

Columbia United Church Of Christ

March 6, 2022

Women's History Month



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.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Though they followed Jesus every day, the disciples still did not understand the cost and joy of discipleship. But Jesus forgave them and showed them the way. We are like those first century disciples. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*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

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response

"This Little Light of Mine"

*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!*

(Sung as children return to their seats)

Women's History Month Presentation- Jacinda Ardern

by Lena Muench

Old Testament Lesson:

Deuteronomy 26:16-18

Danielle Dreier

In this second retelling of God giving the Commandments to the people of Israel, God tells them again that following these Commandments will unite the people with God; and through this agreement, they will be God's people always.

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Gospel Lesson:

Luke 9:37-45

Lawson Flood-Loerber

After coming down from the mountain where he transfigured, Jesus is confronted by a man with an afflicted child. The disciples were unable to cure the child. Rebuking the disciples, Jesus cures him. Then Jesus proceeds to tell them about his impending betrayal, denial and crucifixion.

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Anthem

"Who Is That Man?"

Don Besig

Celebration Singers & Linda Neale, flute

Sermon: "Discipleship" Pastor Rick
*Hymn "We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness" #179

Invitation to Communion

We will be celebrating altar communion this morning; and no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are invited forward to celebrate this joyful meal.

During this Lenten Season, we walk with Jesus to Jerusalem and the Cross. As we gather around this table we are reminded of Jesus' last meal, commanding us to love one another even as he first loved us. As we gather, we express that love, inviting all to join us. All are invited, all are welcome, all are called. Come, join in the feast!

Pastoral Prayer; Silent Prayer

Invocation

Blessing the Children "Come, Share the Lord" (insert)

In the Sacrament of Communion, we most clearly see Jesus in our midst. Our desire to share this presence prompts us to celebrate with our children, granting them a special blessing. During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a special blessing from Pastor Rick.

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

You will be invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive Communion from the Communion Stewards.

Communion Music

"In Remembrance of Me"

Dennis Froeschner
Spiritual

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Rick

We thank you, Most Holy God, for refreshment at your table where we receive Christ's extravagant blessing, represented in the memory meal we share. As we are nourished, we pray that we might bring nourishment to others who are seeking your presence in their lives. We come forward responding to Christ's call and we depart this place ready to put that call into action, walking with Jesus. As we walk to Jerusalem together, we gather as one family of faith, singing the prayer you taught us:

The LORD's Prayer (sung by the congregation, led by Brandon Brown)

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

Invitation to the Offering

*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*

Offertory

"Two Variations on Jesu, Meine Freude"
Composed and offered by Amy Crousore

*Prayer of Dedication

Trevor Pierson

God of Love; we give these gifts praying that they may be used to to spread your Good News. Take them and multiply them, enabling us to embrace the Wisdom that changes lives and provides direction to your children. You bless us with abundance; with these gifts, we in turn bless your 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

"Forgive our Sins as we Forgive" Amy Crousore
Sacred Harp/Folkemer

*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:

Worship Leader: Confirmation Class
Acolyte: Confirmation Class
Ushers: Mark & Jane Duncan
Greeters: Susan Dunham
Technology Booth: Lorry Dreier & Matt Lucas
Hospitality: Jo Ellen Grace
Council Steward: Mark Duncan & Brent Marcks

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NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Lydia Whitacre
Acolyte: Abby Dennis
Ushers: Jim Loveless
Greeters: Anne Heine
Technology Booth: Josh Muench & Brent Marcks
Hospitality: Melba Shaffer
Council Stewards: Linda Neale & Jessica Lucas

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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!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE 4/1

2022 CUCC Scholarship applications are available in the Church Office; they are due 4/1. Check the application for eligibility details or ask a Council Member.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—THURSDAY, 3/10

Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, March 10, at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Area at CUCC. We will continue the Bible Study, "What My Grandmothers Taught Me," learning from the women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. A light brunch is provided on a rotation basis. The Women's Fellowship Gathering is open to all women. Join us and invite a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Linda Evans, Melba Shaffer, or April Rothweiler

SPRING BACK INTO STEWARDSHIP—NEXT SUNDAY 3/13

Rev. Bob Atkinson will be our guest in worship and afterwards for our Annual Stewardship Event, March 13. He will lead worship along with Pastor Rick, and then join us for a meal afterward! You are invited to stick around that Sunday for food and fun. It is a Pot-Luck meal, so we are asking everyone to pitch in to make it happen. The Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team will be supplying chicken and ham, you are invited to supply the side dishes and dessert. Bring your dishes to share with everyone and get ready for a fun fellowship time together!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	3/6	Men's Fellowship	7:30am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Nominating Committee	11:30am
Mon	3/7	Staff Meeting	10:30am
		Clergy Personnel Committee	6:30pm
Tue	3/8	Quilters	10:00am
Wed	3/9	Confirmation	6:00pm
		Chancel Ringers Rehearsal	6:00pm
		Celebration Singers Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thu	3/10	Women's Fellowship	9:30am
		Sabbatical Team	6:30pm
Fri	3/11	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	3/13	<i>Stewardship Sunday</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Fall Back Into Stewardship— Pot Luck Meal	12:00pm

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The People of Ukraine... standing up to Russian oppression
The People of Russia... manipulated by their leadership
The People of Afghanistan... trying to live in a decimated country
Refugees everywhere... mourning their losses, looking for relief
Harold Hackman... recovering from knee surgery
Barry Kirchoff... regaining strength at home and doing well!
Alexis... on heart transplant list (Elaine Trout's friend's granddaughter)
Sheila... challenges in life and faith
The Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christine Mseke;
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,
Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

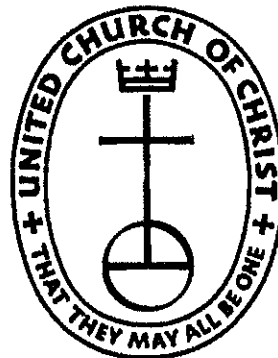
Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson, Dane Wilson
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Brigitte Eale... serving in Kenya

2022 Confirmation Class:

Danielle Dreier, Aidan Pierson, Trevor Pierson; Lawson Flood-Loerber



*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.*

Praise to the Living God

Ps. 84:1-2

Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.

1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
 Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
 God toils wher - e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
 In these tu - mul - tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
 hu - man - kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

Curtis Beach, born into a family of several generations of ministers, was educated at Harvard University, the Boston University School of Theology, and the University of Southern California. A minister in the United Church of Christ, Beach authored The Gospel of Mark: Its Making and Meaning.

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1868

We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness

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Dosia Carlson, 1986; rev. 1993

1 We yearn, O Christ, for whole - ness and for your heal - ing touch;
 2 We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our side,
 3 We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O Christ of Gal - i - lee,



too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.
 strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al - lied;
 a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its free.



For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings heard,
 As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us low,
 No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each place.



in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.
 com - mu - ni - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.
 Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.



Dosia Carlson is noted for her ministry at Beatitudes United Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, and for her hymnwriting. This text was inspired by a sermon given by Harold Wilke during the International Year of Persons with Disabilities (1983).

Tune: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.
 Hans Leo Hassler, 1601
 Harm. J. S. Bach, 1719
 For another harmonization, see 202

Come, Share the Lord

Refrain

1. We gath - er here in Je - sus' name,
 2. He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
 3. We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;

his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;
 the Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead;
 we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;

for through the lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one:
 the one we love the most is now our gra - cious host:
 now we an - ti - ci - pate the feast for which we wait:

Fine

Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
 Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
 Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

WORDS and MUSIC: Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1984

DIVERNON
Irr.

1. No one is a stran-ger here, ev - ery - one be - longs;
 2. We are now a fam - i - ly of which the Lord is head;

D. C.
 find - ing our for-give-ness here, we in turn for-give all wrongs.
 though un-seen he meets us here in the break-ing of the bread.

I Hunger and I Thirst

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1. I hun - ger and I thirst; Je - sus, my man - na bel
 2. O bruised and bro - ken Bread, my life-long needs sup - ply.
 3. O true life-giv - ing Vine, let me your good-ness prove.
 4. For still the de - sert lies be - hind me and be - fore:

O liv - ing wa - ters, burst out of the rock for me!
 As liv - ing souls are fed, so feed me, or I die.
 By your life sweet-en mine, re - fresh my soul with love.
 O liv - ing wa - ters, rise with - in me ev - er - more!