

Columbia United Church Of Christ

February 23, 2020
Transfiguration



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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February 23, 2020 10:30 Worship "Camp Sunday"

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

*"...Mighty King, lover of justice,
You have established equity;
You have executed justice and righteousness in Israel..."
-Psalm 99:6*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Be Thou My Vision"

Youth Bells
Joyce L. Moore

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Raelyn Zimny

*Call to Worship

Connie Loveless

God calls us to come away and rest awhile.
God beckons us to leave behind the busy-ness of the world.

**In mountaintop experiences, God transforms us;
In wilderness excursions, God comforts us.**

We listen for God's call today;
God's call to step away from the every day routine.

**As we step out of the every day, our eyes are opened.
Our senses sharpen; God's presence is revealed.**

Let us praise God with an everlasting joy!
With grateful hearts, let us come before our Creator.

**God is waiting for us; to challenge us and renew us.
God's presence is ever with us.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #1

*Opening Prayer Connie Loveless

God of love and relationship; you call us to mountaintop experiences where we can commune with you and build our faith. You call us to come away and rest awhile, feeding our soul with your goodness and grace. Forgive us for the times when we neglect to put aside the ways of the world and neglect to embrace your ways. Open our eyes and our hearts, that we may be transformed by your love. As Jesus was transfigured by his mountaintop experience with you, may we also shine with your love. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Jesus was transfigured by God. His countenance shone as God declared, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." This gracious blessing is ours as well; for we are all children of God, blessed, forgiven and beloved. Transfigured by God, let your light shine!

*Prayer Response "Shine"

**Lord, the light of your love is shining;
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us!
Set us free by the love you now bring us!
Shine on me; Shine on me!**

**Shine, Jesus Shine!
Fill the world with our God's Great Glory!
Blaze, Spirit, Blaze! Set our hearts on fire!
Flow, River, Flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!**

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

*At this time, you are invited to greet one another
with a hug or a handshake and the words,
"May God's Peace be with you!"*

Children's Time

"This Little Light of Mine"

#525

(Sung as children return to their seats)

**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!**

Anthem

"Transfiguration"

Kristin Veteto
Dan Galbraith

Living our Mission

"Camp MoVal"

Pastor Rick

Old Testament Lesson:

Exodus 24:12-18

Connie Loveless

Moses ascends Mt. Sinai to commune with God. For forty days and nights he is on the mountain, communing with God. The next seven chapters of the book of Exodus detail some of the instructions God gave Moses dealing with how the people of Israel should be in relationship with God.

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Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 17:1-8

Connie Loveless

Jesus, ascends the mountain to commune with God, taking with him Peter, James and John. They are dazzled by a bright light, and find Jesus communing with Moses and Elijah. They hear God bless Jesus once more (as at his baptism) and Jesus is transfigured.

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Sermon: "Transformed and Transfigured" Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" #182
Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn

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. 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

Reception of New Members

Invitation

Questions of the Candidates

*Welcoming Our Newest Members

James Melton

By God's grace, you have always been one with us in the body of Christ, the church universal. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith that has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this family of faith. Let us, the members of Columbia United Church of Christ, stand and express our welcome:

We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We give thanks to every church that has been your home on your spiritual journey, for the formation they have given you. We promise you our 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 all continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love.

Welcome and Presentation

Presenting our Gifts

"Blessed Assurance"

Amy Crousore

John Carter

*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”

#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

Connie Loveless

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 these gifts that we offer you today; 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

“The Lord God Ineffable”

Amy Crousore
David Paxton



*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*

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Bryan Crousore & Sharon Crousore
Ushers: Llona Weiss & Mahree Skala
Worship Leader: Connie Loveless
Acolyte: Raelyn Zimny
Sound Booth: Doug Privitt
Hospitality: Audrey Lasley
Council Steward: James Melton



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Carol Duermeyer & Helen Schultz
Ushers: Jason Schoeneberg & Ryan Schoeneberg
Worship Leader: Pat Forward
Acolyte: Polly Fuller
Sound Booth: Phillip Dennis
Hospitality: ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***
Council Steward: Pat Forward

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WELCOME GUESTS! If you are a guest visiting with us this morning, please fill out a green card found in your chair pocket; and leave it in the offering plate when it is passed. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Rick! We would love to get to know you better!

NAMETAGS We strive to be a friendly and welcoming church! Members and frequent guests, please wear your nametag each Sunday so we can greet each other most effectively and become an even friendlier church!

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS If you are a graduating Senior or are attending college currently, applications are available in the church office for scholarships from the NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND! Applications are due in the church office by April 1. (*Contributions to this Fund are welcome also, so we can continue this ministry for years to come!*)

STEWARDSHIP KICKOFF NEXT SUNDAY AND LUNCH

Next Sunday, stick around after worship for our catered Stewardship Lunch! Lisa Key from Emmaus Homes will be our guest speaker and we will kick off our Stewardship Drive for 2020. What is your 2020 Vision?

BOOK STUDY IN MARCH

Pastor Rick will be hosting a daytime Book Study on the book "Transgender and Christian" in March, as a follow up to Austen Hartke's presentation at the end of February. The time for the Book Study will be Wednesdays at noon, but we will utilize Zoom technology so people can participate from home or work using their laptop or cell phone. Copies of the book are available in the church office; see Alisa Lau Sieckman for details.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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| Sun | 2/23 | <i>Camp Sunday– Wear your Camp T-shirts!</i> Fellowship Time/Sunday School 9:00am <i>(Sunday School will start in the Sanctuary with songs and games)</i> Worship 10:30am |
| Mon | 2/24 | Pastor Rick leads worship at The Bluffs 10:00am Pastor Rick leads worship at Mill Creek 11:15am Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team 6:00pm |
| Tue | 2/25 | Quilters 9:00am-2:00pm Staff Meeting 10:00am Church Council Meeting 6:30pm |
| Wed | 2/26 | <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Choir 6:00pm Confirmation 6:30pm Worship 7:00pm |
| Thu | 2/27 | Lunch Bunch with Llona Weiss, speaker 12:00pm |
| Fri | 2/28 | LODO Closed |
| Sat | 2/29 | Fellowship Hall Reserved– Conference Council |
| Sun | 3/1 | <i>STEWARDSHIP DRIVE KICKOFF AND DINNER</i> Fellowship Time/Sunday School 9:00am Worship 10:30am Stewardship Dinner with Lisa Key 11:30am |

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The family of Nicholas Johnson ... on their loss
Mari Ann Keithahn... healing from broken arm
Gladys Koepke... health issues after a fall (Gene's mother)
Rev. Dr. David Beebe... living with cancer (Oberle's friend)
Jo Ellen Grace's brother... living with cancer
Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;
Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Joe & Corrine Remeika
Sheila... challenges in life and faith
Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family;

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Kathy Kindrick; Christie O'Very;
Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Sharon Elliott; Rev. Jim Elliott; Shirley Lawler;
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Sue Beckman; Wayne Gartner (Laura's brother)
Pat Enos (Alisa's brother-in-law)

Pregnancies in our church family:

Makayla Smith and Joey Oberle
Coleen & Tim Williams (Bullerd's daughter)

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, Chuck Sheller (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Dustin Riebel, serving in Ecuador

2020 Confirmation Class:

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly

*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.*