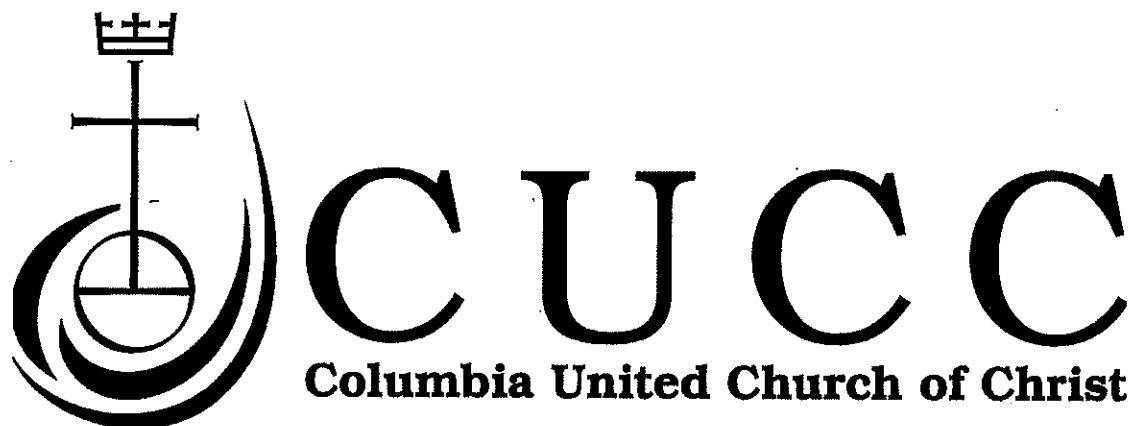


Columbia United Church Of Christ

November 22, 2020
Thanksgiving/Reign 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.

*Columbia
United Church
Of Christ*



November 22, 2020

10:30 Worship

"Reign of Christ"

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

*"...Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing..."
-Psalm 100:1-2*

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

Amy Crousore

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

John Carter

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Abby Dennis

*Call to Worship *(adapted from Psalm 100)*

Audrey Lasley

Make a joyful noise to God!

All the earth, worship God with glad hearts!

We celebrate the joys of God's Kingdom;

A passion for Justice, Righteousness and Shalom!

We know that God has made us, and we belong to God.

God is our hope and our Salvation.

We are God's people,

The sheep of God's pasture.

Let us enter God's gates with Thanksgiving in our hearts!

Let us enter God's courts with praise.

God's Steadfast Love endures forever;

God is faithful to all generations.

Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn *"Come, O Thankful People, Come"*

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*Opening Prayer

Audrey Lasley

God of grace; you reign over our world justly, with mercy as your guide. You seek reconciliation for all your people, and show us the ways to your peaceable Kingdom. Yet we resist. We often choose the ways of the world over the ways of your peaceful reign; but even when we do, you forgive us. Like a benevolent monarch, you hold us closely in your heart. Be patient with us, loving God; guide us wisely and inspire us to be open to the ideal community you intend for us. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God blesses us with plenty; God provides a cornucopia of goodness in our lives. Yet often we fail to see the miracles around us every day. But God is patient, kind, benevolent. God's gracious love is always our blessing. We are forgiven! We are God's beloved! 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!**

Children's Time

"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
The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me
No turning back, no turning back.**

Living our Mission

"VAC Christmas Drive"

Audrey Lasley

Remember- the deadline for contributions to the VAC Christmas Drive is TODAY! You can contribute online through our website or by texting "GIVE" to 573.240.4041 and select "VAC Christmas Drive" from the dropdown menu

Anthem

Elizabeth Tummons

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Audrey Lasley

The prophet Ezekiel delivers this message about how God seeks out all of God's children, even those that have been lost. The prophet is talking about the Jews in diaspora after the Babylonian invasion and exile; but the message is for us as well. God's Kingdom is one of unity for all God's children, no matter who or where they are. Page #703

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:34-40

Audrey Lasley

Jesus offers a parable describing God's Kingdom. As he does, he is not talking about some heavenly realm far away from us, he is talking about the here and now. He is interested in making this world reflective of God's Kingdom. The Reign of Christ, God's Kingdom, could happen now, if we would behave as Jesus directs. Page #807

Sermon:

"Reign of Christ"

Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn "Let All Things Now Living"

(insert)

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

Stewardship Moment "Thanksgiving"

Sue Ann Schaefer

Presenting our Gifts

"Fugue in A Minor"

Amy Crousore
Zachau

*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*

*Response

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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**Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices!
Who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices!
Who, from our parents' arms, has blessed us on our way;
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today!**

*Prayer of Dedication

(from reformedworship.org)

Audrey Lasley

All things come from you, O God; and with gratitude, we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. All that we are and all that we have is a trust from you. In gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. We pray that our offerings may help bring about your Reign of Peace. 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!

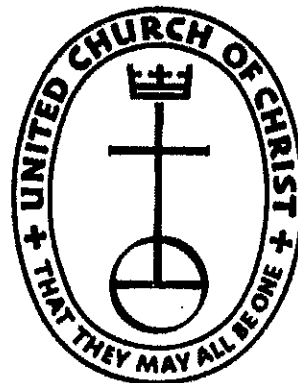
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!

*Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Amy Crousore
Bach/Hopson

*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*



*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.*

Let All Things Now Living

Descant

2. Ah, _____

Unison

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es, the

sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. Ah, _____

God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise; who fash - ioned and
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

the depths of the o - cean pro -

made us, pro - tect - ed and stay - ed us, by guid - ing us on to the
 moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the depths of the o - cean pro -

WORDS: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; desc. Katherine K. Davis, 1939

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THANKSGIVING

claim God di - vine. Re - joice, re -
 end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, pure light goes be -
 claim God di - vine. We, too, should be voic - ing our love and re -

joice! With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise.
 fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night: till
 joic - ing with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise: till

Ah, to
 shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished, as
 all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing, to

God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.
 for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

We Gather Together

*Netherlands folk hymn, 16th century
Transl. Theodore Baker, 1894
Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992*

er to-geth-er
God's bless-ing,
n com-mu-ni-ty,
g God's will.
now, as sis-ters
t-ers, con-fess-ing
that di-vid-e
wrong in us still.

2 Be-side us, for-giv-ing,
en-a-bling, sus-tain-ing,
you call us, O Sav-ior,
to life that is new.
You draw us a-way
from self-cen-tered com-plain-ing.
You lead us and guide us
in ways that are true.

3 All praise to the Spir-it,
pro-vid-er, de-fend-er.
You of-fer us free-dom,
to fol-low or stray,
Em-pow-er-ing all by
the hope you en-gen-der.
Grant wis-dom and cour-age
to fol-low your way.

*of this hymn was one of thanksgiving for The
pendence from Spanish domination in the
It has been reinterpreted for contemporary
United Church of Christ minister and writer*

Tune: KREMSER 12.11.12.11.
16th-century Dutch melody
Arr. Edward Kremser, 1877

Come, O Thankful People, Come

*St. 1, Henry Alford, 1844; alt.
St. 2, Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld, 1772; alt.
St. 3, composite of Alford and Barbauld; alt.*

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e to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all bless-ings flow;



e, O thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;
the bless-ings of the field, all the stores the gar-dens yield,
e to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all bless-ings flow;



*ents the joining of two Thanksgiving hymns by
poet Henry Alford and eighteenth-century
Aiken Barbauld. The creator of this*

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7.D.
George J. Elvey, 1858
Descant: H. A. Chambers, 1931



THANKSGIVING

and for these our songs we raise, grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.

all is safe - ly gath - ered in as the win - ter storms be - gin;
 all the fruits in full sup - ply, rip - ened 'neath the sum - mer sky,
 and for these our songs we raise, grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.

Come, then, thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home;

God our Mak - er does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;
 All that spring with boun - teous hand scat - ters o'er the smil - ing land,
 Come, then, thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home;

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 all that lib - eral au - tumn pours from its rich o'er - flow - ing stores,
 come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Audrey Lasley
Acolyte: Abby Dennis
Sound Booth: Phillip Dennis
Council Stewards: Pete Jaberg/Brent Marcks

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Jessica Lucas
Acolyte: Lil Smith
Sound Booth: Pete Jaberg
Council Steward: Pat Forward/Mahree Skala

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“BLUE CHRISTMAS” DISCUSSION GROUP

Pastor Rick will be hosting a “Blue Christmas” discussion group Wednesday evenings in December. We will gather at 6:30pm for 90 minutes or so to talk about grief, loss, depression and anxiety; especially in light of the stresses of 2020 and the losses we have experienced this year. There will be materials supplied, and it will also be experiential. For more information, email April in the church office or Pastor Rick.

GIVING TUESDAY

“Giving Tuesday” is the charitable response to the excesses of “Black Friday” and “Cyber Monday;” and a time to express your thanks following Thanksgiving. It is a time to show the charities you support how thankful you are for all they do! You will be contacted by many worthy causes in the next few weeks; we hope you will remember CUCC in your donations as well! To donate, go to our CUCC Website, and click on the Giving Tuesday icon; then select “Giving Tuesday” from the dropdown menu. You can do this on December 1, or before!

ONLINE TRIVIA NIGHT

The Membership & Care Ministry Team is hosting an online Trivia Night December 5 at 7:00pm! There will be Amazon Gift Cards awarded as prizes to the top three teams! But— there are only 20 spots available. Make your reservations today! You can RSVP by clicking on the link that was in the Friday email, or contact Stefanie Zimny for more information.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to donate a poinsettia for the Sanctuary this Advent Season, please email (or snail mail) April in the church office by December 6. Cost for poinsettias are \$8.00 each. We will have them in the Sanctuary by December 13, and will keep them up thru the 11:00 Christmas Eve service.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sun	11/22	THANKSGIVING SUNDAY Worship (online only)	10:30am
Mon	11/23	Staff Meeting NO CONFIRMATION	10:15am
Tue	11/24	Worship & Music Ministry Team	5:30pm
Thu	11/26	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Fri	11/27	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Pastor Rick’s day off	
Sun	11/29	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Worship (online only)	10:30am
Tue	12/1	GIVING TUESDAY Special Council Meeting Nurture & Education Ministry Team	6:30pm 7:15pm

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

On hospice: Sharon Tiemann (April Rothwieler's Aunt)
Karen Wittich... anticipating knee replacement surgery (Kim Oberle's mother)
Dennis Froeschner... anticipating knee replacement surgery
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)
Fred Palmer... health issues (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)
Becky Weston... recovering at home
Parents, students, teachers, administrators... navigating the back to school issues,
making tough decisions and enduring criticism
The leadership of CUCC... wisely navigating the many streams of conflicting
information in regard to church leadership during COVID-19
All who are suffering from COVID-19 virus and other viruses
All who are on the front lines, serving those with COVID-19
Our missions in Chiapas... dealing with COVID-19 virus there
Sheila... challenges in life and faith
The Zimny, Lasley, Koerkenmeyer, Malicoat,
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);
Riley Gregg (Alisa Lau-Sieckmann's neighbor); Christine Mseke,
Jo Ellen Grace's brother... living with cancer
Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)

Living in Care Facilities:

Dale Gregory, Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt
Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank

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

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Raul Santiago-Riviera... serving in Puerto Rico

Pregnancies in our Church Family:

Ed Rollins & Jess Wolfe

2020 Confirmation Class (Confirmation on delay until January):

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly

2021 Confirmation Class (started Monday, 10/26):

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton, Kieran Piersee,
Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons