

Columbia United Church Of Christ

April 28, 2019

Faithful Disciples– Thomas



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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

“Thomas”

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

“...we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey God...” -Acts 5:32

Welcome and Greetings

John Graves

Prelude

“In the Garden”

Amy Crousore
Mark Hayes

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 150)*

Judi Privitt

Sing Praise to God!

Lift up your voice in joyful song!

We lift up our voices to praise God

In God’s mighty Sanctuary, we praise God;

We shout our praises to the heavens.

Praise God for all God’s glorious deeds!

With trumpet, and harp, make a joyful noise to God!

With tambourine and dance, praise God!

With strings and pipes, and loud clanging cymbals,

Let everything that breathes praise God!

With the joy of Resurrection on our minds,

We lift up our voices in song!

Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn “Christ, the Lord is Risen Today”

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*Opening Prayer

Judi Privitt

God of Resurrection miracles; like Thomas, our faith in you is very strong; but like Thomas, we often demand worldly proof. Forgive us for the times when what we consider being faithfully stubborn and practical runs counter to the spectacular glory of your miraculous possibilities. Help us to faithfully shout, “My Lord and my God!” and believe, not only we have seen the proof, but even more importantly, when we do not see the proof. Give us the courage to boldly witness to your work in the world, like Thomas and those first bold disciples. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Cindy Birkner

God loves bold disciples, timid disciples, faithful disciples and those whose faith is found wanting. No matter who we are, God loves us, and affirms us; most importantly, God forgives us. In the name of Jesus, we are all blessed and affirmed. Alleluia!

*Prayer Response “LORD, Listen to Your Children Praying”

LORD, listen to your children praying!

LORD, send your Spirit in this place!

LORD, listen to your children praying!

Send us Love, send us power, send us grace!

*Sharing God’s Gift of Peace

Cindy Birkner

*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

Cindy Birkner

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
(Sung as children return to their seats)

I have decided to follow Jesus; (3x)

No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)

No turning back, no turning back.

Mission Moment

“PET– Mobility Worldwide”

Lloyd Viehland

The CUCC Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team has selected “Mobility Worldwide” (the PET Project) as our mission focus for this quarter. We are focusing on Mobility Worldwide and the way they serve God’s children by providing Mobility Assistance to those in need in developing countries. Mobility Worldwide started here in Columbia in 1994, and is now an International Organization. Now in their 25th year, Mobility Worldwide has distributed more than 80,000 PETs around the world.



Our Goal between now and May 19, is to raise \$3600 to provide 12 PETs for those in need. You can contribute using the envelopes in today’s bulletin, scanning the QR code above and selecting “Mobility Worldwide” from the dropdown menu, or by texting “GIVE” to 573.240.4041 and following the prompts

Anthem

“Faithful”

Mark Hayes

Epistle Lesson: Acts 5:27-42 Judi Privitt
The disciples defend their choices to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ despite the fears of the leaders of the Jewish Religion. The conflict between these two views will ultimately lead to the schism between Christianity and Judaism.
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Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-29 Judi Privitt
In a story unique to John's Gospel, Thomas' devotion to Jesus is illustrated in his insistence on seeing for himself the proof of Resurrection. While Jesus admires Thomas' faith, he also insists that others must develop a faith that does not insist upon physical proof.
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Sermon "Thomas" Cindy Birkner

*Meditation Hymn "I Come to the Garden Alone" #237
ushers will collect prayer request cards during hymn

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer Cindy Birkner

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 John Graves

Presenting our Gifts Amy Crousore
"Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" Hal Hopson

*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 "Thanks Be to God" #425

**For the Fruits 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

Judi Privitt

God of love; these gifts we give today are just one of the ways we show our discipleship; by giving back to you from our blessings. As we give, we pray that these gifts are used to serve your children; that all may come to understand the love and acceptance you offer. May these gifts be blessings in the lives of your children, we pray; Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“The Day of Resurrection”

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*Benediction

Cindy Birkner

*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

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Amy Crousore
Hal Hopson



*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*

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Greeters: Carol Duermeyer
Ushers: Brent Marcks & Charlie Marcks
Sound Booth: John Graves
Worship Leader: Judi Privitt
Hospitality: Sue Ann Schaefer
Acolyte:

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Carol Duermeyer & Stefanie Zimny
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Sound Booth: Brent Marcks
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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 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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INTERPRETIVE DANCE PRACTICE AT CUCC 4/28

There will be an opportunity for children in Kindergarten through eighth grade to participate in an interpretive dance in worship on Mother's Day, May 12. Katie Marienfeld will be practicing with interested children in this age range on April 28 and May 5. If you are interested, email kmarienfeld@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY– BOOK OF ACTS

Pastor Rick will be leading a 5-week Bible Study on the Book of Acts Wednesday evenings in the month of May. Join us in the Middle High/Confirmation Room upstairs each Wednesday at 6:00pm for a look at Acts!

TRIVIA NIGHT TO BENEFIT PET 5/4

Our CUCC Trivia Night will be 5/4 sponsored by the Fellowship and Hospitality Ministry Team to benefit Mobility Worldwide (The PET Project). If you have not signed up yet, do so today! Registration forms are in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	4/28	Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Worship	10:30am
		Interpretive Dance Rehearsal	11:30am
Mon	4/29	No Staff Meeting	
Tue	4/30	Quilters	9:00am
Wed	5/1	Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team	5:00pm
		Bible Study– The Book of Psalms	6:00pm
		Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:30pm/7:30pm
		Confirmation	7:00pm
Thu	5/1	Membership & Care Ministry Team	6:30pm
Fri	5/3	LODO Spring Picnic	
Sat	5/4	HS/MS Trip to St. Louis– City Museum	8:00am-5:00pm
		Trivia Night	6:00pm
Sun	5/5	<i>LODO SUNDAY/PET Races</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	9:30am
		Worship	10:30am
		Interpretive Dance Rehearsal	11:30am
		Nurture & Education Ministry Team	12:00pm

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The family of Joe Schroeder... on their loss
Luke Oberle... recovering from broken elbow (Pastor Rick's nephew)
Our church... as we discern next steps as an ONA congregation
Gary Sieckman... continuing his recovery; ups and downs
Harold Hackman... recovering from knee replacement 4/24
Sue Beckman... living with cancer; anticipating next steps

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;
Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Margaret Abbott;
Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family; Remeika/Johnson family

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Sylvia Mosberger;
Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Christie O'Very;
Janet Shepard; Kathy Kindrick;

Pregnancies in our church family:

Erin & Levi Markway
Nancy Liang & Corey Grace

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:

Sara Makari, serving in Israel/Palestine

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;
Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp