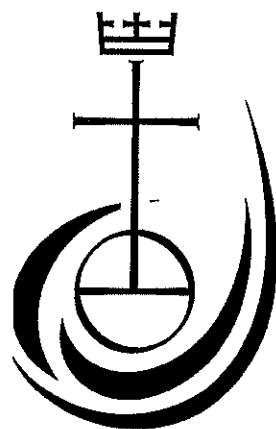


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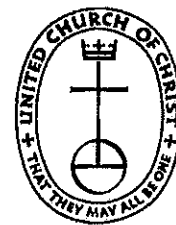
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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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March 7, 2021

10:30 Worship

"Amistad Sunday"

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

*"...the law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart..."*

-Psalm 19:7-8

Gathering Music		Amy Crousore
Welcome and Greetings		Pastor Rick
Prelude		Amy Crousore
	"Go Down, Moses"	<i>Spiritual</i>
Carrying in the Light of Christ		Lil Smith
*Call to Worship	<i>(based on Psalm 19)</i>	Sue Ann Schaefer

The heavens tell of God's glory;
The skies proclaim the wonder of God's handiwork.

**Day by day, God inspires us with Wisdom;
At night, God's presence comforts and assures us.**

As the sun shines on all, God's love also shines on all,
Affirming and welcoming all of God's Children.

**God's Wisdom is perfect, illuminating our souls.
God's purposes are clear, sharing love and compassion.**

Knowing God brings comfort and challenge;
We gather today open to both!

**May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
Be acceptable to God, our Rock and Redeemer!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" *NCH #436*

*Opening Prayer Sue Ann Schaefer

God of love; you speak to us in ways that would seem foolish by cultural standards, but are wise beyond cultural understanding. You call us to follow in ways that are difficult and dangerous; ways that our culture calls folly. Forgive us for the times we listen to these cultural criticisms and let them interfere with the ways of Jesus Christ. Give us the faith to follow Jesus fully, understanding that the cross is a vessel of God's Salvation; and the way of the cross is true wisdom. In In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

- *Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick
 The Apostle Paul assures us that God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Faith is not folly; faith is true strength. Through faith, we have hope. Through faith we know, God will always love us; God will always forgive us. We are forgiven! We are God's beloved! Praise be to God!
- *Prayer Response "Jesus, Remember Me..."
*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
- Children's Time Pastor Rick
- Response "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
**I have decided to follow Jesus; (3x)
 No turning back, no turning back.
 The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)
 No turning back, no turning back.**
- Living our Mission **"One Great Hour of Sharing"** Pastor Rick
- Anthem Susan Felton
Gabriel Faure
"Pie Jesu"
- Women's History Moment "Kamala Harris" Lindsey Oberle
- New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Sue Ann Schaefer
Paul, writing to the Christian Church in Corinth, tells his listeners that the message of the cross would be seen as foolish to those who do not understand it. Why would anyone follow a crucified Rabbi? But to those who understand that the cross is a vessel of God's Salvation, following the cross makes much more sense. (pg. 926)
- Gospel Lesson John 2:13-22 Sue Ann Schaefer
In John's Gospel, Jesus enters Jerusalem much earlier in his ministry than the other Gospels. Here, Jesus stages his political protest to set the stage for everything that he would do after. His message is not about commerce in general, but about the way commerce is used to oppress the less powerful. Jesus speaks of the folly of putting faith in human creations instead of the Good News of Inclusive Love. (pg. 863)
- Hymn "Spirit of God" (verses 1-3) NCH #290

Sermon: "The Way of Foolishness" Pastor Rick

Hymn: "Lord of the Dance" (insert)

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

In this season of Lent and in this meal, we remember even more diligently Christ's ministry on earth, dear God. We follow him. We fast with him. We join our hearts in the passion of his ministry and the promises of his life. Thank you, dear God for this bread and this cup; may they transform us so that we will indeed share it with others, as we walk more closely with you.

The LORD's Prayer (Sung by the Congregation, led by Susan Felton)

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 Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts Amy Crousore
"Sonatina Opus 36 #1" Muzio Clemente

*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 "For the Fruit of All Creation" NCH #425

***For the Fruit of all Creation, thanks be to God.
For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God!***

*Prayer of Dedication Sue Ann Schaefer

God of extravagant welcome; with these gifts we counter the wisdom of the world that preaches scarcity; and make a bold proclamation for abundance. Take these gifts and let them be used to bring your wisdom to all the world. 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

“With God as our Friend”

Amy Crousore
Oskar Ahnfelt

PROFILES IN WOMEN’S HISTORY– KAMALA HARRIS

Kamala Harris was born on October 20, 1964, in Oakland, CA. She is the 49th vice president of the United States. She is the first woman, the First Asian American and the first Black American to hold the post. She had previously served in the U.S. Senate and as Attorney General of California. Her father, who was Jamaican, taught at Stanford University, and her mother was a cancer researcher. After studying political science and economics at Howard University, Kamala earned a law degree in 1989 from Hastings College.

She worked as a deputy district attorney in Oakland, earning a reputation for toughness as she prosecuted cases of gang violence, drug trafficking, and sexual abuse. Harris rose through the ranks, becoming district attorney in 2004. In 2010 she was elected attorney general of California, becoming the first female and the first Black American to hold the post. After taking office the following year, she demonstrated political independence, rejecting, for example, pressure from the administration of Pres. Barack Obama for her to settle a nationwide lawsuit against mortgage lenders for unfair practices. Instead, she pressed California’s case and in 2012 won a judgment five times higher than that originally offered. Her stance on Proposition 8, which banned same-sex marriage in the state, led to it being overturned in 2013.

In early 2015 Harris was recruited to run for the U.S. Senate seat held by Barbara Boxer, who was retiring. On the campaign trail she called for immigration and criminal-justice reforms, increases to the minimum wage, and protection of women’s reproductive rights. She easily won the 2016 election.

When she took office in January 2017, Harris became the first Indian American in the Senate and just the second Black Woman. She began serving on both the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Judiciary Committee, among other assignments. She became known for her prosecutorial style of questioning witnesses during hearings. Harris’s memoir, *The Truths We Hold: An American Journey*, was published in January 2019.

God of Grace and God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
 John Hughes, c. 1907

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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George Croly, 1854; alt.

vs. 1-3

Gal. 5:25; Matt. 22:37; John 1:32

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid us love you ev - ery way?
 ✕ Teach me to feel that you are al - ways nigh;
 ✕ Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wear it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 All, all your own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind;
 teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as you are,
 No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see your cross—there teach my heart to stay:
 To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
 The bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek you, and O let me find.
 teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

George Croly, ordained in the Church of Ireland, was well known in London literary circles and served a poor parish. This hymn is from a collection he compiled for that congregation. Hellepont was the original name for the tune Morecambe.

Tune: MORECAMBE 10.10.10.10.
 Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

Lord of the Dance

Unison G Em Bm Em

1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but they
 3. I danced on the sab-bath when I cured the lame, the
 4. I danced on a Fri-day and the sky turned black; it's
 5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 would not dance and they would not fol - low me; I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame; they
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back; they
 I am the life that 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John; they
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me;

Am *D7* C G *Refrain* G Bm

Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came to me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, wher -
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

WORDS: Sydney Carter, 1963
 MUSIC: 19th cent. Shaker tune; adapt. by Sydney Carter, 1963;
 harm. by Gary Alan Smith, 1988

LORD OF THE DANCE
 Irr. with Refrain

ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the
 Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher - ev - er you may
 be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Chords: Em, G, Am, D, G, C, G, D7, G, C, G, C, G

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

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1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain; re -
 2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter - ness a - way; let
 3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
 4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus; anx - i - e - ty shall cease, and

store my hope, re - move my fear, and bring me peace a - gain.
 me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.
 pel the mem - o - ries of guilt and bring me peace with - in.
 heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

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WORDS: Michael Perry, 1982
 MUSIC: Norman L. Warren, 1982

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Worship Leader: Sue Ann Schaefer
Acolyte: Lil Smith
Ushers: John Graves
Greeters: Judi Privitt
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson
Hospitality: Melba Shaffer
Council Steward: Sue Ann Schaefer



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Pat Forward
Acolyte: Abby Dennis
Ushers: Doug Privitt
Greeters: Audrey Lasley
Technology Booth:
Hospitality: Jo Ellen Grace
Council Stewards: Lorry Dreier/

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CUCC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The CUCC Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. If you will be in college this fall, pick up an application in the church office. *All applications are due by April 1.*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH PASTOR RICK

Join Pastor Rick at 9:00 in the Sanctuary each Sunday for Adult Bible Study! We are working on a 6-week Sunday School Series on "Your Bible— The Study Begins." This introductory Bible course has much to offer everyone. We have had great crowds, and the class has been well received. Come join us Sunday mornings during Lent at 9:00 in the Sanctuary!

SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING LENT – FEBRUARY 21-MARCH 28, 2021

Preschool through High School Youth are celebrating each Sunday in Lent with a special Lent program organized and created by Lena Muench and Gina Pierson during the Sunday School hour, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Pre-registration for children and youth will be required in order to provide supervision and a safe, healthy environment. Click here to register: [Lenten Sunday School](#)

WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK STUDY WITH PASTOR RICK

We are on a journey through "The Last Week" by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crosson. This book studies in depth the last week of Jesus' life, and walks with him to the cross. Make this Lent meaningful by participating in this book study! Order your book today online, or pick up a copy in the church office.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will be meeting this Thursday at 9:30am for brunch and their continued Bible Study on the theme of lament. All women of the church are welcome to come! Join them for brunch and this great, insightful study.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	3/7	COMMUNION/AMISTAD SUNDAY <u>Lenten Bible School Program</u> Worship (in person and livestream)	9:00am 10:30am
Mon	3/8	Staff Meeting Confirmation Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team	10:15am 6:00pm 7:30pm
Tue	3/9	Worship & Music Ministry Team	6:30pm
Wed	3/10	Book Study- "The Last Week"	6:30pm
Thu	3/11	Women's Fellowship Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry Team	9:30am 6:30pm
Sun	3/14	CROP Walk Recognition Sunday Daylight Savings Time Begins <u>Lenten Bible School Program</u> Worship (in person and livestream)	2:00am 9:00am 10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Donna Wilmsmeyer... hospitalized; complications from pneumonia
Esther Rollins... health issues (Ed's mother)
Amy... challenges in life (April Rothweiler's friend)
Jonathan Schultz... recovering from broken shoulder
Lloyd Viehland... recovering at home from cardiac event and procedure
Ardith Wilson... on hospice (Mark Wilson's mother)
Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothweiler's Aunt)

All who are suffering from COVID-19 virus and other viruses
All who are on the front lines, serving those with COVID-19

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)
Dennis Froeschner... anticipating knee replacement surgery
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)
Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Anne Gregory... serving in Thailand

Pregnancies in our church family:

Ed Rollins & Jess Wolfe

2020 Confirmation Class (Confirmation on delay until...?):

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly

2021 Confirmation Class:

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