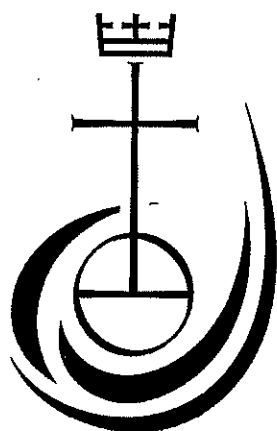


# Columbia United Church Of Christ

May 8, 2022  
Mother's Day



# CUCC

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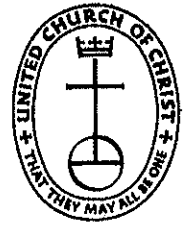
## **CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:**

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.

*Columbia  
United Church  
Of Christ*



*May 8, 2022*

*10:30 Worship*

*"Mother's Day"*

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

*"...The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want..."*

*-Psalm 23:1*

Easter Affirmation

Pastor Rick

Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen, Indeed!**

Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"He Leadeth Me"

Amy Crousore  
*Bradbury/Brattsker*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

\*Call to Worship

*(based on Psalm 23)*

Pat Forward

God, You are our Shepherd; we want for nothing.  
You bring us pastoral peace and comfort!

**God brings us blessings and Salvation,  
Restoring our souls!**

You lead us through the depths of despair;  
Through the darkest valleys of life.

**We do not fear misery or evil;  
For God is with us, guiding us and protecting us!**

You shower us with abundant blessings;  
Healing and restoring us, we are forever yours!

**God's Goodness and Mercy will pursue us always;  
And we will endeavor to dwell in God's House forever!  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Gathering Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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\*Opening Prayer

Pat Forward

**Creative God; like a mother, you guide us, showering us with love  
and inspiring us to live into our fullest potential. Like a mother, you  
give us unconditional love, accepting us and affirming us and**

**embracing us no matter what. Forgive us for the times when we forget the lessons of your love. Teach us to embrace the possibilities you offer us and have confidence in your call; that we, like Lydia, may serve you fully. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Paul brought the Good News of Jesus' life and ministry to Lydia, and her whole household was transformed. That same grace is ours to embrace as well; even when we neglect to pursue it. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

\*Prayer Response "Halle-Halle-Halleluja"

*Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!  
Hallelujah! Halle-lu-ja!*

\*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:

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*(Sung as children return to their seats)*

**I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.**

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

**No turning back, no turning back.**

New Testament Lesson: Acts 9:36-42

Pat Forward

*One of the early woman disciples was Tabitha, whose story is recounted here. She was well known for her devotion to the ministry of the Apostles and the mission of Jesus Christ. She became ill and died. Peter, grieving the loss, resurrected her. News of this travelled across the region and many came to believe in Jesus.* (page #894)

Gospel Lesson: John 10:1-11

Pat Forward

*Jesus talks about being the Good Shepherd, caring for his flock, God's people in the world.* (page #872)

Anthem	“A Virtuous Woman ”	Celebration Singers <i>Guy Robinson</i>
Sermon:	“Acts of the Apostles”	Pastor Rick
*Hymn:	“God of the Women”	(insert)
*Mother’s Day Prayer Litany		Pastor Rick

*In recognition of all who fill nurturing and supportive roles in our Christian Community, mothers and others of every gender identity and sexual orientation, we give thanks for their faithful guidance.*

Creator God; like a mother eagle teaching her young to fly,  
You push us to stretch our wings while continuing to lift us up.

**We thank you, God, for nurturing us.**

Like a mother bear, furious when her cubs are in danger,  
You bring justice on those who practice oppression.

**We thank you, God, for nurturing us.**

Like a Mother’s arms wrapped around us,  
Your Holy Spirit comforts us and keeps us safe.

**We thank you, God, for nurturing us.**

Creative God, we know that you have placed special helpers in our lives;  
and in thanksgiving we praise you for the gift of all who are nurturers in  
our lives; mothers and others who support us.

**We thank you for their willingness to nurture us, for their trust in  
you to guide them through the fears in their role.**

We thank you also, nurturing God, for those who may not have been our  
mothers, but give us an abundant life:

**We thank you for teachers, relatives, grandparents, siblings,  
pastors, elders, supervisors, mentors, spouses and friends who share  
their wisdom with us.**

We ask your tender mercies on all those whose mothers now sing with  
the heavenly chorus; and whose tears are not yet dry from losing them.

**Grant them your peace, which passes all understanding.**

We pray for mothers and children who are alienated from each other by  
harsh words, distance, or misunderstanding; and those who are not able  
at this time to live into their parental roles.

**Grant them your grace to forgive each other and love again.**

We pray for those whose sons and daughters defend our way of life as  
firefighters, officers of the law, and in the military

**Grant them confidence in your presence with their children in the every day risks of their important vocations.**

**God, we give thanks for all these nurturers in our lives, and your love that continues to embrace us. 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

Feeding God's Sheep

"Blanket Sunday"

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](http://www.columbiaucc.com)*

Offertory

"Presto Assai "

Amy Crousore  
Johann Wilhelmina Hässler

\*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

"Voluntary on "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" Amy Crousore  
Williams/Livingston

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Pat Forward  
**Acolyte:**  
**Ushers:** Melba Shaffer  
**Greeters:** Audrey Lasley  
**Technology Booth:** Matt Lucas & John Graves  
**Hospitality:** Jo Ellen Grace  
**Council Stewards:** Linda Neale & Sue Ann Schaefer



## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Confirmation Class  
**Acolyte:** Confirmation Class  
**Ushers:** John & Brenda Muench  
**Greeters:**  
**Technology Booth:** Mike Pierson & Ted Dachroeden  
**Hospitality:** Audrey Lasley  
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### 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 Maltzbarger at 573-445-2661 or [LittleOnesDayOut@yahoo.com](mailto:LittleOnesDayOut@yahoo.com) or for availability and to schedule a tour. Additional information can be found at [www.columbiaucc.com/lodohome](http://www.columbiaucc.com/lodohome).

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND POT LUCK

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is May 15, and we will have a Pot Luck meal to share prior to the meeting! Bring your dish to share before worship, and stick around after for our meal and meeting! There are a few issues to discuss and vote on at the meeting. Plan to attend!

### 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	5/8	<i>Mother's Day</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
Mon	5/9	Staff Meeting	10:30am
		Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	6:30pm
Tue	5/10	Quilters	10:00am
		Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team	6:30pm
Wed	5/11	Confirmation	6:00pm
		Chancel Ringers Rehearsal	6:00pm
		Celebration Singers Rehearsal	7:00pm
		Sabbatical Team	7:30pm
Thu	5/12	Women's Fellowship	9:30am
Sat	5/14	Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary School Picnic	12:00pm
Sun	5/15	<i>Annual Meeting Sunday</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Pot Luck & Annual Meeting	12:00pm

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

*Please keep in your prayers this week...*

The family of Rev. Connie Tanis... on their loss  
The family of Sharon Tiemann... on their loss (April Rothweiler's Aunt)  
Corine Remika... anticipating knee surgery this week

Levi Markway... health issues (Tim & Jo Ellen Grace's son-in-law)  
Clyde... living with cancer (Lydia Whitacre's friend)  
Laura Whitacre... recovering from foot surgery

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:*

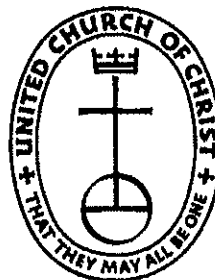
Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson, Dane Wilson  
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)  
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);  
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

## *UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:*

Danielle Murray-Knowles... serving in Lesotho

## *2022 Confirmation Class:*

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





# For the Beauty of the Earth

*St. 1-3, Foliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.  
St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993*

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,  
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,  
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

*Refrain*

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

*Foliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.*

Tune: DIX 7.7.7. with refrain  
Conrad Kocher, 1838  
Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

# Let Heaven Your Wonders Proclaim

*Ps. 89:1-2, 8-17*

*The Iona Community, 1991*

*Refrain, in unison*

Let heav-en your won-ders pro-claim, let an-gels your faith-ful-ness praise,

## **God Of the Women**

SLANE 10.10.9.10 ("Be Thou My Vision")

God of the women who answered your call,  
Trusting your promises, giving their all,  
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth —  
Give us their courage to live in your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,  
Giving their resources, learning to pray,  
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more —  
May we give freely as they did before.

God of the women who ran from the tomb,  
Prayed with the others in that upper room,  
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day —  
May we so gladly proclaim you today.

O God of Tabitha, ministers all,  
May we be joyful in answering your call.  
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near  
That we may share in your ministry here.

Tune: Traditional Irish melody ("Be Thou My Vision")

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