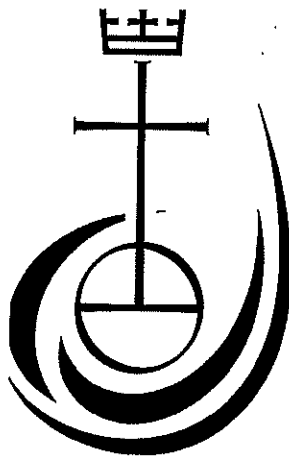


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April 25, 2021
Confirmation



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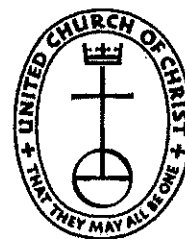
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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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April 25, 2021

10:30 Worship

"Confirmation"

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

"...God is my shepherd; I shall not want..."

-Psalm 23:1

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Chapel Ringers
Tucker

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Sadie Tummons

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 23)

Addison Melton

God, You are our Shepherd; we want for nothing.
You bring us pastoral peace and comfort!

**God brings us blessings and Salvation,
Restoring our souls!**

You lead us through the depths of despair;
Through the darkest valleys of life.

**We do not fear misery or evil;
For God is with us, guiding us and protecting us!**

You shower us with abundant blessings.
Healing and restoring us, we are forever yours!

**God's Goodness and Mercy will pursue us always
And we will endeavor to dwell in God's House forever!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

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(tune: Hyfrydol)

*Opening Prayer

Zabibu Kibaro

God of love; you gift us with your Creation and call us to be Stewards of it. Yet often we work in ways that are harmful to your good earth. Forgive us for the times when we are negligent in our Stewardship. Remind us that every day should be Earth Day in our lives, as we consider the impact of our privileges on your Creation. Open our eyes to your call and your challenge; and as we live and grow in our faith, help us to live and grow into the challenges you place before us. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Earth Day reminds us of God's challenge in Genesis to be good stewards of the blessings of Creation; but even when we forget this challenge, we know that God forgives us. Through our actions of repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven of all our sins! We are God's beloved children; praise be to God!

*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

Pastor Rick

Children's Time/Mission Moment

"Heifer Project"

Pat Forward, Gabe & Caitlin Nichols

Our Goal between now and May 9 is to raise \$5000 to provide an "ark" full of animals for those in need. Gabe and Caitlin Nichols, live in Millersburg, MO, and have a bee keeping business. Bees are one of the animals Heifer International provides, and the Nichols will share how Bees can be a profitable business.

The Rite of Confirmation: Affirmation of Faith

Invitation and Questions of the Candidates

*Affirmation of Faith (*United Church of Christ Statement of Faith*)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death, reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ; binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm, which has no end. Blessing and honor, Glory and power be unto you. Amen.

Anthem "Shepherd Me, O God" *Haugen*
Youth Ensemble with Hazel Keithahn, violin

The Rite of Confirmation: Testimony

Lilly Jaberg Psalm 104:1-13

*"Bless the LORD, O my soul...
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work."*

Brandon Lavelly Proverbs 17:22

*"A cheerful heart is a good medicine;
But a downcast spirit dries up the bones..."*

Hazel Keithahn 1 Corinth. 12:12-27

*"...all the members of the body
are like the one body of Christ..."*

*Hymn: "Now, In the Days of Youth" #350

The Rite of Confirmation: Blessing

Prayer of Confirmation

We rejoice, merciful God, in the gift of the Holy Spirit and in the Spirit's power to awaken us to new truth and to inspire us to venture into fullness of life. We ask your blessing on these Confirmation students. Help them to live not for themselves, but for Christ and those whom Christ loves. Keep them steady and abounding in hope and persistence, pressing toward the goal of life with you in Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Rite of Confirmation: First Communion

Invitation to Communion & Communion Prayer; Silent Prayer; Invocation
Institution; Fraction; Distribution

The LORD's Prayer *(sung by the Congregation, led by James Melton)*

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!**

The Rite of Confirmation: Reception into Membership

Covenant with the Candidates

*Congregational Welcome

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and be witnesses of Christ.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts

“In The Garden”

Lucy Smith
Livingston

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

*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

Kennedy Lucas

*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

“Let Us Now in Youth Rejoice”

Amy Crousore
Mansfield

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Confirmands
Acolyte: Confirmands
Ushers: Audrey Lasley
Greeters: Helen Schultz
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson/Pete Jaberg
Hospitality: Lena Muench
Council Steward: Pat Forward

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Jim Loveless
Acolyte: Lil Smith
Ushers: Mahree Skala
Greeters: Carol Duermeyer
Technology Booth: Brent Marcks & John Graves
Hospitality: Lena Muench
Council Stewards: Pat Forward



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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.

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 and manage the COVID-19 virus once and for all!

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

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 5/16

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be after worship on May 16. Plan on sticking around for lunch, and to hear information from our church ministry teams regarding our impact last year and our plans for the rest of 2021. Our Finance Team will be providing financial information as well, and we will elect Church Council Members for the coming term. Stick around that Sunday– this is an important part of our covenantal life!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	4/25	<i>Confirmation Sunday– Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Confirmation Class to Ronald McDonald House	2:00pm
Mon	4/26	Staff Meeting	10:15am
		Confirmation	6:00pm
		Membership & Care Team Meeting	7:30pm
Tue	4/27	Working at the Food Bank	5:30pm
Thu	4/29	Community Remembrance Project	4:00pm
		Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team	6:30pm
Fri	4/30	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	5/2	<i>Communion Sunday</i>	
		Sunday School for all ages	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Fellowship Hall Booked	1:00-4:00pm

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The family of Juanita Zeiler... on their loss (Mari Ann Keithahn's mother)

Sue Beckmann... recovering from knee surgery 4/5

Dennis Froeschner... recovering from knee surgery 4/9

Glenn Duermeyer... recovering from knee surgery 4/20

Caitlin (mother) and Timothy Herritt (infant)... recovering from difficult birth
(David and Ann Stone Meyer's daughter and grandson)

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)

Ardith Wilson... on hospice (Mark Wilson's mother)

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

The Families of Adam Toledo, Daunte Wright,
victims of recent shootings in Indianapolis, Texas, Colorado and Minnesota,
and all others who are victims of violence in the US

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:

Jefferey Mensendiek... serving in Japan

2020 Confirmation Class— Confirmed today!

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly

2021 Confirmation Class:

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,

Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

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*Christopher Wordsworth, 1872; alt.**Matt. 28:5-8; Rom. 5:21; 6:4-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22*

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voic - es raise;
 2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born;
 3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en; shed up - on us heav - en - ly grace,
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to the God of joy;

Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal on this ho - ly Eas - ter morn;
 Rain and dew, and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of your face;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who came death's bonds to de - stroy;

Je - sus on the cross as Sav - ior for the world's sal - va - tion bled;
 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by God's lib - er - at - ing deed;
 That we, with our hearts in heav - en, here on earth may fruit - ful be,
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

But the cru - ci - fied Re - deem - er now is ris - en from the dead!
 Now the Christ with us a - bid - ing to e - ter - nal life shall lead.
 And by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be yours e - ter - nal - ly.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

Christopher Wordsworth, gifted nephew of poet William Wordsworth, served the Church of England successively as canon at Westminster, parish priest in Berkshire, and, finally, bishop of Lincoln. This Easter hymn is one of his most enduring.

Tune: WEISSE FLAGGEN 8.7.8.7.D.
 Tochter Zion, Cologne, 1741
 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

Now in the Days of Youth

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Walter J. Mathams, 1913; alt.
Adapt. Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1992

Eccles. 12:1; 1 Cor. 16:13; Deut. 30:19-20

1 Now in the days of youth when life is filled with choice, when
2 Teach us to use our lives with pur - pose and with power for
3 Teach us to love in truth, to give and to re - ceive with
4 Teach - er, Cre - a - tor, God, en - fold us in your arms; be

hope and doubt touch ev - ery hour, when all thoughts find a voice,
vi - sions of a bet - ter world and for de - ci - sion's hour;
joy - ful and with o - pen hearts, with all that we be - lieve;
with us as we try our wings, and keep us safe from harm.

We turn, O God, to you for guid - ance and for grace. In
To choose the way of life, re - ject the way of death, un -
To seek an - oth - er's good, to hon - or what is right, to
All good and per - fect gifts come to us from your hand. O

all our days, in all our ways, help us to seek your face.
til the ra - dian - t force of God fills mind and strength and breath.
let our will and our de - sire be held in ho - ly light.
help us use them care - ful - ly and live by love's com - mand.

When the Rev. Walter J. Mathams of London wrote this hymn for use at Christian Endeavor and Sunday school conventions, he did not realize it would receive wide circulation. It was introduced in the United States in 1913 in the *Ship and Song*.

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
George J. Elvey, 1868