

Columbia United Church Of Christ

June 5, 2022

Pentecost



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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June 5, 2022

10:30 Worship

“Pentecost”

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

*“...I will sing to the LORD as long as I live...
I will sing praise to my God while I have being...”
-Psalm 104:33*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Amy Crousore
Akers/Hayes

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Aidan Pierson

*Call to Worship (from “Flames of the Spirit”)

Kaden Lucas

We have come to celebrate the Birthday of the Church.
We have come to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit!

**We have come to celebrate Pentecost
And to open our lives to God’s Spirit, that it may fill us.**

We gather to be transformed by God’s Holy Spirit;
We gather to be changed into something more than we are.

**Let us put our thoughts to God and God’s glory;
Let us open ourselves to God’s powerful love.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Gathering Hymn “Wind of the Spirit”

(insert)

*Opening Prayer

Kaden Lucas

Gracious God, Living, Eternal Spirit, we thank you that you seek us in tender loving care, lest any be lost. Help us, in the same way, to reach out toward all who may feel alienated or excluded from community. Forgive us for the times when we doubt, when we neglect to do your work, when we refuse the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Open our hearts, that we may be transformed by your powerful love. Send your Spirit upon us, that when we speak the word of your love, people may hear and understand in their own language, as on that Pentecost day so long ago. As you call the church into being, we pray that we may always live up to your ideal. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Day by day, they spent much time together, breaking bread and eating with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all people. This is the vision of the perfect church, called into existence by God's Holy Spirit. Yet even when we fall short of this ideal, God loves us and forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response "Spirit of the Living God"

#283

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!*

*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: "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!*

Recognizing Our Graduates

High School:

Josie Arms; Emmanuel Kibaro; Claire Kespohl;
Morgan Lavelly; Kaden Lucas; Devin Hall

College:

Sam Duncan; Mindy Jacobs; Ally Jaberg; Connor Kespohl

Reflection & Introductions

Pastor Rick

Presentation

Linda Neale & Lydia Whitacre

Presentation of Scholarships

Pastor Rick & Linda Neale

"The CUCC Scholarship Fund" was established in October, 2019. Applications are due by April 1 each year, and are open to any active member of Columbia United Church of Christ pursuing higher education. Applications are available in the church office. We had five applicants this year, all of whose applications were approved. Today we honor Brandon Brown, Hayley Dennis, Carissa Graves, Kaden Lucas and Lindsey Oberle with \$2000 scholarships.

Recognition of Leadership

Pastor Rick & Linda Neale

2021-2022 Sunday School Teachers

Affirmation of Ministry

Recognizing and installing the elected leaders of this church

Introduction & Presentation of The 2022-2023 Church Leadership Team

Affirmation of Servanthood

*Covenant

Members of this household of faith; you have heard the promises of our friends in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant together:

We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, to honor your leadership, and to assist you; that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

*Prayer

Installation & Declaration

Recognition of Retiring Officers/Leaders

Pentecost Lesson: Acts 2:1-8, 11-13, 37-47

Kaden Lucas
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Anthem "Come, Holy Spirit, Come"

Celebration Singers
Jalonda Robertson

Reflection: "The Perfect Church"

Pastor Rick

*Hymn: "On Pentecost They Gathered"
(Verses 1-3 only)

#272

Invitation to Communion

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer & Invocation

Blessing the Children "I Come With Joy"
(Verses 1-4 only)

#349

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

You will be invited to come forward via the center aisle to receive Communion from the Communion Stewards.

Communion Music “Variations on “Veni, Creator Spiritus” Amy Crousore
Plainsong /Hopson

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of awesome power; you called your disciples together and fired them up, sending them out into the world to celebrate your love and speak of your Wisdom. Like those first century disciples, we gather here today as well, hoping to be fired up and inspired by your Holy Spirit and praying that, like those first century disciples, we can change your world. We thank you for this meal, through which we remember Jesus’ ministry with us. We thank you for your Holy Spirit, that calls the church into being. Now we gather together as one church, uniting together in the prayer Jesus taught us:

*The LORD’s Prayer *(sung by the Congregation, led by Brandon Brown)*

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

Pastor Rick

Feeding God’s Sheep

“Strengthen the Church”

Mark Duncan

Invitation to the Offering

*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*

Offertory

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart”

Amy Crousore
Atkinson /Carter

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Rick

*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

“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Celebration Singers
Moses Hogan

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Kaden Lucas
Acolyte: Aidan Pierson
Ushers: John & Brenda Muench
Greeters: Carol Duermeyer
Technology Booth: Ted Dachroeden & Carissa Graves
Hospitality: Sue Ann Schaefer
Council Stewards: Sue Ann Schaefer & Tricia Price



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Lena Muench
Acolyte: Trevor Pierson
Ushers: Mark & Jane Duncan
Greeters:
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson & John Graves
Hospitality: Audrey Lasley
Council Stewards: Mark Duncan & Kristy Odneal

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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!

LODO PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPEN

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 School Year is in full swing! Please share with friends and family to let them know that we have **limited space available** for Fall 2022! Interested families should contact Erika Maltsbarger at 573-445-2661 or LittleOnesDayOut@yahoo.com or for availability and to schedule a tour.

LOOKING FOR SINGERS, INSTRUMENTALISTS

Summer is fast approaching— and Brandon is making summer music plans! Would you like to participate in an ensemble, or sing a solo for our anthem one Sunday? Are you part of an instrumental group that could come and join us for worship one week? We are looking for musical offerings for our Sunday anthems from June 12– mid August. If you are able to help out, contact Brandon Brown!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	6/5	Sunday School– VBS Preview! Fellowship Time Worship (in person and livestream) <i>Sunday School End of Year Picnic</i>	9:00am 10:00am 10:30am <i>11:30am</i>
Mon	6/6	Nurture & Education Appetizer Meeting	6:15pm
Tue	6/7	Quilters Music & Worship Ministry Team	10:00am 6:30pm
Wed	6/8	Prayer Shawl Team	6:00pm
Thu	6/9	Women's Fellowship Trip	9:00am
Fri	6/10	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	6/12	<i>FIRST SUNDAY OF SUMMER SCHEDULE</i> Fellowship Time Worship (in person and livestream)	9:00am 9:30am

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

We will begin our Summer Schedule June 12
Fellowship Time 9:00-9:30
Worship 9:30

*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*

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The family and friends of Chuck Boots... on their loss (Doug Privitt's friend)

Holly Boots... recovering from severe burns (Doug Privitt's friend)

The family and friends of Clyde Kickhaefer... on their loss (Lydia's friend)

Families in Buffalo, NY... grieving their loss

Families in Uvalde, Texas... grieving their loss

Families in Tulsa, Oklahoma... grieving their loss

Schoolchildren and their families everywhere... in the wake of gun violence

Judy Kaiser... recovering at home

Tiffany Brookshire... recovering from surgeries

Corine Remeika... recovering from knee surgery

Levi Markway... health issues (Tim & Jo Ellen Grace's son-in-law)

The People of Ukraine... standing up to Russian oppression

The People of Russia... manipulated by their leadership

The People of Afghanistan... trying to live in a decimated country

Refugees everywhere... mourning their losses, looking for relief

The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our partnership friend

Alexis... on heart transplant list (Elaine Trout's friend's granddaughter)

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,

Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christine Mseke;

Gene Kelly... living with cancer (Jim & Connie Loveless's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,

Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson, Dane Wilson

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:

Phyllis Byrd... serving in Kenya

2022 Confirmation Class:

Danielle Dreier, Aidan Pierson, Trevor Pierson; Lawson Flood-Lorber