

Columbia United Church Of Christ

March 27, 2022

Women's History Month



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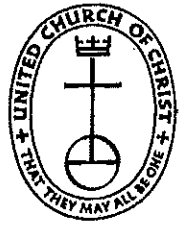
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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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10:30 Worship

"Sharing"

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

*"...Steadfast Love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.
Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
And shout for joy, all you upright in heart."
-Psalm 32:11*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude "O Sacred Head Now Wounded "

Amy Crousore
Hassler/Carter

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 32)

Judi Privitt

Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven;
For whom sins of separation are eliminated from your sight, O God!

**God's Forgiveness and reconciliation is ours;
The temptations of the world have no hold on God's people!**

When we keep silent, we waste away;
When we turn to You, O God, we are renewed!

**God welcomes us home with open arms;
Named and Claimed, we are God's children always!**

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to You;
In times of distress, the waters will not collapse upon them!

**Be Glad in the LORD and rejoice!
Shout for joy, God's children everywhere!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Gathering Hymn "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" #495

*Opening Prayer

Judi Privitt

God of love and service, too often we are worried and distracted by many things and we lose sight of the one thing that matters. Teach us to choose the better part, which will never be taken away from us. Open our eyes to the opportunities all around us to be partners in your service; that we may bring your Kingdom closer to reality in this world. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Mary and Martha were faithful disciples, even though they often missed the point that Jesus was trying to make. We are the same. But even when we fail to understand, God loves us and forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Response

"Jesus, Remember Me"

Luke 23:42

*Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom*

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!
And also with you!

Children's Time

Tricia Price

Response

"This Little Light of Mine"

*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!*

(Sung as children return to their seats)

Old Testament Lesson:

Joshua 1:1-9

Judi Privitt

Joshua is appointed successor to Moses (who died in last week's scripture reading) and is given instruction on how to enter the Promised Land. God gives the people of Israel many blessings, and challenges them to be blessings by maintaining the covenant God established with them in the wilderness.

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Gospel Lesson:

Luke 10:38-42

Judi Privitt

Jesus goes to Bethany to visit Martha and Mary. Mary devotes herself to Jesus, listening to his teachings and learning from him. Martha is distracted by her many tasks. Jesus advocates Mary's dedication and her focus amid the distractions in life.

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Anthem

"Be Strong in the Lord"

Celebration Singers

Thomas Matthews

Sermon:

"The Better Part"

Pastor Rick

*Hymn

"Won't You Let me Be Your Servant"

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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!

Mission Moment

“One Great Hour of Sharing”

Mahree Skala

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

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

Offertory

“Lead Me to Calvary ”

Chapel Ringers
Cynthia Dobrinski

*Prayer of Dedication

Judi Privitt

God of grace; as we walk with Jesus this Lenten Season to the cross and beyond, we focus more closely on your presence with us. As we do, we give these gifts, hoping to reconcile our world more closely with you. Take them and use them that they may help manifest your Kingdom of justice, righteousness and Shalom. 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

“Give Me Jesus ”

Amy Crousore
Bellingham

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH QUOTES

Women will have achieved true equality when men share with them the responsibility of bringing up the next generation.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Supreme Court Justice, 1933-2020

If you're not making mistakes, then you're not making decisions.

~Catherine Cook, Entrepreneur, b. 1990

Never limit yourself because of others' limited imagination; never limit others because of your own limited imagination.

~Mae Jemison, Astronaut, b. 1956

Freeing yourself was one thing; claiming ownership of that freed self was another.

~Toni Morrison, Author, 1931-2019

Whatever the problem, be part of the solution. Don't just sit around raising questions and pointing out obstacles.

~Tina Fey, Actress, b. 1970

Life shrinks or expands in proportion with one's courage.

~Anais Nin, Author, 1903-1977

When women and girls are empowered to participate fully in society, everyone benefits.

~Melinda Gates, Philanthropist, b. 1964

The success of every woman should be the inspiration to another. We should raise each other up. Make sure you're very courageous: be strong, be extremely kind, and above all be humble.

~Serena Williams, Athlete, b. 1981

We still think of a powerful man as a born leader and a powerful woman as an anomaly.

~Margaret Atwood, Author, b. 1939

Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.

~Marie Curie, Physicist, 1867-1934

The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any.

~Alice Walker, Author, b. 1944

I don't want other people to decide who I am. I want to decide that for myself.

~Emma Watson, Actress, b. 1990

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Judi Privitt
Acolyte:
Ushers: Fred & Carolyn Malicoat
Greeters: Carol Duermeyer
Technology Booth: Ted Dachroeden & Doug Privitt
Hospitality: Helen Schultz
Council Stewards: Linda Neale & Sue Ann Schaefer

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NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: David Meyer
Acolyte: Danielle Dreier
Ushers:
Greeters: Jessica Lucas
Technology Booth: Brent Marcks & Josh Muench
Hospitality: Brent Marcks
Council Stewards: Kristy Odneal & Brent Marcks

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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 DUE 4/1

2022 CUCC Scholarship applications are available in the Church Office; they are due 4/1. Check the application for eligibility details or ask a Council Member.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, 3/27

We encourage all to give to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ today. This gift involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

CLEAN UP COLUMBIA

Mark Your Calendars for Clean Up Columbia! Our annual spring cleanup opportunity will be on Saturday, April 9, 9-11 a.m. along I-70 Drive NW. All are welcome--signup sheet is in the gathering area.

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

Bring a Friend to church on Sunday, April 3! Membership & Care will be hosting a Taco Bar after worship, and will have special gifts in worship for all friends. Statistically, 80% of all visitors to a church were invited by friends. Initiation is the best form of publicity! Next Sunday, bring a friend to worship!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

LODO Closed 3/28-4/1 for Spring Break

Sun	3/27	Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
Mon	3/28	NO Staff Meeting	
		Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	6:30pm
Tue	3/29	Quilters	10:00am
		Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry Team	6:30pm
Wed	3/30	Confirmation	6:00pm
		Chancel Ringers Rehearsal	6:00pm
		Celebration Singers Rehearsal	7:00pm
Fri	4/1	Church Office Closed— April off	
		Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	4/3	Bring a Friend Sunday	
		Men's Fellowship	7:30am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Friendship Taco Bar	11:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

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
Bob & Karen Pennell... health issues (Pastor Rick's friends)
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; Barry Kirchhoff
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)
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:

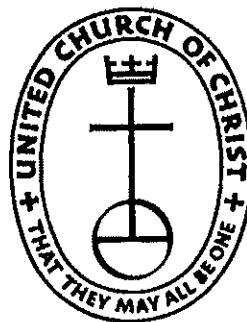
Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson, Dane Wilson
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Emmanuela Loccadent... serving in Morocco

2022 Confirmation Class:

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



*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.*

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



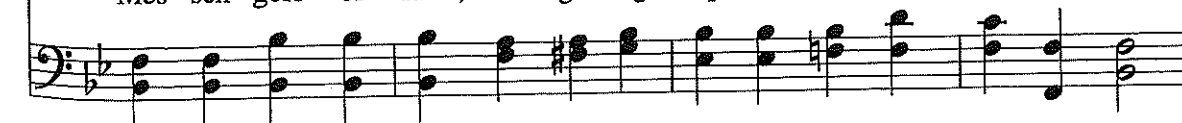
We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

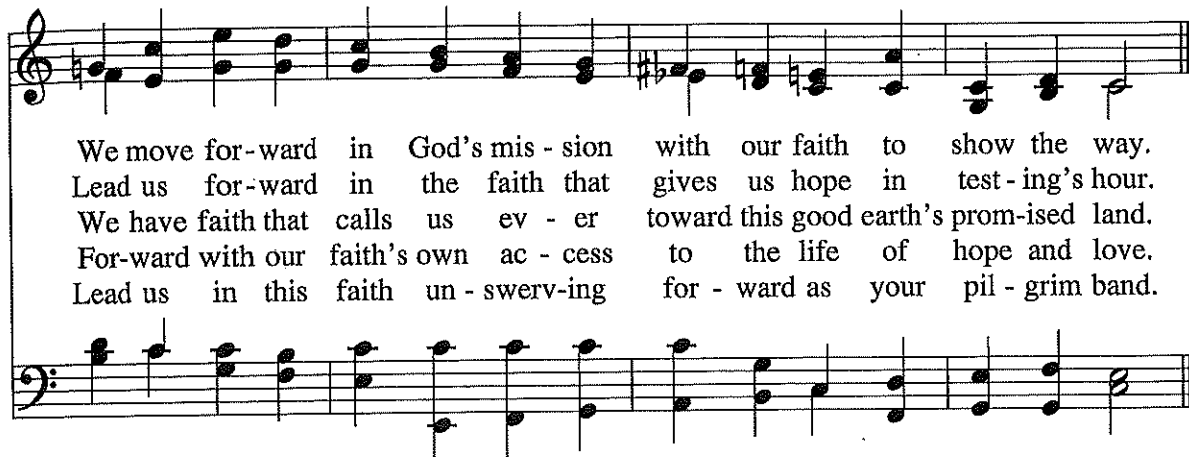


E-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Zundel, 1855
 For another key, see 43, 368



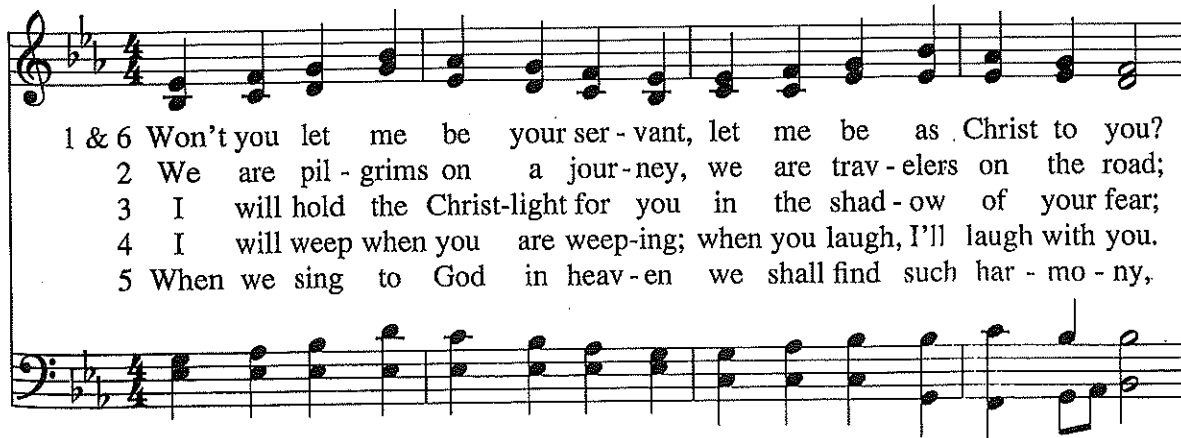
We move for-ward in God's mis - sion with our faith to show the way.
 Lead us for-ward in the faith that gives us hope in test - ing's hour.
 We have faith that calls us ev - er toward this good earth's prom - ised land.
 For-ward with our faith's own ac - cess to the life of hope and love.
 Lead us in this faith un - swerv - ing for - ward as your pil - grim band.

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

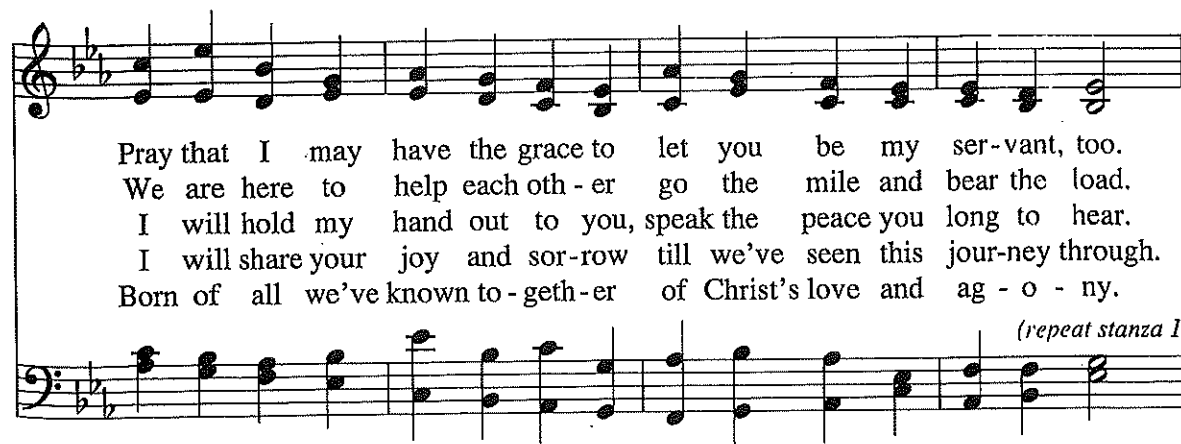
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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
 We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

Richard Gillard was born in England and later made his home in New Zealand. Largely self-taught, Gillard has described his musical style as "folk." This is the best known of his many songs in the United States.

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.
 Richard Gillard, 1977
 Arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977; adapt.