

Columbia United Church Of Christ

September 18, 2022



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*



September 18, 2022

10:30 a.m.

“No Balm in Gilead”

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

Hispanic Appreciation Sunday

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Dale

Prelude

“Solos de Señor” Amy Crousore, Connie Loveless,
and Brandon Brown
Spanish Traditional

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(from “Worship Ways” – based on Jeremiah 8)

Seth Smith

One: Divine Parent, you feel what we feel.

Many: Our joys and pains are yours too.

One: Divine Healer, you delight in our wholeness.

Many: You are the balm for our heavy-laden hearts and souls.

One: Giver of life, you are able to renew us.

Many: We open ourselves to you; have your way within us.

*Gathering Hymn

“De Colores”

pg. 402

*Prayer of Invocation

Seth Smith

Divine Nurturer, we are thankful that we can come to you any time. You have made it possible for us to come, as we are, however we are. We rejoice that you walk with us whether the road is rough or smooth. You are steadfast. Help us to nurture our relationship with you, ourselves and each other so that we may be a balm when none can be found. Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Dale

The Divine One is steadfast in love, justice and righteousness. Know that we are called and empowered to do the same. In a chaotic world, we can know peace, and in a chaotic world, we can be at peace. May God’s grace be a balm for us, and may we be a balm to and for others. Amen.

*Prayer Response “A Balm in Gilead” pg. 553 refrain

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole

There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

*Sharing God’s Gift of Peace

Pastor Dale

May God’s Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children’s Time

“If the shoe fits, wear it”

Pastor Dale

Response:

“Jesus Loves Me”

(Sung as children return to their seats)

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 8: 18 – 9: 1

The prophet, Jeremiah laments over Judah. It distresses Jeremiah to denounce his people. They were perhaps suffering from drought. He calls them “my poor people.” The balm in Gilead is resin from the Styrax tree, produced especially in the north Transjordan region of Gilead, widely used for medicinal purposes.

*Hymn

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

pg. 553

Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Paul, writing to his young friend, Timothy, urges a prayerful life, even for those in high positions of authority, “so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.” Paul makes the point that he was appointed a herald and apostle. There is universality of God’s grace: “God, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

Anthem:

“A Balm in Gilead”

Celebration Singers
Arr. William L. Dawson

Sermon: “Seeing the Good News from Other Perspectives” Pastor Dale

Prayers of the People

Pastor Dale

Day of the Pastor (from Chile – “Gifts of Many Cultures”)

Introduction – 1 Corinthians 16: 18

Prayer (unison)

O God! Our good parent, we pray that you bless our pastor, Rick Oberle, along with his family and all of us who are members of this church. Help us to be faithful and to be thankful for the love that you have for all your children throughout the earth. Especially we pray for your presence and blessing with the people of Chiapas this day. Amen

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Dale

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.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Pastor Dale

Sabbatical Moment

Kristy Odneal

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

"Rondo - Valse"

Amy Crousore
Muzio Clementi

Prayer of Dedication

Seth Smith

Steadfast One, receive our gifts in the gladness we give them. Thank you that we have an abundance of resources to share so that every need is met. May we always give from wide-open hearts, and may what we give be used to bring a balm of hope and peace to the world. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" pg.173

*Benediction

Pastor Dale

*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

“When We Are Living”

Amy Crousore
Spanish Melody

Shakespeare's Pizza

👉 Downtown ~ West ~ South 👈

Fundraiser for *Columbia Crop Hunger Walk*

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Friends of Columbia Crop Hunger Walk will make purchases (Dine in, Carry Out, or Delivery) at Shakespeare's Pizza then 15% of all those sales will be donated to *Columbia Crop Hunger Walk*.

- Present this flyer, tell us when you call in an order, or show us a copy on your phone when ordering. All day, anytime.
- We'll save a copy of your receipt and add them all up at the end of the night. 15% will go back to Columbia Crop Hunger Walk!
- Everything on the menu counts: pizza, salad, t-shirt, gift card, or drink.
- Take home some frozen pizzas for later. The more you buy, the more Columbia Crop Hunger Walk makes!

Dine-In* To Go

(573) 449-2454 (Downtown)

(573) 447-1202 (West)

(573) 447-7435 (South)

225 South Ninth Street, Columbia, MO 65201
3304 Broadway Business Park Court, Columbia, MO 65203
3911 Peachtree Drive, Columbia, MO 65203

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Seth Smith
Song Leader: Paul Anderson II
Acolyte:
Ushers: Llona Weiss and Melba Shaffer
Greeters: Helen Schultz
Technology Booth: Matt Lucas and Kennedy Lucas
Hospitality: Stefanie Zimny
Council Stewards: Stefanie Zimny and Kurt Heine

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Kennedy Lucas
Acolyte: Aidan Pierson
Ushers: Phillip and Linda Neale
Greeters: Susan Dunham
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson and Lorry Dreier
Hospitality: Sue Ann Schaefer
Council Stewards: Sue Ann Schaefer



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and sign up!*

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Columbia UCC Prayer List

Congratulations!!

Kristy Odneal and Clayton Hicklin were joined in marriage
on Saturday, September 10th

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Helen Graves....recovering from a fall

Jolene Hackman... recovering from broken ankle & surgery

Holly Frieden... recovering from severe burns (Doug Privitt's friend)

Jan... dealing with liver cancer diagnosis and treatment (Elaine Trout's friend)

The family of Andrea Waner . . . especially baby Millie in the NICU.

The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our partnership friend

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

The Williams, Piersee, Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Tiffany Brookshire; Glenn Duermeyer; David Martin; Levi Markway;

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

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

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)

2022 Confirmation Class:

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

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