

Columbia United Church Of Christ

April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday



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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10:30 Worship

"Risen!"

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

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

*The Journey Begins with Palm Sunday

John 12:12-19

Mahree Skala

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to him, shouting,

"Hosanna! Hosanna!

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord-
The King of Israel!"*

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion;

Look, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt."

So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

*Palm Sunday Hymn-**FIRST** verse only

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

#216

*The Journey Continues Through Good Friday

John 19:38-42

Pastor Rick

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

*Good Friday/Passion Hymn- **SECOND** verse only

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

#190

*The Promises of Resurrection are fulfilled

John 20:1-10

Mahree Skala

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not laying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that the must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

*Easter Praise Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

#233

*Carrying in the Light of Christ

Abby Dennis

*Call to Worship

Mahree Skala

Christ the Lord is Risen today!

The tomb is empty, our grief relieved!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

The disciples at the tomb were awestruck and faith-filled,

Believing in Christ's message of Resurrection!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

Let us do likewise, proclaiming the Resurrection for all to hear.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

*Opening Prayer

Mahree Skala

God of Hope, On this Easter morning, we pray that you will fill us with courage so that, like those disciples who came to the tomb expecting death, we may instead find the radiant new life that is ever before us. Come into our lives, God, and bring us Resurrection as well! In Jesus name we pray; Amen.

*Prayer Response "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Look full in his wonderful face

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of his glory and grace!

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Children's Time "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

**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 (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.**

Mission Moment "Heifer Project" Mahree Skala

The CUCC Outreach and Advocacy Ministry Team has selected "Heifer Project" as our mission focus starting today, through Mother's Day.

Our Goal between now and May 9 is to raise \$5000 to provide an "ark" full of animals for those in need. A Gift Ark includes two water buffalo, two cows, two sheep and two goats, along with bees, chicks, rabbits and more. A Gift Ark changes lives two by two as it provides not only sustenance but also subsistence, giving recipients a revenue stream (wool, eggs, agricultural ability, etc.) to improve their lives.

You can contribute using the envelopes in today's bulletin, scanning the QR code above and selecting "Heifer Project" from the dropdown menu, or by texting "GIVE" to 573.240.4041 and following the prompts

Gospel Lesson: John 20:11-18 Pastor Rick

Anthem: "Christ is Alive"

Easter Homily: "Sorrow Turned to Joy" Pastor Rick

*Easter Hymn: "The Day of Resurrection" #245

*Invitation to Communion & Communion Prayer

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

We will observe communion as we have during the pandemic; partaking symbolically only. You are invited to symbolically take the elements into yourself as you meditate on the Communion Music.

Communion Music Amy Crousore

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor Rick

Thank you, God, for the Bread of Life, that sustains us all, and for the cup of blessing, promising New Life and Resurrection. May we continue to love you by testifying to others and proclaiming our faith boldly. Make our whole lives faithful to your ministry, shown to us through Jesus Christ; and may our lives embody the Resurrection promises given to us this day in your sacred meal.

*The LORD's Prayer *(sung by the congregation, led by Ed Rollins)*

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.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Presenting our Gifts

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Lucy Smith

Roger Wilson

To give online text “GIVE” to 573.240.4041 and follow the prompts

You can also give online by visiting our website: www.columbiauicc.com

*Response

“Doxology”

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost! Amen!***

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Rick

*Praise Hymn:

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

#243

(sung to the tune: HYMN TO JOY #4)

*Benediction

*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

“Easter Fanfare and Chorale”

Amy Crousore

Special thanks to our Brass instrumentalists this morning

Gordon Fetterly, Pete Jaberg, and Ed Rollins

And to our Chapel Ringers,

who joined in our hymns this morning!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen, Indeed!

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Mahree Skala
Acolyte:
Ushers: Donna Marsh
Greeters: Audrey Lasley
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson & James Melton
Hospitality: Stefanie Zimny
Council Steward: Sue Ann Schaefer

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Pete Jaberg
Acolyte: Abby Dennis
Ushers: Doug Privitt
Greeters: Jessica Lucas
Technology Booth: John Graves & Carissa Graves
Hospitality: Judi Privitt
Council Stewards: Pat Forward/Brent Marcks



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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will gather this Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Area upstairs. Our time together begins with a light brunch, supplied by two of the women on a rotational basis. The food is always good! After we eat, we begin our Bible Study. The current study is based on the topic of lamentation throughout the Bible. We use a curriculum titled, "Into the Light, Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament." After Bible Study and prayer, we have a short business meeting to plan for upcoming activities. All women of the church are invited to join us! This is a great time to make new friends, to renew old acquaintances, and to reconnect with God through the scriptures.

CLEAN UP COLUMBIA

CUCC's "Clean Up Columbia Day" is Saturday, April 24. As in past years, we have "adopted" our own street, I-70 Drive NW, to beautify. We usually pick up more than 30 bags of trash between the Fire District office and the church. Many hands make light work, so please sign up to help. Please let us know if you're coming. Email Mahree Skala at skalamahree@yahoo.com or call 573-474-2195. The Fellowship and Hospitality Team will treat us to lunch afterwards!

LODO PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPEN

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year is in full swing! Please share with friends and family to let them know that we have limited space available for Fall 2021! Interested families should contact Erika Maltsbarger at 573-445-2661 or LittleOnesDayOut@yahoo.com or for availability and to schedule a tour. Additional information can be found at www.columbiaucc.com/lodohome.

FOOD BANK UPDATE

CUCC volunteers are working at together again at the Food Bank every 4th Tuesday evening at 5:30pm. We moved to 4th Tuesdays to reduce schedule conflicts. For details on how to sign up for April 27, please contact Mahree Skala at 573-474-2195 or skalamahree@yahoo.com

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	4/4	<i>EASTER</i>	
		Sunrise Service at the Shelter House	6:30am
		Sunday School/Easter Egg Hunt	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
Mon	4/5	No Staff Meeting No Confirmation	
Thu	4/8	Women's Fellowship	9:30am
Sat	4/10	Fellowship Hall Booked– Boy Scouts	9:00am-3:00pm
Sun	4/11	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Sue Beckmann... preparing for knee surgery 4/5
Dean Barry... recovering well from stroke
Donna Wilmsmeyer... recovering at home from pneumonia
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)
Juanita Zeiler... on hospice (Mari Ann Keithahn's mother)
Ardith Wilson... on hospice (Mark Wilson's mother)
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'Very; 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:

Fiona Kendall... serving in Italy

2020 Confirmation Class— will be confirmed on April 25:

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly

2021 Confirmation Class:

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,
Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons

*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.*