

Columbia United Church Of Christ

May 31, 2026
"Scouts Sunday"



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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Of Christ**



May 31, 2026

10:30 a.m.

"Pentecost"

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

*"I will sing praise to my God as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being!"
-Psalm 104:33*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Steal Away"

Larson

Connie Loveless & Jolene Hackman, piano duet

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 104)

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Creator God, how majestic are Your works!
Your Wisdom brings all things into being.

**The roar of the oceans, the majesty of the seas;
Living things that frolic in the waves; You Created them all!**

You supply Your Creatures with nourishment and provision;
Care for all, in due season.

**Your hands supply goodness and love;
Your presence refreshes and restores.**

You send forth Your Spirit and bring life;
You breathe into each of us, recreating Your world.

**May God's Glory endure forever;
May our meditations be pleasing to God!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Hymn

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

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*Opening Prayer

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God of empowerment; we hear the story of Your Holy Spirit moving through the Apostles that day long ago and how they reacted to Your holy presence. As we hear this story, we contemplate our actions and our inaction. Forgive us for the times we fail to let Your Holy Spirit fire us up. Inspire us, as You inspired those Apostles long ago, to be Your agents for change in the world; bringing Your realm of justice, righteousness and shalom to fruition. We ask these prayers in Jesus' name; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God's Holy Spirit fires us up, inspiring us to do God's work in the world. But even when we fail to live into this challenge, God still loves, encourages and guides us. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response

“Spirit of the Living God”

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*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!*

*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!*

Affirmation of Ministry

Recognizing and installing the elected leaders of this church

Introduction & Presentation of The 2026-2027 Church Leadership Team

Affirmation of Servanthood

*Covenant

Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our friends in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant together:

We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, to honor your leadership, and to assist you, so together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

*Prayer

Installation & Declaration

Recognition of Retiring Officers/Leaders

Mission Moment

Food Bank

Mahree Skala

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:1-8, 11-13

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After Jesus' Ascension, the disciples are hiding in an upper room for fear of further persecution. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit intrudes into their sanctuary, firing them up and filling them with purpose. They begin prophesying in many languages, to everyone who could hear them. Some believed, but others scoffed.

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Gospel Lesson

John 15:18-27

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Jesus talks about the disciples not belonging to the world, but being of the world. They are called to at within the world, but not belong to it. Because of this, they will be persecuted. He also promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, to come after he ascends to heaven.

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Anthem

“Joyful, Joyful, Sing Praise”

Celebration Singers

Jay Althouse

Scouts Presentation

“Year in Review”

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*Hymn

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

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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

“Come, O Spirit, With Your Sound”

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Sharing our Announcements

Pastor Rick

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

Gina Pierson

*Prayer of Dedication

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Loving God, as the disciples who gathered on that Pentecost Day long ago opened themselves to Your power and changed Your world, we pray that we may do the same. Take these gifts we offer today; may they be emblematic of our desire to do Your will. Through them, may Your Wisdom spread like wildfire, and Your Spirit be shared with all. 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

Gina Pierson

FIFTH SUNDAY FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Every month that has a “fifth Sunday” we have a special collection for the Food Bank. Today, as we provide this opportunity for support, please keep in mind those with food insecurities. The need is growing ever greater. To donate, use the envelope in today’s bulletin, or go online to our church website (QR code on the next page). As always, please keep those with food insecurity issues in your prayers! Questions? Talk to Mahree Skala.

***CUCC celebrates God’s boundless love by:
Welcoming all God’s Children;
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:

Worship Leader:	Scouts
Song Leader:	Mike Pierson
Ushers:	Mark & Jane Duncan, Scouts
Greeters:	Susan Dunham
Technology:	Josh Muench & Ted Dachroeden
Council Stewards:	Ashley Ramirez & Edie Diel

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Llona Weiss
Song Leader:	Mike Pierson
Ushers:	Keith & Deborah Birkes
Greeters:	John & Brenda Muench
Technology:	Brent Marcks
Council Stewards:	Aimee Andersen & Jerry Kiesling

Online Giving



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

MAYAN MINISTRIES (CHIAPAS) PRESENTATION– 6/7

Next Sunday, during the 9:00 hour, CUCC members who have been to Chiapas will be talking about their adventures! Don't miss it next week at 9:00!

NAME THAT TUNE - 6/5

The Quorus will be kicking off Pride month hosting "Name that Tune" at The Blue Note on June 5 at 7:00 p.m. Come support our partners in ministry as they share laughter, love, and joy with the community! It is part concert, part game show, and all fun. To purchase tickets, talk to Ashley Ramirez.

JUNETEENTH KICKOFF - 6/6

The Columbia kickoff for Juneteenth festivities will be at 4:00 p.m. at Second Missionary Baptist Church, 407 East Broadway. Come celebrate freedom!

SAVE THE DATE - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Get ready to blast off! This year's Vacation Bible School will be out of this world. Save the date for Tuesday July 14 and Wednesday, July 15 for two days full of cosmic Christian fun. Registration information for helpers and attendees is in the Friday email, and on our website. Questions? Ask Lena Muench.

GUEST SUMMER MUSICIANS

While the Celebration Singers and Chapel Ringers take their summer break, we are looking for those who would love to share their talent and time with us. If you are interested but don't have a date or song in mind, reach out to Mike Pierson. *(Reminder– worship time will remain at 10:30 a.m. this summer!)*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	5/31	<i>Pentecost/Scouts Sunday</i>	
		Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		BBQ Lunch	12:00 p.m.
		Quorus Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Mon	6/1	LODO Ministry Team	6:00 p.m.
Tue	6/2	Staff Meeting	10:00 a.m.
		Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Team Earth	5:30 p.m.
Wed	6/3	Confirmation	10:30 a.m.
Fri	6/5	Name That Tune at the Blue Note	7:00 p.m.
Sat	6/6	Pridefest in Jefferson City	12:00 p.m.
		Juneteenth Kickoff at Second MBC	4:00 p.m.
Sun	6/7	Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
		Mayan Ministries (Chiapas) Presentation	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Women's Fellowship Trip	12:00 p.m.
		Quorus Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

The joy of new birth! Oliver James Furney... born last Saturday!

Edie, Aimee, and their family... on the death of Edie's Sister, Marna
Kenny Holtgrewe... recovering from surgery (Marsha Posz's father)

Mary Jane Johnson... health issues (Joe Remeika' Sister)

Shirley Gallaher... recovering from hip replacement

Michael Butterworth... recovering from surgery

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 family of Renee Good, The family of Alex Pretti,
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,
Fred Wilke (Alethea's Father), Julia Marsh (Donna Marsh's Daughter),
Kenny & Jane Holtgrewe (Marsha Posz's parents),

Karleen Martindale (Kasper's Mother),

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)

Challenges in Life:

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families, Kieran Armstrong, Jen Siebert

Living in Care Facilities:

Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank, Julie Roper

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

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

Serving us in the military:

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden

Garrett Holtgrewe... (Marsh Posz's Nephew)

Pregnancies in our Church Family:

Chloe & Mark Eveler, 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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Acts 2:1-8;11-13

- 2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
- 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
- 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
- 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
- 5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem.
- 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.
- 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
- 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”
- 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

John 15:18-25

18 “If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you.

19 If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

20 Remember the word that I said to you, ‘Slaves are not greater than their master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also.

21 But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 Whoever hates me hates my Father also.

24 If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father.

25 It was to fulfill the word that is written in their law, ‘They hated me without a cause.’

26 “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.

27 You also are to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

On Pentecost They Gathered

Acts 2:1-24, 32-47

Jane Parker Huber, 1981; rev. 1993

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as God in Christ they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us hearts to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

Jane Parker Huber explained that she wrote this text in 1981
 "to fill a gap in current hymnody," in that "many of the hymns
 concerning the activity of the Holy Spirit do not mention
 Pentecost."

Tune: MUNICH 7.6.7.6.D.
 Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693
 Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

Spirit of the Living God

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Daniel Iverson, 1926

Acts 11:15; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Gal. 5:25

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Bb F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Presbyterian minister Daniel Iverson was inspired to write this chorus one evening while attending revival services led by the George T. Stephans Evangelistic Party in Orlando, Florida, in 1926. It became widely popular at similar meetings before it was published several years later.

Tune: IVERSON 7.5.7.5.8.7.5.
Daniel Iverson, 1926

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Unison, brightly
Refrain

James K. Manley, 1978; alt.

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm * E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G *Last time, end*
D

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

**Reduced-size notes may be played with organ pedals in lieu of or in combination with the other notes.*

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 *to Refrain*

bers and rise on your wings."
 ets to o - pen their eyes.
 ple on the rush of the wind.
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waikeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth stanza at the suggestion of a church member.

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.
 James K. Manley, 1978
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993