

Columbia United Church Of Christ

May 21, 2023

“Faithful Apostles – Phillip”



CUCC

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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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Of Christ*



May 21, 2023

10:30 Worship

"Heritage Day"

*"... Sing to God, O Kingdoms of the earth;
Sing praises to the LORD!"
Psalm 68:32*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Amy Crousore

Gillard/arr. Honoré

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 68)

Lydia Whitacre

Sing to God; sing praises to God's name!

Lift up a song to God, Creator of all!

The LORD is our God, our Rock and Salvation.

Let everyone rejoice before God!

God is a loving parent to all in need;

God's provision is for all!

God lifts up the downtrodden;

God embraces the powerless!

Give Glory to God, whose majesty is over all!

God's love is abundant, steadfast, and true!

Blessings be to God!

Let all of Creation proclaim God's glory!

Come, let us worship God!

*Gathering Hymn

"We are One in the Spirit"

(insert)

*Opening Prayer

Lydia Whitacre

God of all time and space, You called our ancestors to ministry in this place, proclaiming Your love and glorifying Your name. We carry on their legacy, exemplifying Your love in the world. Forgive us for the times we forget our heritage of faith and act in ways that are contrary to Your provision. Teach us again to be Your servants, working towards Your will in the world. Remind us to embrace Your vision of justice and unity and work to make Jesus' dream come true: that all may be one, no matter who we are. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Jesus prayed that we may all be one, but our world teaches us differently. Even when we choose the ways of the world over the ways of Jesus, however, God forgives us and is ready to welcome us home. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved, and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response

“Sanctuary”

*Lord, prepare me to be a Sanctuary
Pure and Holy; tried and true!
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you!*

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!
And also with you!

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response:

“Halle-Hallelujah”

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(Sung as children return to their seats)

*Halle, Halle, Halle-luja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-luja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-luja!
Halleluja! Halleluja! (repeat)*

Anthem

“Oh, What a Beautiful City”

Zach Reinert

arr. Gale Jones Murphy

New Testament Lesson

Acts 8:26-38

Lydia Whitacre

Phillip is preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ in Samaria, and he is sent to preach to a nonbinary person, an Ethiopian Eunuch. According to Jewish taxonomy rules, eunuchs would not be welcome in God's presence (the Temple), but this message of Inclusion overrides the previous mandate of exclusion. The wisdom here is that all are welcome, affirmed, an included, no matter who they are . . .
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Gospel Reading

John 17:1, 6-8, 11, 20-21

Lydia Whitacre

Before he is lead away to be crucified, Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, knowing his betrayal is near. He expresses his most ardent prayer: that we may all come together, united. This prayer is the basis for our United Church of Christ motto: “That All May Be One.”
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Anthem "One Song" Celebration Singers
Pepper Choplin

Choir Recognition Brandon Brown & Pastor Rick

Sermon "Heritage Sunday – the 1960s" Pastor Rick

*Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" #386

*Affirmation of Faith (*United Church of Christ Statement of Faith*)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to Your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by Your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, You have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death, reconciling the world to Yourself.

You bestow upon us Your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ; binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into Your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be Your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust You forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, Your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in Your realm, which has no end. Blessing and honor, Glory and power be unto You. Amen.

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

Mission Moment “Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary”

Dr. Amanda Minear

Invitation to the Offering

To give online text “GIVE” to 573.240.4041
You can also give online by visiting our website:
www.columbiaucc.com

Offertory

“Waltz ”

Amy Crousore
arr. Carl Marie von Weber

*Prayer of Dedication

Lydia Whitacre

Take these gifts, O God, and use them to bring peace and justice to Your world; that all Your children may be lifted up and affirmed, and nations wage war no more. Let Your reign of peace rule in Your cities, gracious God, and let these gifts help make that peaceful reign a reality. 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

“Lead on, O King Eternal”

Amy Crousore
Smart/arr. Berry



If you try to fit God into your life, You will never have time for God.
If you try to fit your life into God, You will always have time for what matters.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Lydia Whitacre
Ushers:	Llona Weiss & Pat Forward
Greeters:	Anne Heine
Technology Booth:	Mike Pierson & Aidan Pierson
Hospitality:	Audrey Lasley
Council Stewards:	Tricia Price & Kristy Odneal

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Mahree Skala
Ushers:	
Greeters:	Susan Dunham
Technology Booth:	John Graves & Brent Marcks
Hospitality:	Brent Marcks
Council Stewards:	Kurt Heine

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NURSERY CARE is available for children in kindergarten and younger in room #201 in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

FOOD BANK – 5/23

Our next service date at the Food Bank is 5/23! Volunteers are wanted; the need is great! Sign up link was in the Friday email or talk to Mahree Skala.

END OF YEAR PICNIC/PENTECOST PARTY – 6/4

Our End of Year Picnic and Pentecost Party will be 6/4, and it will be a grand celebration! We will have a very special Sunday School program at 9:00 previewing this summer's Vacation Bible School, a BBQ lunch after worship, and a special 1970s themed Heritage event. Also in worship, we will recognize graduates, scholarship recipients, and install new Council members.

STAY AND LEARN – 6/11

The Health Ministry Care Team will be presenting a Stay and Learn forum after worship on 6/11! The presentation from "Aging Best" will be on "Keeping Your Keys – Staying Safe on the Road." Stick around after worship for this! For more information, talk to Anne Heine.

NEW CENTURY SANCTUARY WORK BEGINS

As of May 15, we have received \$136,585 (pledges included) towards our New Century Sanctuary! We said we would begin signing contracts once we received \$112,000. So we have begun! Work will begin June 12. We anticipate worshipping in the Fellowship Hall during the summer months, while construction happens in our Sanctuary. We hope to have the project done and be back in the Sanctuary by Rally Day, September 10; but that depends on contractors. Stay tuned for more details as the project unfolds!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	5/21	<i>ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY/POTLUCK</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Annual Meeting/Potluck	12:00 p.m.
Mon	5/22	NO Staff Meeting	
Tue	5/23	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Food Bank	5:30 p.m.
Wed	5/24	Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers Rehearsals	6:00/7:00 p.m.
Sun	5/28	Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.

***THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES NEXT WEEK!
COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL 6/4 AT 9:00 FOR A SPECIAL VBS PARTY!***

Summer Schedule begins June 11-

Fellowship Time-9:00 a.m. Worship-9:30 a.m.

10:30 worship and 9:00 Sunday School resume September 10

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

Shelby Oberle & Ryan Furney . . . Congratulations on the birth of baby Harper!

Harper Joyce Furney was born 5/10/23 weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz.

Andrea Waner... anticipating surgery tomorrow

Jean Strothman... hospitalized this week, health issues

Health Issues:

Ed Kaiser; Cliff Beckman; Jean Strothmann; Glenn Duermeyer;

Christine Mseke; John Adams; Shelly Adams

Neal Stumbo (Jean Strothmann's nephew)

Terry & Mike Freeman (friends of the Remeikas)

Alisa Lau Sieckman . . . recovering from surgery

Lynne Tsapelas . . . recovering from back surgery

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our partnership friend

Sheila . . . challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,

Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson,

Aaron Dachroeden, James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)



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*

494 They'll Know We Are Christians

Guitar capo: 1; play Em
Unison

Em

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

Am Em

we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

Am Em

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain C G C G Em Am

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love,

Em Am Bm Em

yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

Weave

495

E♭ Gm Fm E♭ Fm E♭

Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth - er in

Fm B♭ E♭ Gm Fm E♭

u- ni- ty and love. Weave, weave, weave us to - geth- er.

Fm E♭ B♭ E♭ A♭ E♭

Weave us to - geth - er, to - geth- er in love.

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

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