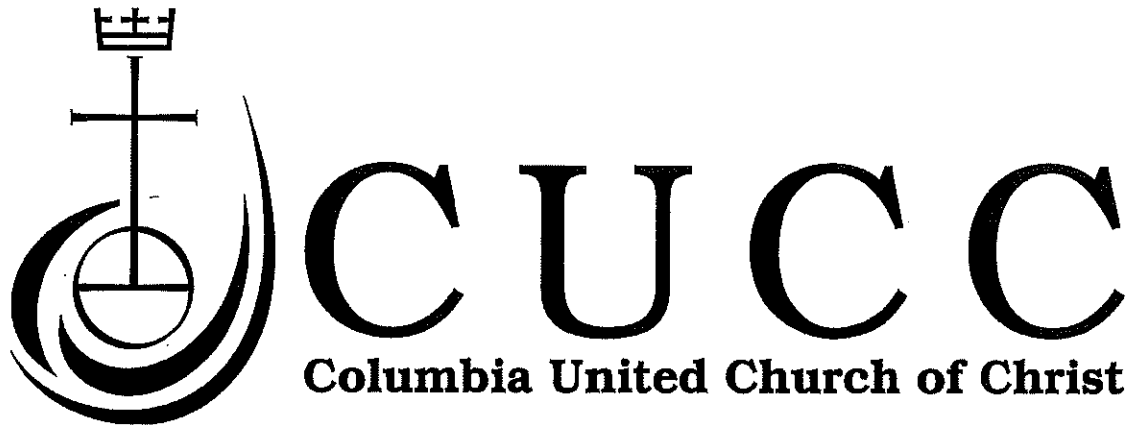


# Columbia United Church Of Christ

May 29, 2022  
Ascension Day



## **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.

*Columbia  
United Church  
Of Christ*



*May 29, 2022*

*10:30 Worship*

*"Ascension"*

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

*"...clap your hands, all you people;  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy..."*

*-Psalm 47:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude "Shall We Gather at the River"

Amy Crousore  
Lowry/Carlson

Carrying in the Light of Christ

\*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 47)*

Audrey Lasley

Clap your hands, all you people!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**God rules over all the earth.  
God's majesty is a blessing to our lives.**

Sing praises to God; sing praises!  
Sing praises to God's glorious name.

**Let us join together with all people to proclaim God's glory;  
Let us join together with all people to sing praises to God.  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Gathering Hymn "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus"

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\*Opening Prayer

Audrey Lasley

**God of majesty; we hear of your followers who still did not understand the magnitude of your Salvation, even after witnessing your resurrection. We expect you to do everything; then get anxious when you tell us that is our job, not yours. Forgive us for the times when we are like these disciples; when we don't get it, when we fail to understand the scope of your call. Open our eyes to the wonders you would have us see; and open our hearts, that we may gladly do the work of your Kingdom. Teach us to carry on your work in the world; the work you trained us to do in your ministry here on earth. Help us to be representatives of your love in all that we say and all that we do. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God came to us and shared our common lot; and when Jesus ascends to Heaven, carrying on his ministry became our mission. But even when we neglect to do this, through repentance, our sins of commission and omission are forgiven. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

\*Prayer Response "Halle-Halle-Halleluja"

*Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!*  
*Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!*  
*Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!*  
*Hallelujah! Halle-lu-ja!*

\*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: "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.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)**

**No turning back, no turning back.**

New Testament Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

Audrey Lasley

*The story of Jesus' Ascension from the Book of Acts. The Jewish followers of Jesus ask him if he is going to restore the Kingdom of Israel. He replies by telling them that the Holy Spirit will give them power to do great things, and then Ascending to Heaven. The followers of Jesus are expected to carry on his work.*

*(page #884)*

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:44-53

Audrey Lasley

*The story of the Ascension from the Gospel attributed to Luke. In this version, Jesus offers a blessing and the gifts of the Holy Spirit; then he Ascends to Heaven. This causes great joy among the disciples and they return to Jerusalem proclaiming glory to God.*

*(page #861)*

Anthem

"We Shall Behold Him"

Zach Reinert  
Dottie Rambo

Sermon: "Relay Race" Pastor Rick

\*Hymn: "Hail the Day that Sees Christ Rise" #260

\*Memorial Day Prayer (*from UCC "Worship Ways"*)

**Gracious God; on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the service of our country. When the need was greatest, they stepped forward and embraced the role of servant leadership to defend the freedoms we enjoy, and to sacrifice for others.**

**O God, you yourself have taught us that no love is greater than that which gives itself for another. These honored saints gave the most precious gift they had, their very lives, for loved ones and neighbors; for people they did not even know; for us.**

**Help us honor their memory by caring for the family members they have left behind, by ensuring that their wounded comrades are properly cared for, by being watchful caretakers of the freedoms for which they gave their lives, and by demanding that no others follow them to a soldier's grave, unless the reason is worthy and the cause is just.**

**Holy One, help us to remember that freedom is not free. There are times when its cost is, indeed, dear. Never let us forget those who paid so terrible a price to ensure that freedom would be our legacy.**

**Though their names fade with passing generations, may we never forget what they have done. Help us to be worthy of their sacrifice. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

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; and 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

Asian American History Month

Lydia Whitacre

Feeding God's Sheep

"Strengthen the Church"

Jessica Jenks

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

"Andante "

Amy Crousore  
*W.A. Mozart*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Audrey Lasley

**God of glory, we give these gifts to glorify your name. Through these gifts we continue your work in the world; feeding the hungry and quenching the thirsty and being your hands and feet here on earth. Teach us to serve as you would have us do; honoring your children and feeding your sheep. 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

"Look, Ye Saints! The Sight is Glorious!"

Amy Crousore  
*Birchwood/Owen*

### WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

We will begin our Summer Schedule June 12  
Fellowship Time 9:00-9:30  
Worship 9:30

*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:** Audrey Lasley  
**Acolyte:**  
**Ushers:** Brent Marcks  
**Greeters:** Susan Dunham  
**Technology Booth:** Doug Privitt & Josh Muench  
**Hospitality:** Melba Shaffer  
**Council Stewards:** Audrey Lasley & Brent Marcks



## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Kaden Lucas  
**Acolyte:**  
**Ushers:**  
**Greeters:** Carol Duermeyer  
**Technology Booth:** Ted Dachroeden & Carissa Graves  
**Hospitality:** Sue Ann Schaefer  
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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!

**LODO PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPEN**

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 School Year is in full swing! Please share with friends and family to let them know that we have *limited space available* for Fall 2022! Interested families should contact Erika Maltzbarger at 573-445-2661 or [LittleOnesDayOut@yahoo.com](mailto:LittleOnesDayOut@yahoo.com) or for availability and to schedule a tour.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC**

Be here on June 5 for our Sunday School VBS Preview! Our Sunday School hour will be devoted to lessons from our upcoming VBS program "Food Truck Party." In worship, we will be recognizing this year's graduates and giving scholarship awards. After worship, we will be celebrating with a meal together. Don't miss Sunday, June 5— an amazing day of celebration!

**LOOKING FOR SINGERS, INSTRUMENTALISTS**

Summer is fast approaching— and Brandon is making summer music plans! Would you like to participate in an ensemble, or sing a solo for our anthem one Sunday? Are you part of an instrumental group that could come and join us for worship one week? We are looking for musical offerings for our Sunday anthems from June 12— mid August. If you are able to help out, contact Brandon Brown!

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	5/29	<b><i>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL— MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND</i></b>	
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
Mon	5/30	NO Staff Meeting	
Tue	5/31	Quilters	10:00am
Wed	6/1	Confirmation	6:00pm
		Chancel Ringers Rehearsal	6:00pm
		Celebration Singers Rehearsal	7:00pm
		Sabbatical Team	6:30pm
Thu	6/2	Membership & Care Ministry Team	6:30pm
Fri	6/3	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	6/5	Sunday School— VBS Preview!	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		<b><i>Sunday School End of Year Picnic</i></b>	<b><i>11:30am</i></b>

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

*Please keep in your prayers this week...*

The family of Clyde Kickhaefer... on their loss (Lydia's friend)  
Families in Buffalo, NY... grieving their loss  
Families in Uvalde, Texas... grieving their loss  
Schoolchildren and their families everywhere... in the wake of gun violence

Judy Kaiser... recovering at home  
Tiffany Brookshire... recovering from surgeries  
Corine Remeika... recovering from knee surgery

Levi Markway... health issues (Tim & Jo Ellen Grace's son-in-law)

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

The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our partnership friend  
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;  
Gene Kelly... living with cancer (Jim & Connie Loveless's friend)

## *Living in Care Facilities:*

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

## *Serving us in the military:*

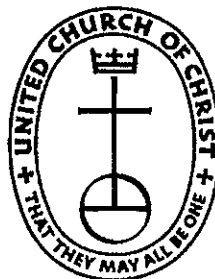
Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson, Dane Wilson  
.James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)  
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);  
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

## *UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:*

Fiona Kendall... serving in Italy

## *2022 Confirmation Class:*

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





*Eph. 1:15-23; Heb. 9:11-14**William C. Dix, 1867; alt.*

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Gra - cious Je - sus! Yours the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, you on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ e - ter - nal, noth - ing

scep - ter, yours the throne! Al - le - lu - ia! Yours the  
 left in sor - row now. Al - le - lu - ia! You are  
 earth our food, our stay. Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
 can dis - rupt your reign; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of

tri - umph, yours the vic - to - ry a - lone!  
 near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 sin - ful flee to you from day to day.  
 Mar - y, heaven and earth are your do - main.

Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on  
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived you  
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,  
 Hu - man life you ful - ly en - tered,

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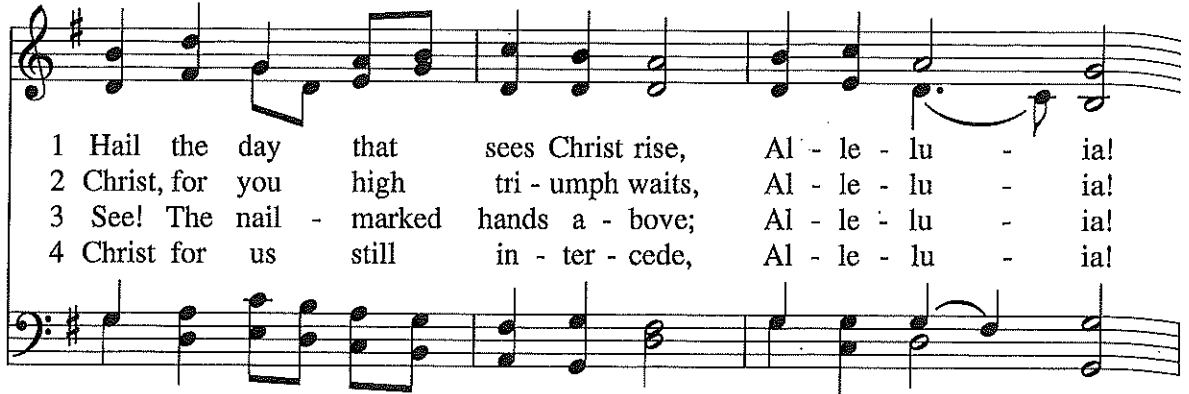
thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus, out of  
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -  
 earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me, and the songs that  
 tend - ing those we count the least, serv - ing both as

ev - ery na - tion you've re - deemed us by your blood.  
 get your prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more."  
 sound in heav - en will re - peat your gra - cious plea.  
 Priest and Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

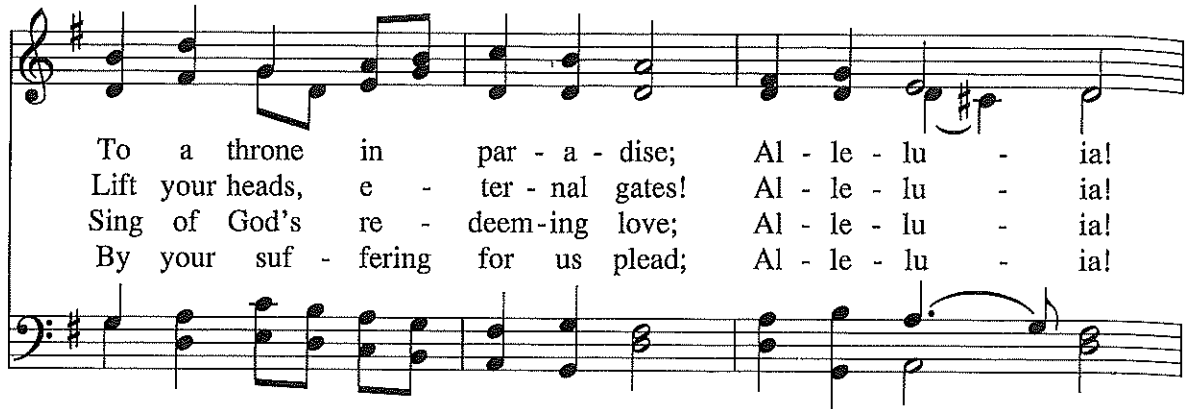
*William C. Dix, manager of a marine insurance company, was also a gifted writer who made a significant contribution to hymnody. This hymn was written to fill a need for communion hymns in Church of England hymnals.*

Tune: HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Rowland H. Prichard, 1844  
 Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

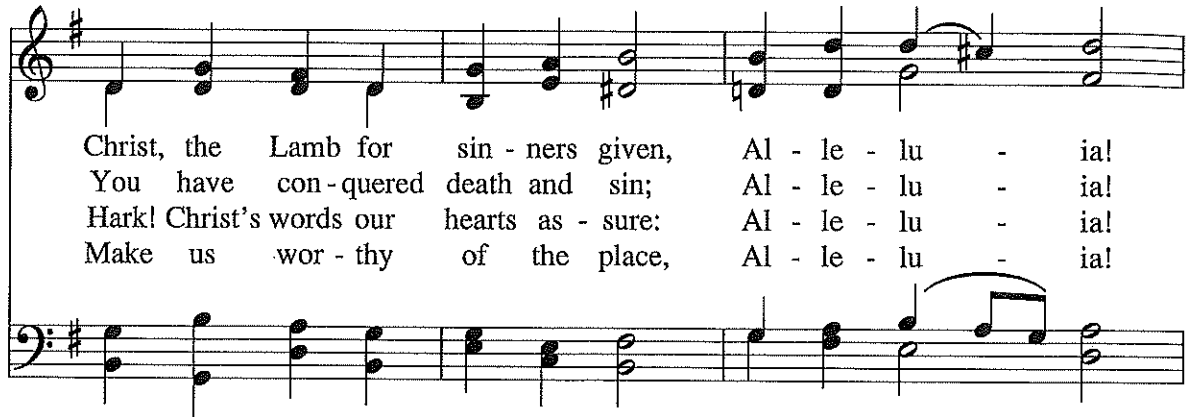
## Hail the Day That Sees Christ Rise

*Acts 1:6-11; John 14:16**Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.*


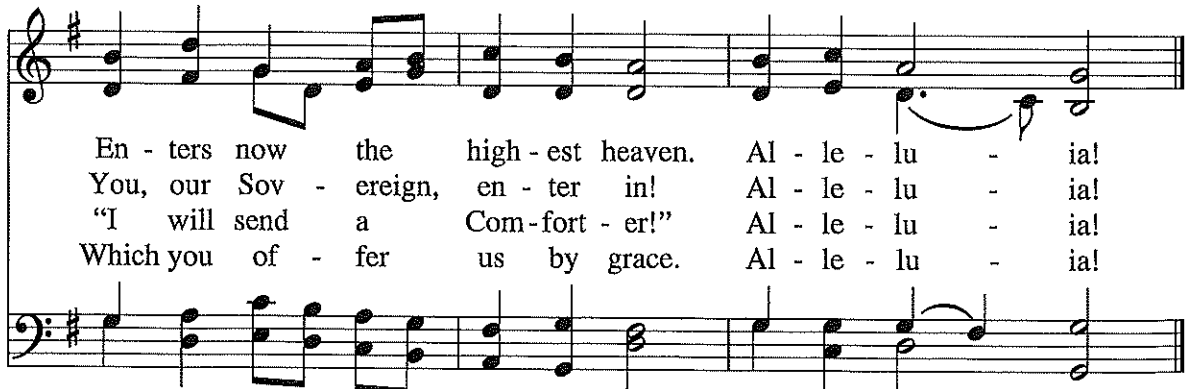
1 Hail the day that sees Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Christ, for you high tri - umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 See! The nail - marked hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Christ for us still in - ter - cede, Al - le - lu - ia!



To a throne in par - a - dise; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sing of God's re - deem - ing love; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 By your suf - fer - ing for us plead; Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 You have con - quered death and sin; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! Christ's words our hearts as - sure; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Make us wor - thy of the place, Al - le - lu - ia!



En - ters now the high - est heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 You, our Sov - ereign, en - ter in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 "I will send a Com - fort - er!" Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Which you of - fer us by grace. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Charles Wesley's original text was written for Ascension Day 1739 and had no alleluias; these were added in 1852 by G. E. White. Joseph Jones' tune bears the name of a twelfth-century bard and a town in Wales.*

Tune: GWALCHMAI 7.7.7.7. with alleluias  
 Joseph David Jones, 1868  
 Alternate tune: LLANFAIR