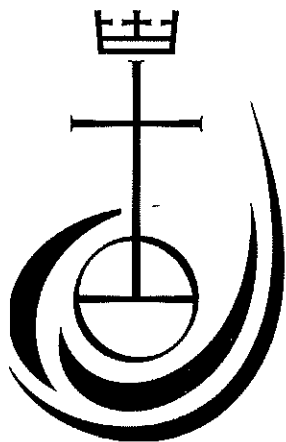


# Columbia United Church Of Christ

March 26, 2023

“Women’s History Month”



# CUCC

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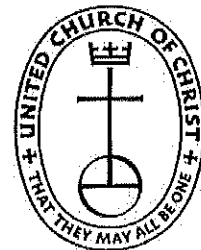
## **CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:**

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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United Church  
Of Christ*



March 26, 2023

10:30 a.m.

"Lazarus Sunday"

*"The Chief Priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Council and said, "what are we to do? This man is performing many signs.*

*If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him,  
and the Romans will come and destroy both our  
Holy Place (Temple) and our nation..."*

*- John 11:47*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"The Lamb"

Amy Crousore  
Coleman/arr. Folkemer

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Call to Worship

*(Based on Psalm 130)*

Kennedy Lucas

Out of the depths of despair, we cry out to You, O God;  
God, hear our voices and listen with attentive ears!

**We know that God does not hold our trespasses against us;  
God forgives all our sins of separation!**

God, we wait for Your assurance and deliverance;  
Our souls wait for You, and in You, we have hope.

**Our souls yearn for God,  
Even more than those who watch for the morning,  
Even more than those who watch for the morning!**

God, we trust in Your Steadfast Love;  
We trust in Your great power to redeem us!

**We place our hope in God's promises!  
We trust in God's Steadfast Love!  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Gathering Hymn

"Bring Many Names"

#11

\*Opening Prayer

Kennedy Lucas

**God of love, we ask that you strengthen our faith, that it may be strong enough to see us through even the most difficult times. We marvel at the faith of Mary and Martha which, even at the death of their brother, never failed. Open our hearts that we may receive a**

portion of this abundant faith in our own lives. You know that there have been times in our lives when our faith has faltered; forgive us for these moments of disbelief. Help us to repent, to turn back to you, and to receive the new life you have to offer. Open our hearts, that we may love you back. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Like Lazarus, even death cannot keep us from the love of God. God's presence is eternally ours, and God's grace is active in our lives every day. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved, and blessed. Praise be to God!

\*Prayer Response

"Weave"

*Weave, weave, weave us together!  
Weave us together in unity and love!  
Weave, weave, weave us together!  
Weave us together; together in love!*

\*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!*

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 130

Kennedy Lucas

*In this psalm of lament, the author cries out to God for restoration. He speaks of his faith in God and his assurance of God's Steadfast Love.*

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Gospel Reading

John 11:1-48 *(selected verses)*

Kennedy Lucas

*Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, upsetting the Chief Priests and the Pharisees, and setting in motion a series of events that would ultimately lead to his death.*

*(page #873)*

Anthem "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Celebration Singers  
Gilbert M. Martin

Sermon "Fear and Faith" Pastor Rick

\*Hymn "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" #433

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. 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

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

"Lamentation"

Amy Crousore  
Gerald Peterson

\*Prayer of Dedication

Kennedy Lucas

**God of new life, You fill us with hope. Today, we share a bit of that hope with the world through our offerings. Take them, and use them to make Your Kingdom a reality right here on earth. 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

"Joy Eternal"

Amy Crousore  
Garrett Parker

# THE NEW CENTURY SANCTUARY!

## Celebrating our Past, Embracing our Future

Over the past 54 years, generations of Columbia United Church of Christ members and friends have gathered in this beloved Sanctuary to worship and glorify God. We have celebrated baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals together here, embracing God's presence in these life moments while embracing our shared community.

But now, our beloved Sanctuary is in a state of physical decline. The carpet is stained and threadbare, the ceiling and walls are faded and stained, the chancel backdrop is ripped and peeling, and the windows are rattling in their frames. It is time for a facelift.

To that end, we have put together plans for a

## NEW CENTURY SANCTUARY!

Details for this plan can be found on the CUCC Website, or in the brochure previously enclosed. The estimated cost for this project is \$150,000; any excess funds will be deposited in the Building & Grounds Designated Fund (invested with United Church Funds) for future building needs.

**We hope to have 75% of the funds needed pledged or received by June 30.** So in the next few months, you will be hearing much discussion around this topic, and you will receive several appeals from your church. Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to respond!

A gift from **YOU** is necessary to help us reach our goal of \$150,000.

You can give by scanning the QR code on the next page, or by texting the word "GIVE" to 573.240.4041. Select "New Century Sanctuary Campaign" from the dropdown menu. If you would rather, you can mail checks to the church office. We are also equipped to handle stock or mutual fund donations or QCD contributions from an IRA. You can even defer a significant contribution over time.

For more information on donation options, talk to Sue Ann Schaefer, Brent Marcks (Team Recording Treasurer), Keith Birkes, or Paula Wilson; for details on the remodeling plan, talk to Mike Pierson, Team Chair.

*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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Worship Leader: Kennedy Lucas  
Acolyte:  
Ushers: Charlie Marcks & John Graves  
Greeters: Helen Schultz  
Technology Booth: Dominick Lee & Brent Marcks  
Hospitality: Sue Ann Schaefer  
Council Stewards: Sue Ann Schaefer & Brent Marcks

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Mahree Skala  
Acolyte:  
Ushers:  
Greeters: Helen Schultz  
Technology Booth: Brent Marcks & Josh Muench  
Hospitality: Brent Marcks  
Council Stewards: Mike Pierson & Tricia Price



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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!

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Scholarship Applications for ACTIVE CUCC members are available in the church office. All applications are due by April 1.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP AT MEMORIAL BAPTIST**

Amy Crousore and the Celebration Singers will be joining with the choir of Memorial Baptist Church (1634 Paris Rd) for their 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service focusing on Theodore Dubois' *Seven Last Words of Christ*. We will rehearse on Wednesdays at CUCC at 8 p.m. There will be no Maundy Thursday worship at CUCC this year; we are all encouraged to attend Memorial.

**EASTER BREAKFAST**

In honor of our 100th Anniversary, the Women's Fellowship and the Men's Fellowship are putting together a BIG EASTER BREAKFAST! They will be serving pancakes, sausages, egg casseroles, muffins, cinnamon rolls, and other goodies from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday! Come and eat breakfast with your church family to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus! Easter Egg Hunt, stories, and games for youth will begin at 9:00. It will be a great day!

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	3/26	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team	12:00 p.m.
Mon	3/27	NO Staff Meeting	
		Membership & Care Ministry Team	3:00 p.m.
Tue	3/28	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Food Bank	5:30 p.m.
Wed	3/29	NO Choir/Bells Rehearsals	
Fri	3/31	Fellowship Hall Booked	All Day
Sun	4/2	<b><i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i></b>	
		Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Fellowship Hall Booked	1:00-5:00 p.m.

# **Columbia UCC Prayer List**

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

Becky Weston . . . recovering from a procedure last week

Cliff Beckman . . . health issues

Joan Bentlage . . . recovering from a stroke

Lynne Tsapelas . . . anticipating back surgery in April

Sharon Crousore . . . Recovering from cardiac surgery

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

Columbia Public Schools Administration . . . as they serve our scholars

Sheila . . . challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

## *Health Issues:*

Glenn Duermeyer, Levi Markway, Christine Mseke

Neal Stumbo . . . Jean Strothmann's nephew

John Adams . . . health issues

## *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, Jeffrey Sanderson,

Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden, Tim Isom (Oberles' friend)

James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

## *Pregnancies in our church family:*

Hannah Duncan & Ben Bashinski

Shelby Oberle & Ryan Furney

*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*



# Women's History Month

A Word From Your Inclusion and Affirmation Ministry Team

To complete this month's focus on Women and Girl's equality, we delve into a tough subject, child marriage.

**Girls Not Brides** is a partnership of over 1,600 organizations that fight to eliminate child marriage around the world. It defines child marriage as "any formal or informal union where one or both parties are under 18 years old." It reports that every minute 23 underage girls are forced into marriage.

Created in 2011, the vision was and is to create a world without child marriage where girls and women enjoy equal status with boys and men and are able to achieve their full potential in all aspects of their lives. Together, their goals are:

- Collaborate to prevent child marriage and to support girls who are already married.
- Amplify the voices of girls at risk; defend their right to health, education, and happiness.
- Raise awareness of the harmful impact of these unions.



# GIRLS NOT BRIDES

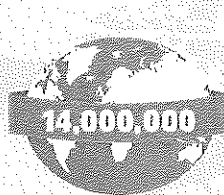
# Say NO to Child Marriage

- Facilitate learning and coordination between organizations to end this practice.
- Mobilize all necessary policy, financial and other support to end child marriage.

This is not just a third world problem. Child marriage happens in the United States, as well. If

you search "Marriage Age by State 2023," you will find that in the last 15 years 200,000 minors were married. Minimum age for marriage is set state by state.

In many states, the age for parental consent to marry varies depending on whether the child is male or female (consent for females is universally younger). The following states have no minimum age: California, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming. What about Missouri? Per "Showmerights.org", if one of the parties is younger than 18, parental consent is required. If an individual is younger than 15, they must obtain a court order.



**14 MILLION GIRLS**  
are married every  
year before they  
reach 18 years



**#EndChildMarriage**

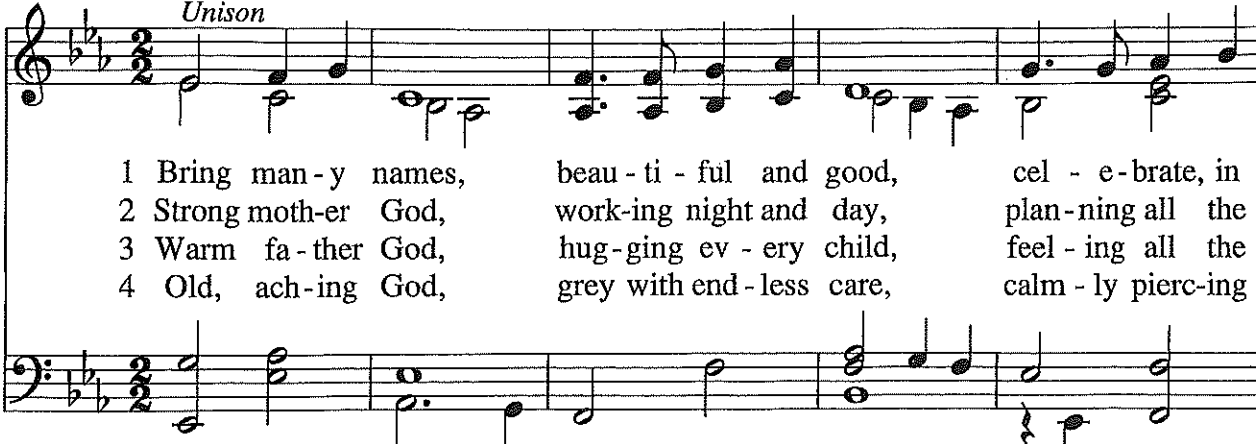
[www.GirlsNotBrides.org](http://www.GirlsNotBrides.org)

## Bring Many Names

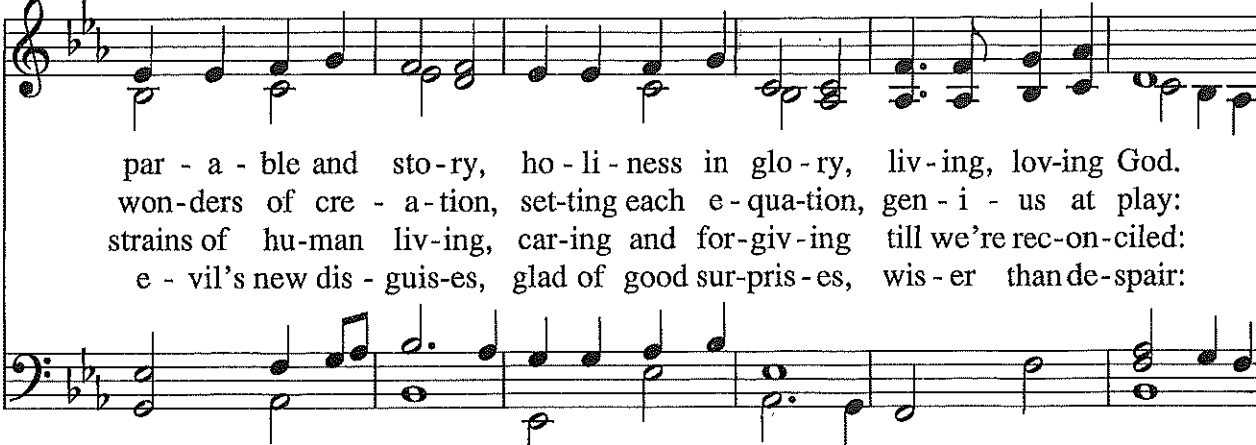
Brian Wren, 1989

Gen. 1:27

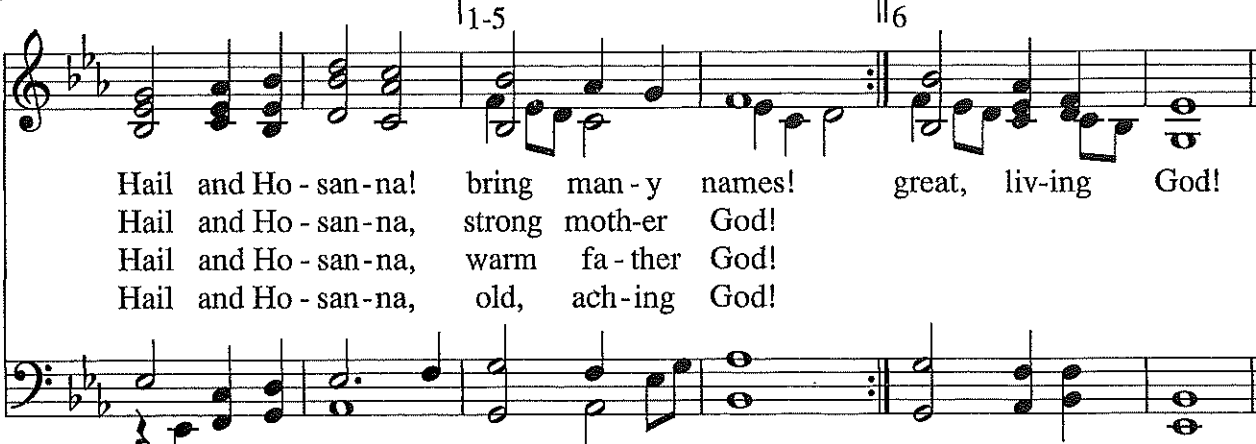
*Unison*



1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in  
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the  
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the  
 4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing



par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.  
 won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:  
 strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:  
 e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:



Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!  
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!  
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!  
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger,  
 on the move,  
 say - ing no to false - hood and  
 un - kind - ness,  
 cry - ing out for jus - tice,  
 giv - ing all you have:  
 Hail and Ho - san - na,  
 young, grow - ing God!

6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,  
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,  
 clos - er yet than breath - ing,  
 ev - er - last - ing home:  
 Hail and Ho - san - na,  
 great, liv - ing God!

*The author states that aspects of the divine are revealed in our maleness, femaleness, youth, and age in a moving, growing matrix of life in God. The tune Westchase was composed especially for this text.*

Tune: WESTCHASE 9.10.11.9.  
 Carlton Young, 1989

# In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth, 1985

*Unison*

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
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*Natalie Sleeth composed her "Hymn of Promise" first as a choral anthem and then adapted it to this version for congregational singing. It was dedicated to her husband, Ronald Sleeth, who died shortly after she completed it.*

Tune: PROMISE 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Natalie Sleeth, 1985