## Columbia United Church Of Christ

### June 8, 2025 Scouts Sunday/Pentecost



#### **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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June 8, 2025

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

"The heavens proclaim God's righteousness, And all the people behold God's Glory!" -Psalm 97:6

Welcome and Greetings

Prelude

"Andante Religioso"

Steve Jannetti Francis Theme

Pastor Rick

Carrying in the Light of Christ

\*Call to Worship

The Spirit of God moves among us, Binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place.

#### The Spirit of God moves through us, Empowering us to proclaim the Gospel to all people.

The Spirit of God moves through us, making us channels of God's love.

#### God's Spirit gives good and diverse gifts. Praise be to God for the gift of loving one another!

Praise be to God for the ability to serve one another. Praise be to God that we are bound together as one by God's Holy Spirit.

#### As we gather for worship, we open ourselves to God's Holy Spirit. Come, let us worship God!

\*Hymn

"On Pentecost they Gathered" #272

\*Opening Prayer

God of inspiration and blessing; we hear You calling to us, commanding us to love one another. We know that we are called to embody this love in action as Your Holy Spirit fires us up and sends us out into the world. Forgive us for the times when we close ourselves off to Your Presence in our lives. Teach us to open ourselves to the ways You fire us up; that we may proclaim Your glory to all the world. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

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9:30 a.m.

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\*Assurance of Blessing

God's Holy Spirit fires us up and sends us out into the world to do the work of the church. But even when we forget this mandate, God still loves us and forgives 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"

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

May God's Peace be with you!

#### And also with you!

Children's Time

"Tell me the Stories of Jesus" (Sung as children return to their seats)

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; Things I would ask him to tell me, if he were here. Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, All in the love light of Jesus' face!

Mission Moment

"Strengthen the Church"

New Testament Lesson Acts 2:1-8,11-14,37-47

The Pentecost Story. As the disciples are gathered together, hiding for fear of the religious authorities, God's Holy Spirit fired them up; and they went out, proclaiming God's Word to the crowds in Jerusalem. Three Thousand People were added to the church that day, united in following the teachings of Jesus and doing God's will. Page #885

Gospel Lesson

John 14:15-17,25-27

At the Last Supper, Jesus implores those around the table with him to follow his commandments, to love one another. He promises them that God will send God's Holy Spirit upon them, teaching them and reminding them of Jesus' teachings. He concludes by telling them not to be troubled, and blesses them with a gift of peace. Page #877

Anthem

"Amen, Amen" Steve Jannetti, Lena Muench, and Norah Schultz

This Year in Scouting

\*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 "Creator God" in our recitation of The Lord's Prayer. You are welcome to say "Our Father" or "Our Mother" instead of "Creator," "Trespasses" 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.

*Meditation Hymn	"O Spirit of the Living God"	#263
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Invitation to the Offering

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041 You can also give online by visiting our website: www.columbiaucc.com

Offertory

"O For the Wings of a Dove" Steve Jannetti Felix Mendelssohn

\*Prayer of Dedication

God of Grace; You call us into Your church to embrace Your Wisdom; then You send us out to do Your work in the world. Take our hearts and our minds and let them be focused on Your mission. Take also the gifts we offer today. Let them be used to further Your mission of justice and provide voice for those who are seeking an alternative to the ways of the world. May these gifts help provide restoration and wholeness to Your Creation. Amen.

\*Benediction

\*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!

Pastor Rick

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#### 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

"Glory Be to God on High" Steve Jannetti George P. Telemann

#### STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

The annual Strengthen the Church Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Some of the offering is used to support youth in attending the General Synod.

The 2025 theme for Strengthen the Church is "Great and Wide." This phrase, from Psalm 104, represents the diverse and playful nature of the multitude of ministries the offering supports. Whether the offering supports an outdoor worshipping community in Wisconsin or the National Ministries MESA team who builds systems to connect pastors and congregations, the movement of God is apparent.

To give to our Strengthen the Church offering, you may use the envelopes in today's bulletin or make your donation online.

#### SCOUTING AMERICA AND CUCC

CUCC is the Charter Organization for four Scouting America units, over 150 children, youth, and adult volunteers. These units are:

- **Cub Scout Pack 5183** The younger group of Scouts, with boys and girls from kindergarten age through 5th grade. They meet every other Monday.
- Scouting America Troop 4475 The girls troop. They are a very active troop of girls from 6th-12th grades. They meet every Monday.
- Scouting America Troop 708 The boys troop. They are from 6th-12th grades and are very active. They meet every Monday, too.
- Venture Crew 5334 This is a focused co-educational group of older youth, from High School through college age.

As the Charter Organization for these four units, they are a part of us and we are a part of them. "They are our scouts, and we are their church." Working together, in covenant, we will share the joys of common life and enhance one another's mission, all to the glory of God.

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#### **TODAY IN WORSHIP:**

Worship Leader:	Scouting America
Ushers:	Scouting America
Greeters:	Jessica Lucas
Technology:	Josh Muench & Lorry Dreier
Council Stewards:	Christine Staelens & Jerry Kiesling

#### **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:** Worship Leader:

Worship Leader:	Sue Ann Schaefer
Ushers:	Llona Weiss & Audrey Lasley
Greeters:	Anne Heine
Technology:	Brent Marcks & Doug Privitt
Council Stewards:	Mary Lorber



Online giving

#### **COLUMBIA UCC CHURCH COUNCIL**

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**NURSERY CARE** is available for children in kindergarten and younger in room #201 in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

#### LUNCH & LEARN-6/22

On June 22, after worship, we will meet in Fellowship Hall for a workshop led by Corinne Remeika exploring how each of us copes with changes in our lives. The goal is for each of us to consider what resources there are from which we can choose, and how choices can help transform us and strengthen our trust in God's presence in our daily lives. Please sign up using the sign up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.

#### **SCOUTING AMERICA FUNDRAISER**

Our Scouting America Troop 708 is hosting an online auction fundraiser! From now thru June 30, you can bid on outdoor gear donated by American Outdoor Brands. ALL money raised will go directly to Troop 708. To view the auction online, scan this QR code:

#### ASHLAND PRIDEFEST- 7/12

Are you able to help staff a booth at Ashland Pride? Shifts are available from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. There is a sign up sheet in the rear of the Sanctuary for you to volunteer!

#### NEW NAME TAGS

The Inclusion & Affirmation and Membership & Care Ministry Teams are working together to bring us new name tags! We are also using this opportunity to update info in our church membership database. Please fill out a paper form in the rear of the Sanctuary and drop it in the wicker basket; or fill it out online. To access the online form, scan this QR code:

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	6/8	Scouting America Sunday Bible Study Worship (in person) All Church BBQ	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Mon	6/9	Church office closed– Alexandra off LODO Ministry Team Scouting America	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Tue	6/10	Quilters Staff Meeting Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
Thu	6/12	Women's Fellowship Field Trip	8:45 a.m.
Sun	6/15	<i>FATHER'S DAY</i> Bible Study Fellowship Worship (in person and livestream)	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.





## **Columbia UCC Prayer List**

*Please keep in your prayers this week* . . . The family of Sharon Elliott... on their loss

Marsha Posz... health issues Cody Kile... recovery from accident Debby Duermeyer... healing from knee replacement

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our Partner in Education

The people of Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine

Health Issues:

Glenn Duermeyer, Lloyd Mickelson, Lauren Helmreich, Barry Kirchhoff, Mark Fairley & Connie Hackman Fairley, Rachel Demand,
Kristan Whelihan (Russell Eveler's teacher), Ann Wilke (Alethea's mother) Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's niece), Jennifer (Edie Diel's niece),
Julia Marsh (Donna Marsh's Daughter), Joanne Good (Sue Beckman's friend), Martha (friend of the Veteto family), Ken (Adam Veteto's cousin), Linda Hancik and Beverly Wilcox (friends of Corinne Remeika), Lortisha Powell (Dorothy Vetter's friend), Joan Grout (Sue Ann Schaefer's cousin)

*Challenges in Life:* Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families, Kieran Piersee

*Living in Care Facilities:* Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves, Harold Hackman, Walter & Patty Schroeder

*Living in Independent Living Facilities:* Don Privitt, Alice Moon, Cliff & Sue Beckman, Linda Evans

Serving us in the military: Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden

Did you know we have a Prayer Team here at CUCC, lifting up the prayer concerns of our congregation? If you are interested in joining our Prayer Team or have a prayer request for our team to lift up please contact

> Melba Shaffer (573) 474-2997 <u>melbamaes@google.com</u> Or Tricia Soncasie (314) 374-7477 <u>tsoncasie@aol.com</u>

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 PENTECOST

On Pentecost They Gathered 272 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 Spir - it Ho - ly on all who would be - lieve, 4 O Spir - it. sent from heav - en on that day long a - go, band of Christ's dis wor - ship, sing, and ci - ples а to pray. un - der-stand their lan - guage, as God in Christ they praised. to 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. Α might-y wind came blow - ing, filled all swirl - ing the 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. 0 give us hearts to lis - ten and tongues a flame with praise, and tongues of fire glow - ing in - spired each per - son a 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 hour. ery folk ev - ery so of 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

## Acts 2:1-8,11-14,37-47

1 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."

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

38 Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far

away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

44 All who believed were together and had all things in common;

45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,

47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## John 14:15-17,25-27

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

25 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you.

26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.



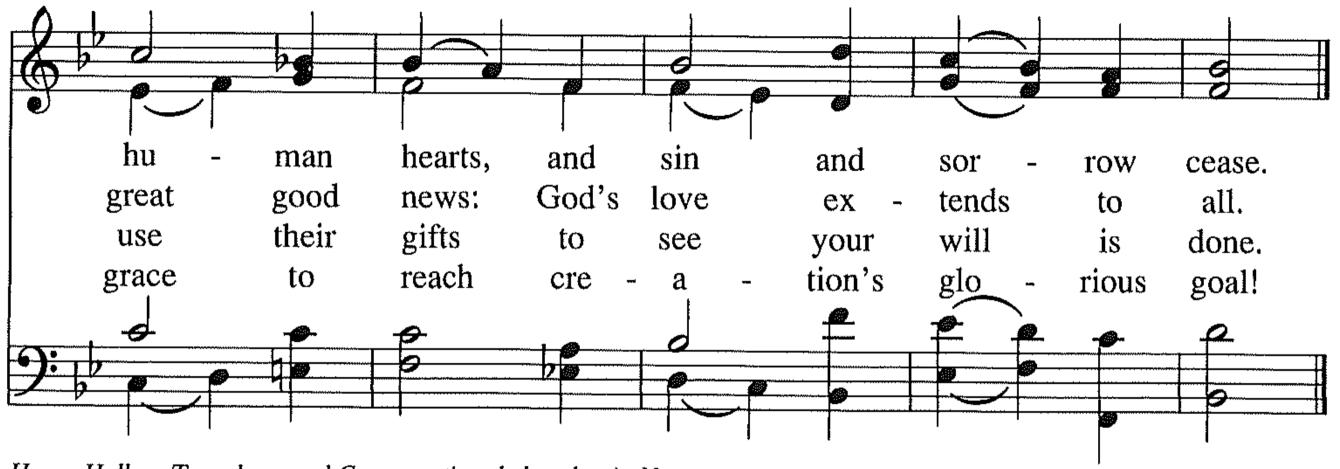
\*Reduced-size notes may be played with organ pedals in lieu of or in combination with the other notes.



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 Waiokeola 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 PENTECOST





Henry Hallam Tweedy served Congregational churches in New York and Connecticut from 1898 to 1909 before joining the faculty of Yale University Divinity School.

Tune: ST. MATTHEW C.M.D. William Croft, 1708

#### "Is Pride a Sin?"

As we move into the month of June, you are going to be hearing a lot about Pride, especially from the Queer Community. Every year, as Pride Month rolls around, there are those who are confused by its existence; there are even those who equate Pride Month to the "sin" of pride that is mentioned Biblically.

Jesus talks against being prideful in Mark 7:22. The book of Proverbs speaks against being prideful many times, including 11:22, 16:5, and 16:18, the famous phrase, "pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."

However, the pride that is talked about Biblically and the Pride that is referred to in the affirmation of oppressed communities are two very different understandings of the word.

When Biblical authors talk about pride, they are referring to the act of oppressing others for selfish desires, usually power. When these Biblical authors talk about pride, they are referring to oppressors and tyrants, people who are cruel to others, people who sow dissention and injustice, people who use power as a weapon. *The Biblical understanding of pride refers to those who think of themselves as more powerful and important than even God.* 

Pride Month is just the opposite. Pride Month is about restoration of dignity, building up community, recognizing the inherent self-worth in one another. Pride Month was born out of oppression, birthed by people who were oppressed by a system that embodied the Biblical version of pride. Pride Month is about giving back to the Queer community what has been stolen from them by cruel oppressors. Pride Month is about acknowledging the infinite diversity of God's glorious Creation.

In the television show, "Joan of Arcadia," Joan asks God about pride and humility. Encouraging her to live into her potential, God tells Joan to have pride in her work and have pride in who she is. She questions God saying, "but I thought pride was a sin?" God tells her that being proud of who you are and how you are created in God's image is not a sin; pride is only sinful when it separates you from your true potential.

According to the theologian Paul Tillich, the definition of "sin" is "separation." Anything that separates you from God, your community, or your true self is a sin. Pride Month is not about separation; it is about affirmation. Denying a person's true identity, refusing to use a person's chosen pronouns, diminishing someone's personhood because of how God created them- those actions fit the definition of sin. Affirming the identity of a person who has been created Queer by God cannot, by definition, be sinful.

It is interesting to note that when Pride celebrations first began, in 1970, there was much discussion about calling this movement "Gay Power" instead of "Gay Pride." But organizer L. Craig Schoonmaker insisted on "Pride" over "Power." He said that "not everyone can have power; but everyone can have Pride.

Pride Month is about restoration of dignity, affirmation of identity, and building a safe community; not just for the Queer community, but for everyone. This month, I pray we may all embrace this opportunity to live together in harmony.

-by Pastor Rick

## **Fifth Street Christian Church**

# Family Reunion Letscelebrate

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