

Columbia United Church Of Christ

January 12, 2020
Baptism of Jesus



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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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January 12, 2020

10:30 Worship

"Baptism"

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

*"...the voice of God is over the waters...
The voice of God is powerful...full of majesty..."
-Psalm 29:1-4*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Presto"

Amy Crousore
Joseph Haydn

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Katelyn Odneal

*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 29)*

Josie Arms

Praise God's glory and strength;
Worship God in Holy splendor!

**God's voice is over the waters;
God's glory thunders from the deep.**

God's voice is powerful, full of majesty.
God's voice shakes the wilderness and strips the forests bare.

**God is enthroned over the waters;
God gives strength and blessing to God's people.**

Listen for the voice of God;
Calling out, blessing us and calling us by name.

**Our mouths will sing of God's praise for generations;
And we will bless God's Holy Name forever and ever.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn "Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped" #22

*Opening Prayer Josie Arms

God of majesty; we seek in all things to hear your voice calling out our name saying, "this is my child, my beloved; with whom I am well pleased." We understand that, through baptism, we have been dedicated to you, named and claimed as your children. Yet we know that we often fall short of your expectations. We often have not lived up to the ideals of the promises made at our baptism or the grace conferred upon us that day. Remind us of our baptisms, gracious God; and remind us that, baptized or not, we are all your children,

beloved and blessed. Open our ears, so we can hear you claim us as your beloved. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

When Jesus arose out of the waters at the time of his baptism, God's voice echoed over the waters naming and claiming him, blessing him and signifying him as God's beloved. This promise belongs to us as well; baptized or not, we are all blessed and beloved. Praise God, whose voice echoes over the waters and whispers in our ears, forgiving us and claiming us as God's own.

*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

*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 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

(Sung as children return to their seats)

**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

"Room at the Inn"

Mahree Skala

Anthem

"Wade in the Water"

Adam Veteto
Spiritual

New Testament Lesson:

Acts 10:34-48

Josie Arms

In a post-Ascension message to the Gentiles in the cohort of Cornelius, Peter proclaims Good News to all who follow the baptism of reconciliation John announced that was fulfilled in the life and ministry of Jesus. He then baptizes the gathered Gentiles, invoking the wrath of his Jewish contemporaries.

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Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 3:13-17

Josie Arms

Jesus comes to John to be baptized and John is taken aback. But Jesus asks John to baptize him, symbolizing his new birth into the ministry he is about to begin. As he is baptized, the voice of God is heard over the waters, naming and claiming Jesus, blessing him and calling him beloved.

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Sermon

"Remember Your Baptism"

Pastor Rick

The Sacrament of Baptism (Remembering your baptism)

Whether you have been baptized or not, you have been named and claimed by God. God blesses and redeems you just as you are.

Today we celebrate the baptisms of everyone in the congregation; members and guests alike. Pastor Rick will be inviting everyone who wishes to come forward via the center aisle to recall being named and claimed by God and to remember their baptism.

Pastor Rick will give more instructions about how to proceed forward and participate in this ritual.

If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to participate as well. Come forward and when you are told to “remember your baptism” know that you are being reminded that God loves you and claims you, even if you have not participated in the Sacrament of Baptism.

If you have not been baptized yet and wish to be baptized today, you are invited to come up on the chancel with Pastor Rick and be baptized. If you would like to schedule a baptism in the future, talk to Pastor Rick after worship.

After everyone who wishes comes forward to participate, we will all rise and join together in our hymn, celebrating the ways God names us and claims us and carries us through all the challenges of life.

*Meditation Hymn

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry” #351
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

Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts

Amy Crousore
JS Bach

“Concerto #2 in G Major”

*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

Josie Arms

God, you name us and claim us and called us beloved. You bless us with abundance and challenge us to be servants of all. With that in mind, we offer our gifts; that we may not only be blessed, but also be blessings in your world. Take these gifts and multiply them; that they may be used in your service. 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

“To God be the Glory”

Amy Crousore
John Carter

Do You Have 2020 Vision?

What is your vision for 2020 regarding your relationship with Columbia United Church of Christ? As we enter the New Year, we often make “resolutions” to do something different or reallocate our time. What is your reallocation regarding Columbia United Church of Christ?

With the baptism of Jesus as our inspiration, we strive to develop relationships with the church that are intentional, rather than accidental; not to perpetuate an institution, but because of the Spiritual Development and Cultural Transformation that happens because of that relationship.

So as you prepare for 2020, strive for 2020 Vision in your church life. Make a resolution about how much time, talent and treasure you are planning to commit to this church; and stick with it all year! Make an intentional commitment to be present in worship on a regular basis, to participate in church activities, and to contribute a certain amount to the work of the church. Stick with it in 2020 and see how your life is changed for the better!

***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...***

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Donna Marsh & Helen Schultz
Ushers: Doug Privitt & Christine Staelens
Worship Leader: Josie Arms
Acolyte: Katelyn Odneal
Sound Booth: Brent Marcks
Hospitality: ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***
Council Steward: Mahree Skala



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Cliff Beckman & Sue Beckman
Ushers: Brent Marcks & Charlie Marcks
Worship Leader: Marcella Dolezal
Acolyte: Raelyn Zimny
Sound Booth: Carissa Graves
Hospitality: ***HOSPITALITY HOST NEEDED***
Council Steward: Mahree Skala

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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.

COMO VALUES DIVERSITY BREAKFAST

The CUCC Inclusion Team is sponsoring a table at the COMO Values Diversity breakfast on January 16, 2020; 7:00am at the Holiday Inn Expo Center (arrive by 6:45). This annual MLK Weekend event features speakers, essays and music all centered around the theme of Inclusion. If you would like a seat at the table, contact Alisa Sieckman or Pastor Rick.

CHIAPAS PRESENTATION JANUARY 19

Pastor Rick will be hosting a gathering during the Sunday School hour on January 19 to talk about the Mission Immersion Experiences he has had in Chiapas, and what this year's Mission Immersion Experience will be like. All are invited to attend and hear more about the upcoming trip, as well as the 4 trips that he has taken in the past.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND CHILI COOKOFF

Our Annual Congregational Meeting and Chili Cookoff will be Sunday, January 26 right after worship! Have your chili here by 10:30 for entry into the contest. The Annual Congregational Meeting will start right after we eat, around 12:30 or so. Sign up sheet is in the Gathering area on the rotating literature rack.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	1/12	<i>Baptism of Jesus/Youth Group Dinner after Worship</i>	
		Men's Breakfast	7:30am
		Fellowship Time/Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am
		Youth Group Meal	12:00pm
		Nurture & Education Ministry Team	12:00pm
Mon	1/13	Music & Worship Ministry Team	6:30pm
Tue	1/14	Quilters	9:00am-2:00pm
		Staff Meeting	10:00am
		Food Bank	6:00pm
		Inclusion Team	6:30pm
Wed	1/15	Bells/Choir	6:30pm/7:30pm
		Confirmation	6:30pm
Thu	1/16	COMO Values Diversity	7:00am
		Membership & Care Ministry Team	6:30pm
Sun	1/19	<i>MLK Day/ "The King Philosophy"</i>	
		Fellowship Time/Sunday School	9:00am
		Pastor Rick leads presentation on Chiapas	9:00am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Victims of violence at church in Texas and the Rabbi's home in New York

The hope for peace in the Middle East (1/5)

All those being persecuted for their religious beliefs (1/5)

A husband dealing with health issues (1/5)

Gladys Koepke... recovering from fall (Gene's mother)

Harold Hackman... recovering from knee surgery 12/6

Rev. Dr. David Beebe... living with cancer (Oberle's friend)

Jo Ellen Grace's brother... living with cancer

Our church... as we live into our call as an ONA congregation

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Remeika/Johnson family

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)

Donald Long (Vena's husband); 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 (Oberles' friends); Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin);

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Victoria Peagler, serving in Botswana

2020 Confirmation Class:

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly