are skeptical of your blessing; and teach us to open ourselves to new possibilities. We are prepared for the next big thing in your plan for our lives; true discipleship. Mold us to your will, that we may follow you in ministry. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick
Jesus told Nathaniel, “truly you will see greater things than these.” Jesus tells us the same; if we follow him, the things we will see are amazing. Though we doubt, though we falter, Jesus is always there for us, beckoning us to follow him.

*Prayer Response “Jesus, Remember Me”
Jesus, Remember me...
When you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus, Remember me...
When you come into your Kingdom.

*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 “This Little Light of Mine” #525
(Sung as children return to their seats)
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 “Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary” Llona Weiss

Anthem
“Here I Am, Lord” Lena Muench
Craig Courtney

Living our Mission “Emmaus Homes” Lisa Key

Gospel Lesson: John 1:29-51 Pat Forward
John’s account of Jesus’ baptism causes others to believe, and both Peter and Simon become followers of Jesus. John’s vision helped guide others, paving the way for Jesus’ ministry. The disciple Nathaniel is called exclaiming, “can anything good come out of Nazareth?”
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Sermon: “Discipleship” Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn “O Lord, You Called Disciples”
*By Carolyn Winfrey Gillette published in “Songs of Grace”
Tune: Lancashire 7.6.7.6. D (“The Day of Resurrection NCH #245)
Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn*

O Lord, you called disciples, proclaiming “Come and See!”
And so an invitation began your ministry.
Then Andrew called his brother, and Peter came to you;
More men and women followed, and little children, too.

**O Christ, your invitation has reached from year to year!
Through some who heard you calling, a church was founded here.
As faithful people served you so many years ago,
They soon invited others; your church began to grow.**

**God, by your Holy Spirit, now send us in your name
To serve the lost and outcast, the poor for whom you came.
Through gifts of hope and healing through loving ministry,
May we reach out, inviting the world to “Come and see!”**

*Invitation to Communion

We will be celebrating altar communion this morning; and no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, like the disciples who came forward and followed Jesus, you are invited to come forward and celebrate this joyful meal.

Pastoral Prayer; Silent Prayer; Invocation

Blessing the Children

“Jesus Calls Us”

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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.

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

Please come forward via the center aisle to receive and share communion, remembering the ministry of Jesus Christ and the blessings he brings us. Pause at the communion steward with the bread and, as the disciples did long ago, dedicate your life to Christ's discipleship as you partake of the bread. Then move to the steward with the cup and share the promise of New Life and Resurrection. The center ring of cups contain grape juice, and the silver vessels on the paten contain gluten free bread.

Communion Music

Amy Crousore

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Rick

We thank you, Most Holy God, for refreshment at your table where, along with all your disciples who have gone before us and all who will come after, we receive Christ's blessing and challenge. Give us the grace to praise you with our lives, our words, our deeds. We give thanks for the courage of those early disciples who dedicated their lives to you and followed you in ministry. We pray that this meal may energize us to live similar lives of discipleship. And now we gather together as one family of faith, singing the prayer you taught us:

*The LORD's Prayer *(sung by the congregation, led by Lena Muench)*
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

Presenting our Gifts

“Courante”

Amy Crousore
JS Bach

*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*

*Response “We Praise You, O God” #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 bless your Holy name, glad praises we sing!**

*Prayer of Dedication Pat Forward

Take these gifts we offer you, O God. They are signs and symbols of our discipleship. As we offer you our gifts, we offer our hearts. We realize that everything we have and everything we are ultimately belongs to you; and we are but stewards of your blessings. We pray that these gifts may be used to share your love with all the world. 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 Amy Crousore
“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven” Lani Smith



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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Carol Duermeyer & Helen Schultz
Ushers: Jason Schoeneberg & Ryan Schoeneberg
Worship Leader: Pat Forward
Acolyte: Polly Fuller
Sound Booth: Phillip Dennis
Hospitality: Pat Forward
Council Steward: Pat Forward

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Donna Marsh & Judi Privitt
Ushers: Llona Weiss & Jan Barry
Worship Leader: Jessica Lucas
Acolyte: Riley Hayward
Sound Booth: John Graves
Hospitality: James Melton
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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 leave it in the offering plate when it is passed. 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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SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS If you are a graduating Senior or are attending college currently, applications are available in the church office for scholarships from the NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND! Applications are due in the church office by April 1. *(Contributions to this Fund are welcome also, so we can continue this ministry for years to come!)*

STEWARDSHIP KICKOFF AND LUNCH TODAY Stick around after worship today for our catered Stewardship Lunch! Lisa Key from Emmaus Homes is our guest speaker and we will kick off our Stewardship Drive for 2020. What is your 2020 Vision?

BOOK STUDY Pastor Rick will be hosting a daytime Book Study on the book "Transgender and Christian" in March, as a follow up to Austen Hartke's presentation at the end of February. The time for the Book Study will be Wednesdays at noon, but we will utilize Zoom technology so people can participate from home or work using their laptop or cell phone. Copies of the book are available in the church office.

ONA CONVOCATION If you are interested in attending the Open and Affirming Convocation next Saturday, talk to Alisa Lau Sieckman or Pastor Rick! We will be carpooling from CUCC, leaving at 7:00am and returning around 6:00pm. The guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund, a Columbia native and Hickman High School graduate! Sarah is on the National Staff of the UCC as Minister for Disabilities and Mental Health Justice. Several workshops will be offered as well.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER MEAL 3/15 The Youth will be serving a meal after worship on 3/15– Baked Chicken and all the trimmings! Stick around after worship!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	3/1	<i>STEWARDSHIP DRIVE KICKOFF AND DINNER</i>	
		Fellowship Time/Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am
		Stewardship Dinner with Lisa Key	11:30am
Mon	3/2	Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team	6:00pm
Tue	3/3	Quilters	9:00am-2:00pm
		Staff Meeting	10:00am
Wed	3/4	Book Study- "Transforming" by Austen Hartke	12:00pm
		Bells/Choir	6:30/7:30pm
		Confirmation	6:30pm
		Confirmation 2.0	8:00pm
Sat	3/7	Gateway ONA Convocation in St. Louis	9:00am
Sun	3/8	Men's Breakfast	7:00am
		Fellowship Time/Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am
		High School Second Sunday at Pastor Rick's	5:00pm

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Our new members received last week: Ed Rollins, Jess Wolfe, Vena Long, Ann Stone Meyer and David Meyer! Welcome to the CUCC family!

All who are suffering from seasonal viruses
The family of Nicholas Johnson ... on their loss
Don Helmreich... recovering from infection
Mari Ann Keithahn... healing from broken arm
Gladys Koepke... health issues after a fall (Gene's mother)
Rev. Dr. David Beebe... living with cancer (Oberle's friend)
Jo Ellen Grace's brother... living with cancer
For improved family relationships (2/16)
For all who need healing from grief, loss, challenges (2/23)
Friend recovering from bilateral mastectomy (2/23)

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;
Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Joe & Corrine Remeika
Sheila... challenges in life and faith
Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family;

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Kathy Kindrick; Christie O'Very;
Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Sharon Elliott; Rev. Jim Elliott; Shirley Lawler;
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Sue Beckman; Wayne Gartner (Laura's brother)
Pat Enos (Alisa's brother-in-law)

Pregnancies in our church family:

Makayla Smith and Joey Oberle
Coleen & Tim Williams (Bullerd's daughter)

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, Chuck Sheller (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Debbie Colvin, serving in Ghana

2020 Confirmation Class:

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly