

Columbia United Church Of Christ

September 13, 2026
“Ministry Teams Fair”



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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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September 13, 2026

10:30 a.m.

"Teamwork"

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

"Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD!"

-Psalm 113:1

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Help Me Dear Father"

Tim Guillaume
Taylor/Arr. Pedersen

Ministry Teams:

Nurture & Education

Jessica Lucas

Worship & Music

Kitty Rogers

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 113)

Llona Weiss

Praise God! Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart.
Let the congregation come together shouting praises to God.

**God's works are holy and just, full of honor and majesty.
God's righteousness endures forever.**

God's wonderful deeds are praised by all,
Exemplifying God's gracious and merciful nature.

**God's praise endures forever!
God's covenant is with us always!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Hymn

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

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*Opening Prayer

Llona Weiss

God of steadfast love; You are gracious in light of all our trespasses and expect us to behave in similar fashion. Forgive us for the times we neglect to forgive those who trespass against us, and the times we hold grudges against others. Open our hearts, that we may forgive just as You forgive; for we know that forgiveness and grace are the keys to building a strong community. Fill our hearts with love and joy; and remind us that You will always strengthen our spirits as we celebrate Your glory. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God blesses us and forgives all our trespasses; and They call us to do the same. But even when we fail to do so, God still loves us and forgives us. 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

“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!***

Mission Moment

“CROP Walk”

Barry Kirchhoff

Ministry Teams:

Outreach & Advocacy

Mahree Skala

Inclusion & Affirmation

Ashley Ramirez

Little One's Day Out

Darla Privitt

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 14:5-14,21-22

Llona Weiss

The story of the Exodus. The people of Israel received Salvation from God's hand, even when they doubted. God uses spectacular means (parting of the Red Sea) to achieve this feat.

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Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

Llona Weiss

Jesus tells a story about grace. A king forgave great debts, but those he forgave failed to forgive lesser debts owed to them, and sought retribution against their debtors. In light of God's gracious love, how should we express that love to others?

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Anthem

“Amazing Grace”

Arr. Schrader

Celebration Singers; Katie Jones, Soloist

Ministry Teams: Membership & Care Judi Privitt

Fellowship & Hospitality Mary Lorber-Solt

*Hymn “Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls” #383

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer; The LORD’s Prayer

In an effort to encourage inclusion, we suggest using the address “Creator God” in our unison recitation of The Lord’s Prayer. You are certainly welcome to say “Our Father” instead of “Creator,” “Trespases” instead of “debts,” or “Thy” instead of “Your” if you prefer.

Creator God in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (insert)

Sharing our Announcements Pastor Rick

Ministry Teams: Building & Grounds Allen Posz

Finance & Stewardship Sue Ann Schaefer

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 “At Calvary” Tim Guillaume
Jennifer Cooke

*Prayer of Dedication Llona Weiss

Thank You, God, for all of the gifts You have given us and for consecrating us to be Your servant leaders in the world. Take the talents that we offer You; may they be used to embrace Your children, to change Your world for the better, and to bring about Your Kingdom of hope, peace and love. 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

Tim Guillaume

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
STEPHENS LAKE PARK – GORDON SHELTER
1:00 P.M. REGISTRATION | 1:30 P.M. WELCOME AND WALK**

For 30 years, the Columbia CROP Walk has provided another opportunity for our community to respond to the needs of the poor, the hungry, the unemployed and those dealing with disaster, both locally and around the world.

Four Columbia ministries that provide hunger relief will receive 25% of the money donated. They are: Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen, Russell Chapel Community Food Pantry, Destiny Worship Center Food Pantry, and Fifth Street Christian Church “Feed the Community” Program. Globally, \$10 will provide a two week food packet for a Ukrainian refugee in Moldova. \$20 will provide five chickens for a family in Kenya. \$170 will provide supplies for a women’s sewing class for new neighbors in the U.S.

We will also be collecting canned goods the day of the walk. Bring your canned goods to Stephens Lake Park on Walk day, or bring them here to church and we will make sure they reach the CROP destination!

As in past years, all locations of Shakespeare Pizza will donate 15% of all sales on Walk Day. That is a good excuse to eat pizza, put a few in the freezer and buy gift cards for your early holiday shopping!

Join the Columbia UCC Team by scanning the QR code below or going to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/cucc-office>. Select “Join our Team” and follow the instructions from there. You are also able to donate directly to the CROP Walk on this site!

For help or if you have any questions, contact Barry Kirchhoff or the church office.

**Next Sunday- lace up your shoes and join us for a walk to help
address food insecurity one step at a time through the 2026
COLUMBIA CROP HUNGER WALK.**



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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Llona Weiss
Song Leader:	Katie Jones
Ushers:	Mary Lorber & Audrey Lasley
Greeters:	Carol Duermeyer
Technology:	Ted Dachroeden & Josh Muench
Council Stewards:	Ashley Ramirez & Allen Posz

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Lena Muench
Song Leader:	Killian Boyd
Ushers:	Llona Weiss & Christine Staelens
Greeters:	Pat Forward
Technology:	Carissa Graves & John Graves
Council Stewards:	Christine Staelens & Jerry Kiesling

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Online Giving

NURSERY CARE is available for children in kindergarten and younger in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

CROP HUNGER WALK - 9/20

This year's CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, September 20 at Stephens Lake Park in the Gordon Pavillion. We will be collecting canned food and cash donations starting on August 30. To donate on behalf of Columbia UCC and/or walk in the event, scan the QR code on the previous page. If you have any questions, contact Barry Kirchhoff or the office.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING - 9/20

We had a very successful Young Adult Gathering in August, sharing fun, food, fellowship, and faith. We will do this again on 9/20 at Kasper and Ashley Ramirez's house from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. All Young Adults are invited to attend. Bring a friend! For more information, talk to Ashley Ramirez.

FOOD BANK - 9/22

Our monthly shift at the Food Bank is coming up! We will be serving on 9/22 at 5:30 p.m. Come join the fun! To sign up, use the link in the Friday email or talk to Mahree Skala.

PRIDEFEST - 9/26 & 9/27

Pridefest is here in CoMo, and CUCC has a booth again this year! We could use your help staffing the booth on both Saturday and Sunday. There is a sign up sheet in the rear of the Sanctuary to volunteer, as well as a link in the Friday email; or talk to Ashley Ramirez.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	9/13	Men's Fellowship	7:30 a.m.
		Bible Study/Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
Mon	9/14	Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry Team	5:15 p.m.
		LODO Ministry Team	6:00 p.m.
		Scouting America	7:00 p.m.
Tue	9/15	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Staff Meeting	10:00 a.m.
		Pause to Color	1:00 p.m.
		Church Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed	9/16	Pastor Rick leads worship at The Bluffs	10:00 a.m.
		Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:00/7:00 p.m.
		Confirmation Class	7:15 p.m.
Sat	9/19	Trip to Springfield- Western Assn. Gathering	7:00 a.m.
Sun	9/20	Bible Study/Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Youth lunch at Shakespeare's	12:00 p.m.
		CROP Walk	1:00 p.m.
		Young Adult Gathering at Ramirez's house	5:00 p.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

Alethea Tennill... recovering from broken leg

Fred Wilke... on hospice (Alethea's father)

Mark Fairley... on hospice

Joyce Andersen... on hospice (Aimee's mother-in-law)

The people of China/Nepal... recovering from disaster

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our Partner in Education

All those whose lives are affected by state sanctioned terrorism including:

Owen Ramsingh and family,

The families of Renee Good, Alex Pretti, Lorenzo Salgado, Sebastian Guerrero,
Jack and Claudia (Pastor Rick's friends), and so many others

Our US Military... deployed in the Middle East

Health Issues:

Jeff Kies, Barry Kirchhoff, Glenn Duermeyer, Evie Marcks,

Julia Marsh (Donna Marsh's daughter), Becky Weston,

Kenny & Jane Holtgrewe (Marsha Posz's parents),

Cassandra Gartner (Edie's friend), Rev. Carolyn Held (Edie's niece),

Mark & Connie Fairley, Cody Kile, Dr. Ryan Link;

Martha (friend of the Veteto family), Ken (Adam Veteto's cousin);

Marilyn Coronado & Beverly Wilcox (Corinne Remeika's friends),

Mary Jane Johnson (Joe Remeika's sister)

Challenges in Life:

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

Living in Assisted Living Facilities:

Dean & Jan Barry, Vernie Blank, Gary Ehrhardt, Julie Roper

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Sue Beckman, Linda Evans, Don Privitt, Walter & Patty Schroeder

Serving us in the military:

Aaron Dachroeden, Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson,

Garrett Holtgrewe... (Marsha Posz's nephew)

Pregnancies in our Church Family:

Kristin & Adam Veteto

*If you are interested in joining our Prayer Team or have a prayer request
for our team to lift up please contact*

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Exodus 14:5-14,21-22

5 When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, “What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?”

6 So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him;

7 he took six hundred elite chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

8 The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly.

9 The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

10 As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD.

11 They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt?”

12 Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”

13 But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again.

14 The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.

22 The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Matthew 18:21-35

21 Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

22 Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

23 “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him,

25 and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made.

26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’

27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’

29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’

30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’

34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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-quers 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-equal 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

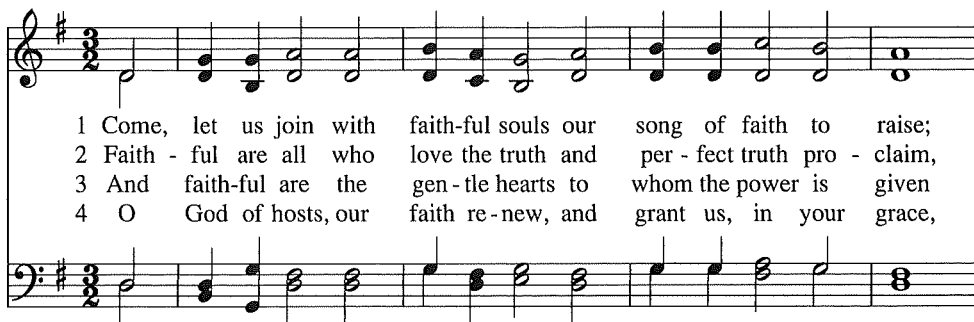
For another key, see 43, 368

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

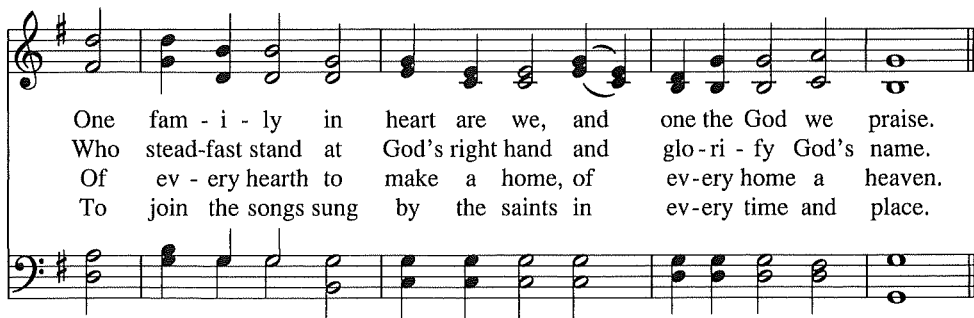
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William G. Tarrant, 1892; alt.

Rev. 5:11-14



1 Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise;
2 Faith - ful are all who love the truth and per - fect truth pro - claim,
3 And faith-ful are the gen - tle hearts to whom the power is given
4 O God of hosts, our faith re - new, and grant us, in your grace,



One fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise.
Who stead-fast stand at God's right hand and glo - ri - fy God's name.
Of ev - ery hearth to make a home, of ev - ery home a heaven.
To join the songs sung by the saints in ev - ery time and place.

A leader of the Unitarian Church in England, William Tarrant edited a Unitarian weekly and for thirty-seven years ministered to the Unitarian Christian Church in London. This hymn was one of many he wrote for use by that congregation.

Tune: AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1828

Arr. Lowell Mason, in Modern Psalmody, 1839

614 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

With a backbeat G C G Am7 G

1. I'm gon-na live so God can use me
(I'm gon-na live so) (God can

G7 C G7 C Am G C

use me,) an - y time and an - y - where
(yes an - y time) (yes an - y -

G G C G B7

where) I'm gon-na live so God can use me
(I'm gon-na live so)

Em C G A7 D7 G C G



an - y time and an - y - where.
(an - y time,) (yes an - y - where).

2. I'm gonna work...

3. I'm gonna pray...

4. I'm gonna sing...

SEPTEMBER

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2026

**CROP
HUNGER
WALK**

**Collecting food can donations
September 6 - 20.**

Bring cans to church on Sundays to give to Church World Service's CROP Hunger Walk. Columbia's walk will be at Stephens Lake Park at Gordon Shelter. Registration opens at 1:00 p.m. and the welcome program begins at 1:30 p.m. After the walk, there will be snacks, activities, and celebration!

Sign up here to walk!



CWS

Church World Service

Shakespeare's Pizza

👉 **Downtown ~ West ~ South** 👉

Fundraiser for Columbia CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Friends of Columbia CROP Hunger Walk will make purchases (Dine in, Carry Out, or Delivery) at Shakespeare's Pizza then 15% of all those sales will be donated to Columbia CROP Hunger Walk.

- Present this flyer, tell us when you call in an order, or show us a copy on your phone when ordering. All day, anytime.
- We'll save a copy of your receipt and add them all up at the end of the night. 15% will go back to Columbia CROP Hunger Walk!
- Everything on the menu counts: pizza, salad, t-shirt, gift card, or drink.
- Take home some frozen pizzas for later. The more you buy, the more Columbia CROP Hunger Walk makes!

Dine-In* To Go

(573) 449-2454 (Downtown)

(573) 447-1202 (West)

(573) 447-7435 (South)

225 South Ninth Street, Columbia, MO 65201

3304 Broadway Business Park Court, Columbia, MO 65203

3911 Peachtree Drive, Columbia, MO 65203

This offer CANNOT be combined with ANY coupons or discounts. We kindly request that these flyers be handed out at least 623 feet from our Front Door.

MID - MISSOURI



September 26 & 27

12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

@Rose Music Hall

Join Columbia UCC at this years
PrideFest! We will have a booth
both days from 12-6 p.m.

Make sure to swing by and say hi
during the festival.

Contact Ashley Ramirez to
volunteer to be at the booth and
spread the love.