

Columbia United Church Of Christ

June 13, 2021
Jonah and the Whale



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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 Worship

"Fish Stories"

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

*"...some take pride in chariots, some in horses;
But our pride is in the name of the LORD our God..."
-Psalm 20:7*

Gathering Music		Amy Crousore
Welcome and Greetings		Pastor Rick
Prelude	"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant"	Amy Crousore Jeffrey Honore
Carrying in the Light of Christ		Abby Dennis
*Call to Worship	<i>(based on Psalm 20)</i>	Jessica Lucas
God answers us in times of trouble! God sends us help and protects us! God sends help from God's Holy Place God gives us divine support and guidance! God's remembers our sacrifices and regards us with favor; In God's name, we make our petitions and offer our prayers! God helps those who are anointed in God's name; God will answer them with provision and justice! Some take pride in chariots, some in horses; But our pride is in the name of the LORD our God! When all others fail us, God preserves us. When others collapse and fall, God lifts us up. Come, let us worship God!		
*Opening Hymn	"We Worship You, God"	#26

*Opening Prayer Jessica Lucas

God of love and creative expression, we know that you inspire us with wisdom in many different ways. You approach us through parables in the wisdom of our traditions, and challenge us to grow. Forgive us when we turn these into simple moral stories and reduce your wisdom to simply history or instruction. Expand our minds and our hearts that we may more fully develop what you have given us into the life changing inspiration you intend it to be; and inspire us to share this with others. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

- *Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick
 As our graduates move on to next things in life, God's strength and provision goes with them, always forgiving them sins of commission and omission, just as God always forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven of all our sins! We are God's beloved children; praise be to God!
- *Prayer Response "Spirit of the Living God" #283
Spirit of the Living God; fall afresh on me!
Spirit of the Living God; fall afresh on me!
Melt me, Mold me, fill me, use me;
Spirit of the Living God; fall afresh on me!
- *Sharing God's Gift of Peace Pastor Rick
Pastor Rick will offer the words, "May God's Peace be with You" and you are invited to respond with the words, "And also with you."
 May God's Peace be with you!
And also with you!
- Children's Time Pastor Rick
 Response "This Little Light of Mine" #524
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!
- Mission Moment "Tools & Blanket Sunday" Jessica Jenks
- Inclusion Moment "Rev. Bill Johnson" Alisa Lau-Sieckman
- Anthem "Blessings" Kristin Veteto
Laura Story
- Wisdom Scripture Jonah 1:1-4:11 Jessica Lucas
This book relates a parable about a man named Jonah who is challenged by God to speak prophetically to the people of Nineveh about God's will for their lives. Consumed by fear, Jonah flees; and suffers the consequences of his actions. After doing God's work, he lets pride consume him and again turns his back on God. Again, he suffers the consequences. Is this story "fact" or "fiction?" Does that matter? Is that important? (pg. 752)
- *Hymn "O Word of God Incarnate" #315
- Sermon: "Fish Stories" Pastor Rick
- *Hymn "We Limit Not the Truth of God" #316
(use alternate tune: FOREST GREEN)

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

Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts

"Waltz"

Amy Crousore

Edward Grieg

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

"We Praise You, O God"

#420

We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring!

We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you

We praise your Holy Name, glad praises we sing!

*Prayer of Dedication

Jessica Lucas

God of Salvation; your Rainbow Covenant is our promise of hope; your challenging guidance is our call to share that hope with the world. Take these gifts that we offer you today and use them to bring hope to all who are hurting in your world. Through these gifts, we love you back. 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

"Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above"

Amy Crousore

Hopson

PRIDE MONTH

FOCUS ON BANNING “CONVERSION THERAPY”

The 33rd General Synod of the United Church of Christ, meeting virtually in July, will be considering a Resolution of Witness calling for a ban on the practice of “Conversion Therapy.” This Resolution was submitted to General Synod by the Open and Affirming Coalition and the UCC Mental Health Network, two groups who have seen the traumas caused by this practice.

This Resolution urges congregations and other settings in the United Church of Christ to advocate for a ban on this practice; which is legal in all 50 states. The Resolution further urges congregations and other settings to reach out to strengthen their efforts to reach out to their LGBTQIA+ neighbors, especially youth, with the Good News that their sexual orientation or gender identity or gender expression are gifts from God.

While the practice of “conversion therapy” has caused demonstrable harm to the mental and physical health of LGBTQIA persons, it continues to be legal in the US. Practitioners claim the sexual orientation or gender identity of LGBTQIA persons is a disease, defect, or developmental disorder. This claim has been repudiated by every professional association in the field of health care, many of which have advocated for a ban on the practice.

According to research done by the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law, LGBTQIA people who were subjected to this practice have shown a greater risk of suicidal thoughts and attempted suicide than LGBTQIA people who were not including:

- 92% greater odds of lifetime suicidal ideation
- 88% greater odds of committing suicide
- 75% greater odds of planning to attempt suicide

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Jessica Lucas
Acolyte: Abby Dennis
Ushers:
Greeters: Helen Schultz
Technology Booth: Judi & Doug Privitt
Hospitality: Judi Privitt
Council Steward: Jessica Jenks/Kristy Odneal



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Isaiah Jackson-Post
Acolyte: Sadie Tummons
Ushers:
Greeters: Audrey Lasley
Technology Booth: Carissa Graves & John Graves
Hospitality: Audrey Lasley
Council Stewards: Lorry Dreier/Brent Marcks

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CORONAVIRUS VACCINE INFORMATION

The Boone County Health Department has a very helpful website with COVID-19 Vaccine information, answering questions about the safety and efficacy of the vaccines and dispelling misinformation that is being spread. Go to www.como.gov/covidvaccine/ to read up on the vaccine and hopefully answer any questions you may have. You can also schedule a vaccine at Hy-Vee or Walmart by visiting their websites. Let's all do our part to get **EVERYONE** vaccinated!

"BOY ERASED" VIDEO TO BE SCREENED AND DISCUSSED AT CUCC

"Boy Erased" is a movie based on the Autobiography of Garrard Conley, an LGBTQIA activist and author who wrote his memoir about his experience with Conversion Therapy. On June 19 at 6:00 p.m., we will watch this movie in the Fellowship Hall and discuss it after. All are invited to attend to watch and discuss. Sponsored by the Inclusion and Affirmation Ministry Team. For more information, contact **Tricia Price**

VBS 2021- ADVENTURE ISLAND! August 2 - 4, 2021 5:15 - 8:15 each evening
SAVE THE DATE to join us for a GREAT (& free!) 3 evenings of FUN @ CUCC's Vacation Bible School 2021 for those ages 3-finished 8th Grade! Lots of hands on deck needed, so come volunteer! We'll even take care of dinner.
Registration for Volunteers and Participants opens June 15!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	6/13	Hospitality	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am
Tue	6/15	<i>VBS REGISTRATION BEGINS</i>	
		Quilters	9:00am
		Clergy Personnel Committee	6:30pm
Fri	6/18	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sat	6/19	Inclusion Movie Night- "Boy Erased"	6:00pm
Sun	6/20	<i>Father's Day</i>	
		Hospitality	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am

*Summer Schedule-Worship is at 9:30am
Fellowship time at 9:00am
(No Sunday School)
Regular schedule resumes Rally Day, September 12*

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Helen Schultz... health issues

Beth Schoeneberg... health issues (Jason's mother)

Mary Rinne... living with cancer (Donna Marsh's daughter)

Esther Rollins... health issues (Ed's mother)

Amy... challenges in life (April Rothweiler's friend)

Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothweiler's Aunt)

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Zimny, Lasley, Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,

Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece);

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);

Christine Mseke; Christie O'Vey; Nathan Schnell;

Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)

Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

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)

Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);

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

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Phyllis Byrd... serving in Kenya

2021 Confirmation Class:

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,

Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons

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

We Worship You, God

Ps. 104:2-6, 10-13

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

1 We wor - ship you, God; your power and your love
 2 We tell of your might, we sing of your grace;
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

are bla - zoned a - broad, a - round, and a - bove:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old,
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 Your char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change-less de - cree,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 Your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and broad is your path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it you cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Born in Bengal, India, Robert Grant became a lawyer in England, a member of Parliament, and for the last four years of his life was governor of Bombay. This text was inspired by William Kethe's paraphrase of Psalm 104.

Tune: LYONS 10.10.11.11.
 Attrib. to J. Michael Haydn (1737-1806)
 Alternate tune: HANOVER

Ps. 119:105

William W. How, 1867; alt.

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 O God, we hold this trea - sure from you, its source di - vine,
 3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of cloud - ed sky:
 a light that to all a - ges through - out the earth will shine;
 to bear be - fore all peo - ple your true light as of old!

We praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that all life's voy - age through,
 O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

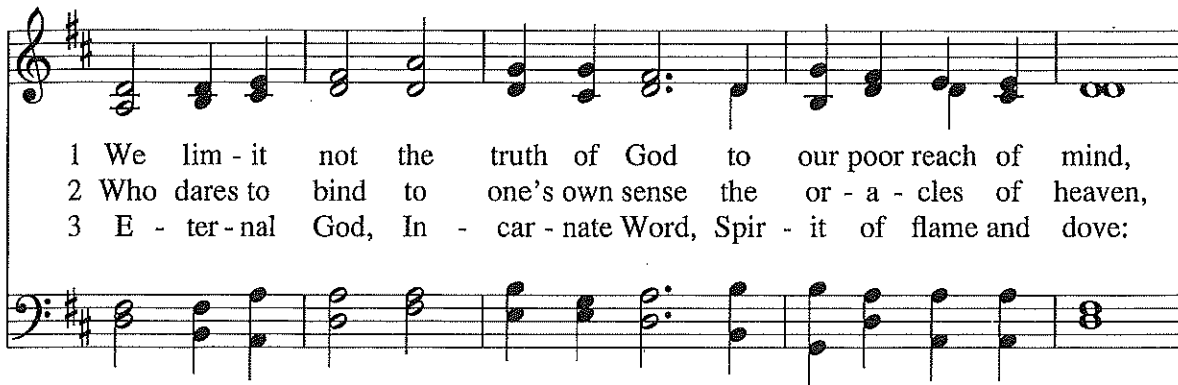
a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 'mid mists and rocks and tem - pest, still guides, O God, to you.
 till, doubt and striv - ing end - ed, they meet you face to face.

William W. How, author and hymnwriter, is remembered especially for his work among the poor of London's East End. Felix Mendelssohn harmonized this German hymn tune, which appeared with a different text for his oratorio Elijah.

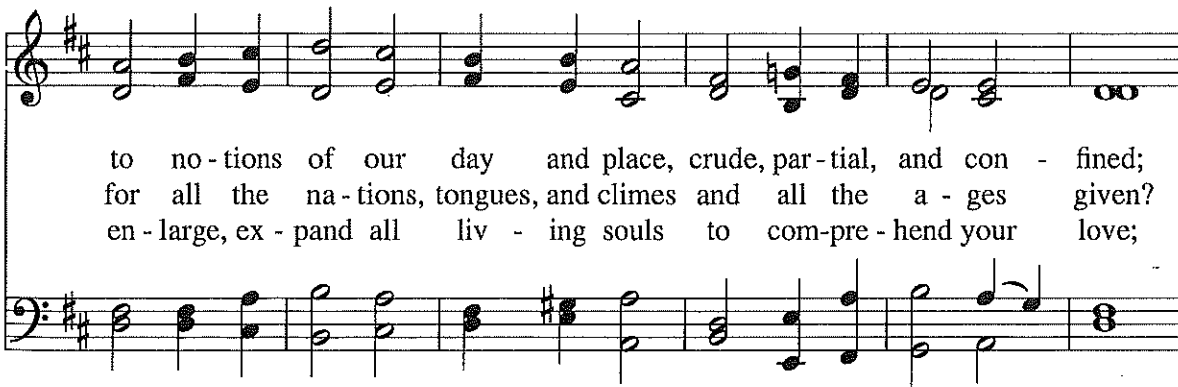
Tune: MUNICH 7.6.7.6.D.
 Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693
 Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

We Limit Not the Truth of God

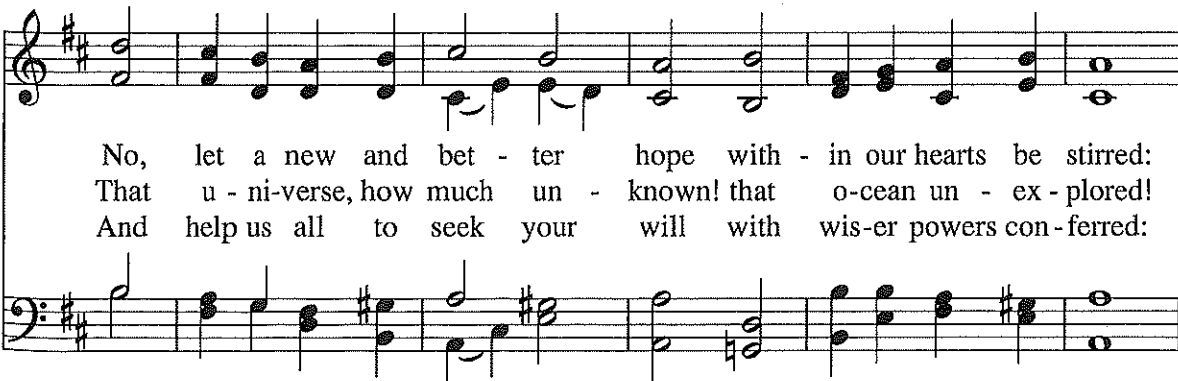
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George Rawson, 1853; alt.


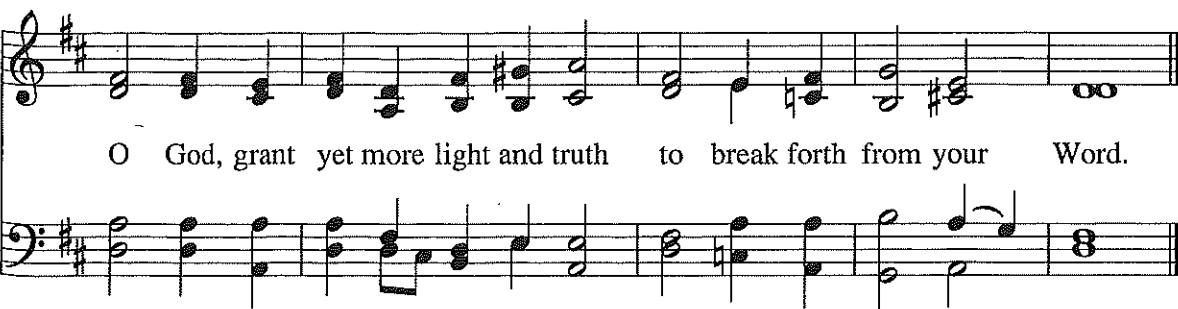
1 We lim - it not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind,
 2 Who dares to bind to one's own sense the or - a - cles of heaven,
 3 E - ter - nal God, In - car - nate Word, Spir - it of flame and dove:



to no - tions of our day and place, crude, par - tial, and con - fined;
 for all the na - tions, tongues, and climes and all the a - ges given?
 en - large, ex - pand all liv - ing souls to com - pre - hend your love;



No, let a new and bet - ter hope with - in our hearts be stirred:
 That u - ni - verse, how much un - known! that o - cean un - ex - plored!
 And help us all to seek your will with wis - er powers con - ferred:



O God, grant yet more light and truth to break forth from your Word.

George Rawson based this text on the parting words of Pastor John Robinson to the Pilgrim founders in 1620.

Tune: OLD 22nd C.M.D.
 Anglo-Genevan Psalter, 1556

Alternate tunes: FOREST GREEN; ELLACOMBE