

Columbia United Church Of Christ

March 14, 2021
Walking in Faith



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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

"CROP Sunday"

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

*"...give thanks to God, for God is good;
God's Steadfast Love endures forever."*

-Psalm 107:1

Gathering Music		Amy Crousore
Welcome and Greetings		Pastor Rick
Prelude		Amy Crousore
	"His Name is So Sweet"	<i>Spiritual</i>
Carrying in the Light of Christ		Abby Dennis
*Call to Worship	<i>(based on Psalm 107)</i>	Pat Forward

Give thanks to God, for God is good;
God's Steadfast Love endures forever!

**God has redeemed us from our troubles;
God has gathered us together from all directions.**

Let all who have been gathered in God's name give thanks;
Praising God for God's wonderful works and Steadfast Love.

**God satisfies the thirsty;
God fills the hungry with good things.**

Let us hear what God will speak;
For God will speak Love to God's people.

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
And let your glory be over all the earth!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

NCH #400

*Opening Prayer

Pat Forward

God of grace; you call us to be servant leaders, walking with those in need all over the world. You call us to pray, not just with our hands and our words but with our feet. We walk by choice in solidarity with those who must walk to receive their daily needs. Forgive us for the times we are too comfortable to walk in solidarity with those in need. Forgive us for the times we are too comfortable to reach out to others. Remind us to serve humbly. In In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick
Jesus tells us about God's love for the world; and challenges us to have that same love for one another. Paul assures us that God's gift of love is the result of God's grace, and can never be earned. We are forgiven! We are God's beloved! Praise be to God!

*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 Pastor Rick

Children's Time Pastor Rick

Response "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
**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.**

Living our Mission **"One Great Hour of Sharing"** Dorothy Vetter

Anthem Kristin Veteto

CROP Walk Recognition **"Thank You!"** Linda Reed Brown

Advocacy Moment Medicaid Expansion Mahree Skala

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 2:1-10 Pat Forward
Paul, speaking to the newly formed Christian Church in Ephesus, discusses the New Life that Jesus brings, not just after we die, but in the here and now. He explains that this is God's gracious gift to us, unearned; for we are saved through faith, not by works. However, good works should be the expression of this gracious gift received. (pg. 949)

Gospel Lesson John 3:11-21 Pat Forward
Most people who use John 3:16 as a tool of oppression forget to read 3:17, that tells us God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn it, but to save it. Often in our attempts to share the Good News of Jesus Christ we wind up condemning others who come to God by different avenues. Following Jesus, we must love, not condemn; however, we must also call out injustices and oppression prophetically... (pg. 864)

Hymn "God Loved the World" (verses 1-3 only) NCH #208

Sermon: "CROP Walking and OGHS" Pastor Rick

Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" NCH #190

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; and 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 Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts Lucy Smith

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

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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 "For the Fruit of All Creation" NCH #425

For the Fruit 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 Pat Forward

God of walking feet and generous hearts; take these gifts from our hands and our feet and our hearts and consecrate them to your will. With these gifts we love the world, and love you back. 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

“Siyahamb’ ekukhanyen’ kwenkhos”
(We are Marching in the Light of God)

Amy Crousore
South African Song

CROP WALK 2020

**In this, our 25th CROP Hunger Walk, in a year of pandemic,
together we raised \$17,013!**

In spite of our trepidation about how to successfully do a Virtual Walk, this amount is \$112.65 more than last year.

People and faith communities across Columbia were generous and amazingly creative despite restrictions imposed by COVID-19. Heartfelt thanks to all our “walker groups” and your families, friends and colleagues who made this outpouring possible.

Columbia 2020 CROP Walk top fundraiser— Columbia United Church of Christ! ***We raised a total of \$2761 for CROP through online and in person donations!*** Thanks to your efforts, the Columbia CROP Walk Committee will be presenting the travelling CROP Walk trophy to us this morning! We will share the trophy this year with Broadway Christian Church, who raised only \$20 less than us. Both our names are engraved on the trophy.

TOGETHER WE ARE CROP- COMMUNITIES RESPONDING TO OVERCOME POVERTY

Other significant contributions came from:

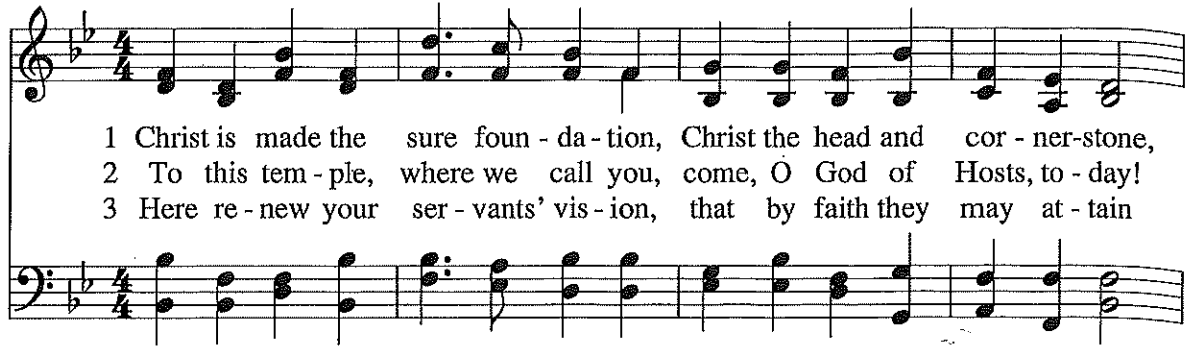
Broadway Christian Church	\$2741
Missouri United Methodist Church	\$2280
Olivet Christian Church	\$2235
Fairview Community of Christ	\$1795
Hindu Temple CC Helping Hands	\$1205
Wilkes Blvd. United Methodist Church	\$1100

25% of the money received by CROP is used to help local Columbia agencies with food insecurity issues. These agencies are:

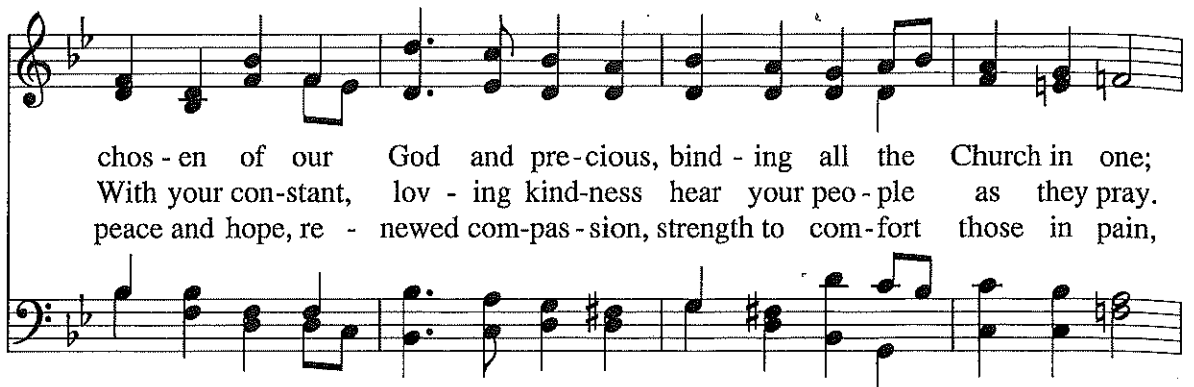
- Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen
- Russell Chapel Community Food Pantry
- Destiny Worship Center Food Pantry
- Fifth Street Christian Church

75% of the funds go to Church World Services, to address Food Insecurity issues all over the world. Church World Services is partnered with 37 different Denominations (including the UCC) to do God’s work in the world. Make plans now to walk for CROP 2021 this fall!

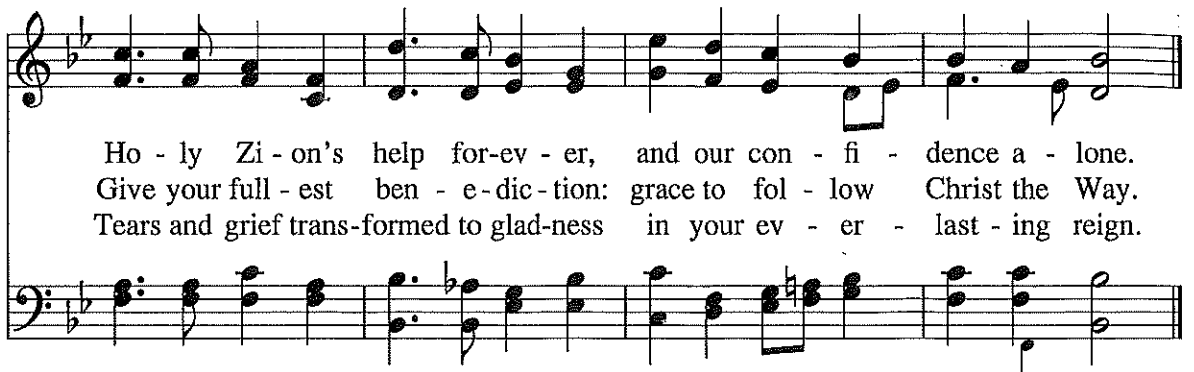
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7**Latin, 6th-8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.
St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992*


1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain



chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,



Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, Urbs beata Jerusalem, based on passages from Ephesians, 1 Peter, and Revelation. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry T. Smart, 1867
Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

1-3 only

God Loved the World

Heiliges Lippen und Herzens Opfer, Stettin, 1778
Transl. August Crull, 1845; alt.

1 God loved the world, and lov - ing gave
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith,
3 If you are sick, if death is near,
Be of good cheer, for God in Christ

a won - drous gift, the lost to save,
who was made flesh and suf - fered death;
this truth your trou - bled heart can cheer;
for - gives the flock, by sin en - ticed,

That all who would in Christ be - lieve
All who con - fide in Christ a - lone
Christ Je - sus saves us all from death;
And jus - ti - fied by Je - sus' blood,

should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
that is the firm - est ground of faith.
your bap - tism grants the high - est good.

Edward Miller, a skilled flutist in G. F. Handel's orchestra,
adapted Rockingham from the tune Tunbridge. Miller named it
for the Marquis of Rockingham, a patron and friend, and prime
minister of Great Britain.

Tune: ROCKINGHAM L.M.
Anon.
Adapt. Edward Miller, 1790

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*Isa. 32:2; Gal. 6:14**Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872; alt.*

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I glad - ly take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus with - in my mind I see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of Christ's face;

A home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my griev - ing heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess—
 Con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of Christ's glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

Elizabeth Clephane was known during her short lifetime for her charitable work in her hometown of Melrose, Scotland. After her death, this hymn was compiled from several stanzas of a longer poem that had appeared in a popular Scottish religious magazine.

Tune: ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.8.6.8.6.8.6.
 Frederick C. Maker, 1881

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Pat Forward
Acolyte: Abby Dennis
Ushers: Doug Privitt
Greeters: Audrey Lasley
Technology Booth:
Hospitality: Jo Ellen Grace
Council Steward: Lorry Dreier/Brent Marcks

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: 2021 Confirmation Class
Acolyte: Kennedy Lucas
Ushers: Jason Schoeneberg
Greeters: Jolene Kirchhoff
Technology Booth:
Hospitality: Audrey Lasley
Council Stewards: Jessica Lucas



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CUCC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The CUCC Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. If you will be in college this fall, pick up an application in the church office. *All applications are due by April 1.*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH PASTOR RICK

Join Pastor Rick at 9:00 in the Sanctuary each Sunday for Adult Bible Study! We are working on a 6-week Sunday School Series on "Your Bible- The Study Begins." This introductory Bible course has much to offer everyone. We have had great crowds, and the class has been well received. Come join us Sunday mornings during Lent at 9:00 in the Sanctuary!

SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING LENT – FEBRUARY 21-MARCH 28, 2021

Preschool through High School Youth are celebrating each Sunday in Lent with a special Lent program organized and created by Lena Muench and Gina Pierson during the Sunday School hour, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Pre-registration for children and youth will be required in order to provide supervision and a safe, healthy environment. Click here to register: [Lenten Sunday School](#)

WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK STUDY WITH PASTOR RICK

We are on a journey through "The Last Week" by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crosson. This book studies in depth the last week of Jesus' life, and walks with him to the cross. Make this Lent meaningful by participating in this book study! Order your book today online, or pick up a copy in the church office.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	3/14	<i>CROP Walk Recognition Sunday</i> Daylight Savings Time Begins <i><u>Lenten Bible School Program</u></i> Worship (in person and livestream)	2:00am 9:00am 10:30am
Mon	3/15	Staff Meeting Loaves and Fishes Confirmation	10:15am 4:30pm 6:00pm
Tue	3/16	Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wed	3/17	Book Study- "The Last Week"	6:30pm
Sat	3/20	Fellowship Hall booked all day- Pinewood Derby	
Sun	3/21	<i>EMMAUS HOMES SUNDAY- CINDY CLARK HERE</i> <i><u>Lenten Bible School Program</u></i> Worship (in person and livestream)	9:00am 10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Beth Schoeneberg... health issues (Jason's mother)
Mary Rinne... recovering from back surgery (Donna Marsh's daughter)
Donna Wilmsmeyer... hospitalized; complications from pneumonia
Esther Rollins... health issues (Ed's mother)
Ed Rollins and Jess Wolfe... baby due any day now!
Amy... challenges in life (April Rothweiler's friend)
Jonathan Schultz... recovering from broken shoulder
Lloyd Viehland... recovering at home from cardiac event and procedure
Ardith Wilson... on hospice (Mark Wilson's mother)
Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothweiler's Aunt)

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);
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);
Christine Mseke; Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell;
Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)
Dennis Froeschner... anticipating knee replacement surgery
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

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— (due 3/23)

2020 Confirmation Class (Confirmation on delay until...?):

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly

2021 Confirmation Class:

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