

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

February 9, 2020

Hidden Figures in Black History



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**Columbia United Church of Christ**

## **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

"Inclusion Sunday"

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

*"...Praise God!*

*Happy are those who know God;  
Who delight greatly in God's commandments..."*

*-Psalm 112:1*

Welcome and Greetings

James Melton

Prelude

"Adagio"

Amy Crousore  
Josef Haydn

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Riley Hayward

\*Call to Worship

Alisa Lau-Sieckman

God, you call us to full inclusion of all people;  
No matter who they are or where they are on life's journey.

**Responding to Jesus' call to love everyone fully,  
We gather as people who intentionally welcome and affirm all.**

You call us to lift up those who have been overlooked;  
Disenfranchised because of the color of their skin.

**Like Jesus brought justice to those overlooked,  
We strive to do the same.**

You call us to correct the injustices of history;  
To restore dignity, to claim identity, to love fully.

**We celebrate the sacrificial love of the hidden figures;  
Those who have been forgotten and neglected.**

**As we gather here today, we gather to lift up their faith,  
Expressed in their devotion to service.**

**Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn

"We Are One in the Spirit"

(insert)

\*Opening Prayer

Tricia Price

**God of justice; your people cry out for equity. Your people cry out for due recognition for their service and their passion for furthering your mission in the world. Too often, we have been complicit in systems of neglect; disenfranchising contributors to our cultural advancement and scientific knowledge because of the color of their**

**skin. Forgive us for our indifference. Open our eyes to the contributions of all your children and how the diverse pieces of your Creation fit together to glorify you. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Elaine Trout

God loves us all; and God forgives all our shortcomings. God knows when we have stumbled and God forgives. It is that simple. No matter who we are or what we have done; no matter the color of our skin or any other factor, we are blessed and beloved; Praise be to God!

\*Prayer Response "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus;  
Look full in his wonderful face;  
And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace!**

\*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Alisa Lau-Sieckman

*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

Lena Muench

"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.**

Inclusion Anthem

Celebration Singers

"Every Time I Hear the Spirit"

*Ruth Schram*

Living our Mission

"Food Bank"

Mahree Skala

Psalter Lesson:

Psalm 112:1-9

Lindsey Oberle

*The Psalmist talks about those who develop a relationship with God are faithful for many generations, serving as a light in the darkness for others to follow*

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Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 5:13-20

Lindsey Oberle

*Jesus, continuing his Inaugural Address (Sermon on the Mount) tells the crowds that they are the Salt of the Earth. What does this mean? How have the "hidden figures" in our history "salted" our culture in ways that, like salt, may be invisible but make our world more palatable?*

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Sermon

“Hidden Figures”

Alisa Lau-Sieckman & Tricia Price

\*Meditation Hymn

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

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*Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn*

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

Steve Keithahn

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

James Melton

Presenting our Gifts

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Amy Crousore

*Joseph Parry*

*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)*

\*Response

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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**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

Elaine Trout

**God of love; you call your disciples to follow you all the way to the cross. We yearn to be one of these disciples. We covenant today to follow in your will and your way, to embody your example of love in our lives. The gifts we give today are examples of that willingness to serve. Take them and use them to shower your world with love and to restore dignity for all your children. Amen.**

\*Benediction

Alisa Lau-Sieckman & Tricia Price

\*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

"Joy, Joyful Joy"

Amy Crousore  
Robert Thygerson

**Sometimes, I want to ask God a few questions...**

**With all of God's power...**

**Why does God allow poverty to exist in the world?**

**Famine? Hunger? Injustice?**

**Cruelty and torture?**

**I want to ask, why does God to allow these things to exist in  
the world when God could do something about it?**

**But I am afraid to ask God...**

**...because I am afraid God might  
ask me the same Question...**



*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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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** Cliff & Sue Beckman  
**Ushers:** Don Helmreich & Doug Privitt  
**Worship Leader:** Inclusion Team  
**Acolyte:** Riley Hayward  
**Sound Booth:** Dennis Froeschner  
**Hospitality:** ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***  
**Council Steward:** James Melton



## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** Judi Privitt & Stefanie Zimny  
**Ushers:** Charlie Marcks & Brent Marcks  
**Worship Leader:** Llona Weiss  
**Acolyte:** Raelyn Zimny  
**Sound Booth:** Doug Privitt  
**Hospitality:** ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***  
**Council Steward:** Pete Jaberg

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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 leave it in the offering plate when it is passed. 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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### **SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS**

If you are a graduating Senior or are attending college currently, applications are available in the church office for scholarships from the NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND! Applications are due in the church office by April 1.

### **PHOTO SITTINGS FOR DIRECTORY UPDATE**

The Membership & Care Ministry Team is signing people up for our Pictorial Directory update after worship today! If you did not have your picture in the old directory, now is your chance to have it in the new one! Check in at the table in the narthex. Photo sittings will be February 21 & 22.

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The annual Habitat for Humanity Pancake Breakfast will be February 22 from 7:00-11:00am. To purchase tickets see Doug Privitt, Brent Marcks, John Graves, or another member of the Men's Fellowship.

### **TRANSGENDER AND CHRISTIAN**

CUCC, along with other churches in Columbia, is sponsoring an event at First Baptist Church, "Transgender and Christian" featuring transgender theologian Austen Hartke. Austen will be speaking on February 21 and 22 on the intersectionality of these topics and discussing how transgender people fit into the Christian narrative. All are welcome!

### **BOOK STUDY IN MARCH**

Pastor Rick will be hosting a daytime Book Study on the book "Transgender and Christian" in March, as a follow up to Austen Hartke's presentation at the end of February. The time for the Book Study is TBD (possibly Wednesdays at noon), but we will utilize Zoom technology so people can participate from home or work using their laptop or cell phone. Copies of the book are available in the church office.

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	2/9	<b><i>Inclusion Sunday/Black History Month</i></b>	
		Fellowship Time/Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am
Mon	2/10	LODO Advisory Board Meeting	5:45pm
Tue	2/11	Quilters	9:00am-2:00pm
		Food Bank	5:30pm
Wed	2/12	Bells/Choir	6:30pm/7:30pm
		Confirmation	6:30pm
Thu	2/13	Women's Fellowship	9:30am
		Inclusion Team	7:00pm
Sun	2/16	Fellowship Time/Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am

# **Columbia UCC Prayer List**

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

The Family of the Rev. Dr. Libby Brueseke ... on their loss (Oberle's friend)

The family of Mary Loveless... on their loss (Jim's Mother)

The family of Sharon Koch... on their loss (Lisa Jaberg's mother)

Gladys Koepke... health issues after a fall (Gene's mother)

Rev. Dr. David Beebe... living with cancer (Oberle's friend)

Jo Ellen Grace's brother... living with cancer

Prayers for the successful outcome of an upcoming surgery (1/26)

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Remeika/Johnson family

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family;

## *Health Issues:*

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Kathy Kindrick; Christie O'Very;  
Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Sharon Elliott; Rev. Jim Elliott; Shirley Lawler;

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Sue Beckman; Wayne Gartner (Laura's brother)

Pat Enos (Alisa's brother-in-law)

## *Pregnancies in our church family:*

Makayla Smith and Joey Oberle

Coleen & Tim Williams (Bullerd's daughter)

## *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, Chuck Sheller (Oberles' friends);

Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

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

Fiyori Kidane, serving in Greece

## *2020 Confirmation Class:*

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly

*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.*