

Columbia United Church Of Christ



July 7, 2024
"Independence"



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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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9:30 a.m.

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

*"... Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!"
-Psalm 48:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Ashokan Farewell"

Jay Ungar

Earl Coleman, violin; Connie Loveless, accompanist

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 48)

Tricia Soncasie

Praise God!

In the community of our LORD, may God's praises resound!

God's presence brings us joy;

God's community bows down in worship!

God's community is established forever;

God's presence is known to all nations!

We ponder God's Steadfast Love;

God's name reaches to the ends of the earth!

Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn

"O For a World"

#575

*Opening Prayer

Tricia Soncasie

God of grace; as we hear the stories of Your people carrying out Your will in the world, we pray that we may also faithfully serve. We hear the trials and journeys of David in his quest for faithful servant leadership, and strive to be equal to the task. For the times we fail in this journey, we ask Your forgiveness. Strengthen us for the adventure You have set before us, and help us to glorify You. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God calls us into service, to work together for Their glory; but even when we fail to listen to this call, God forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

Sermon "The Responsibility of Independence" Pastor Rick

*Hymn "For the Healing of the Nations" #576

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

The LORD's Prayer

In an effort to encourage inclusion, we suggest using the address "Creator God" in our unison recitation of The Lord's Prayer. You are certainly welcome to say "Our Father" instead of "Creator," "Trespases" instead of "debts," or "Thy" instead of "Your" if you prefer.

Creator God in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

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 "Romanze" Steve Jannetti
Frank J. Hayden

*Prayer of Dedication Tricia Soncasie

Creator God, You call us to be partners in Christ's service. Recognizing this call, we give these gifts to You; that they may be used to feed the spiritually hungry, quench the spiritually thirsty, and enliven those whose souls are yearning for Your love. Through these gifts we embody Your call to go out into the world and proclaim Your reality of justice and love. 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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Steve Jannetti
Runyon/Keveren

WELCOME EARL COLEMAN

A renowned musician, vocalist and teacher, Earl Coleman has applied his considerable talents to help others become successful performers in their own right. Many of those students remember Coleman as the teacher who made a difference in their lives. Thanks to his guidance and coaching, some of them have been nominated for Oscar, Emmy, Grammy and Tony awards and performed in opera houses, musical theaters and symphonies across the country.

Coleman recently retired from Columbus State University in Georgia where he served as Curry Eminent Faculty Scholar Chair in Voice and Dean. His teaching career has included time at Hickman High School, Columbia College, Stephens College and University of Missouri; The Barstow School in Kansas City; Bemidji State University; University of Tennessee-Chattanooga; University of Memphis; and University of Michigan.

A seasoned baritone who has sung with more than 60 orchestras, Coleman earned a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees in voice and violin performance and education from the MU School of Music. He also trained at The Julliard School, University of Michigan, Aspen Music Festival and Chautauqua Institute. In 2007, his friends, family and former students established the Earl Coleman Music Scholarship in MU's School of Music. We are honored to have Professor Coleman with us this morning!

CAMP FIRELIGHT- VBS 2024

Camp Firelight- VBS 2024 is coming soon!

There are many great opportunities for you to help out!

- **Register attendees-** Registration ends this Wednesday, July 10! Have you signed your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews up yet? No time like the present! Sign up sheets are available in the Gathering Area.
- **Volunteer-** Want to have a fun filled, inspirational time? Sign up to help at VBS! You can sign up for one, two, or three days as a teacher, assistant, working with arts & crafts or science stations, clean up, or any number of areas. Sign up sheets are available in the Gathering Area.
- **Donate Supplies-** We have a wish list! See the display in the Gathering Area for more information on what is needed.
- **Donate Money-** Though VBS is funded through our CUCC Budget, your financial donations will help fund this great ministry
- **Loan us decorations-** we are in need of some "campy" supplies to really decorate the church for Camp! Can we borrow your supplies? Check out the VBS display in the Gathering Area for our "beg and borrow" list!

Visit our display in the Gathering Area to sign up for any of these opportunities, or follow the links that were in the Friday email. There are QR codes to scan on our display as well that lead you to our registration page and with lists Got questions? talk to Lena Muench or Gina Pierson!

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Tricia Soncasie
Ushers:	Llona Weiss & Audrey Lasley
Greeters:	Jolene Kirchhoff
Technology:	Brent Marcks & Lorry Dreier
Hospitality:	Lena Muench & Mary Lorber
Council Stewards:	Lena Muench & Mary Lorber



Online giving

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Audrey Lasley
Ushers:	Pat Forward & Mark Duncan
Greeters:	Judi Privitt
Technology:	Doug Privitt & Judi Privitt
Hospitality:	Mark Duncan, Kristin Veteto, Judi Privitt
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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!

SIGN UP NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Camp Firelight, our 2024 Vacation Bible School program, will be July 29-31 from 5:15-8:15 p.m. each evening for ages 3 through finishing 5th grade. Supper will be served at 5:15 p.m. Participants and volunteers must register; registration ends this Wednesday! Visit our church website: www.columbiaucc.com to register! For more information, talk to Lena Muench or Gina Pierson.

TAIZÉ PRAYER AND MEDITATION 7/3-7/24

Join us Wednesday evenings from July 3-24 for special mid-week worship services based on practices originating with Taizé Spiritual Community in France. These services, hosted by Steve Jannetti, will feature songs, prayers, and silent meditation to help us connect more fully with God's presence. The service will last 30 minutes, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the church Sanctuary.

CREATION JUSTICE STAY AND LEARN 7/14

CUCC is forming a Creation Care Team to discern how God is calling us to live into our stewardship responsibility at a time when the earth is, in many ways, imperiled by human actions. After worship on Sunday, July 14, we will gather for a "stay and learn" in the Fellowship Hall to talk about first steps. If you are interested in any aspect of creation care we'd love to see you there!

MOBILITY WORLDWIDE CRAFT BEER & CARTS- 7/14

The annual fundraiser for Mobility Worldwide will be held next Sunday, July 14 at the Farmer's Market Pavilion! All are welcome to attend. We are sponsoring a cart for the gathering; donations are welcome! We have a goal of raising \$800 towards the effort. For more information talk to Mark Duncan or Jessica Jenks.

SUMMER BOOK STUDY STARTING 7/21

Shelly Adams will be leading a summer book study after worship for four Sundays beginning 7/21. The book is, "Green Faith: Mobilizing God's People to Save the Earth" by Fletcher Harper. *If you would like a book, please let Shelly know; she will be ordering them soon.*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	7/7	<i>Baptism of Joseph Heine</i>	
		Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30 a.m.
Mon	7/8	Membership & Care Ministry Team	5:00 p.m.
Wed	7/10	Taizé Service	6:30 p.m.
Fri	7/12	Pastor Rick's day off	
Sun	7/14	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30 a.m.
		Green Team	11:00 a.m.
		Craft Beer & Carts	12:00-4:00 p.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

Abraham... Health issues (Mahree's nephew)

Michael Elliott and his family... health issues

Lena's Friend... recovering from surgery

Steve Price... recovering from surgery

Jennifer... diagnosed with cancer (Edie Diel's niece)

Joanne Good... health issues (Sue Beckman's friend)

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

The people of Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine

Health Issues:

John Adams, Cheryl Cobb, John Graves, Barry Kirchoff

Connie Hackman Fairley, Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's niece)

Challenges in Life:

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families, Steve (Pastor Rick's Cousin)

Living in Care Facilities:

Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank,

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Helen Graves, Don Privitt, Alice Moon

Serving us in the military:

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden, Jeffrey Sanderson

Did you know we have a Prayer Team here at CUCC, lifting up the prayer concerns of our congregation? If you are interested in joining our Prayer Team or have a prayer request for our team to lift up please contact

*Melba Shaffer (573) 474-2997 whals@centurytel.net
Or Tricia Soncasie (314) 374-7477 tsoncasie@aol.com*

We are on Summer Schedule!
Worship starts at 9:30 a.m.
June 9-September 1

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*

O for a World

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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32–35; 1 Cor. 1:26–31; 1 Pet. 3:8–12



1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1828

Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

John Ylvisaker, 1985; alt

Unison

D7 G D G D G D

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

G D G D7 G D

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

G D G C D7 G

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

G/B C G

I was there when you were but a child, with a
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

John Ylvisaker is the composer of a number of collections of music in the "contemporary" or "folk" idiom, as well as soundtracks for various media productions. This is perhaps his best-known song.

Tune: BORNING CRY 9.7.9.6.D.
John Ylvisaker, 1985

Am D G G/B C

faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A7 D *to beginning*

wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

For the Healing of the Nations

Fred Kaan, 1965

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

Fred Kaan's most widely published text was first sung at Pilgrim Church in Plymouth, England, at a service of worship marking Human Rights Day in 1965. It has been used for many subsequent occasions, including the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Henry Purcell, c. 1680
 Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

2 Samuel 5:1-5;9-10

1 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, “Look, we are your bone and flesh.

2 For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.”

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

5 At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

9 David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward.

10 And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

Mark 36:1-13

1 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.

2 On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!

3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

4 Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.”

5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.

6 And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he

went about among the villages teaching.

7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;

9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10 He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.

11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”

12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.

13 They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.