

Columbia United Church Of Christ



August 6, 2023

“Extravagant Hospitality”



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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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August 6, 2023

9:30 Worship "Extravagant Hospitality"

“ . . . I will call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; Incline your ear, hear my words . . . ”

-Psalm 17:6

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Shelly

Prelude “All Things Bright & Beautiful” Jolene Hackman & Connie Loveless
arr. Robert D. Vandall

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 17)

Pat Forward

At God’s table of justice, everyone has a place,
And none are turned away.

**Here strangers are welcomed as friends,
The poor sit alongside the rich,
And the upside-down kin-dom of God is revealed.**

At God’s table of abundance and extravagant hospitality,
A banquet of righteousness and liberation is set for all.

**Here, the powerless are heard,
The outcast are showered with honor,
And the inside-out kin-dom of God is revealed.**

At God’s table of life,
All peoples know peace, and creation flourishes.

**Here, the hopeless are nourished with possibility, and
The complacent are transformed into advocates for change.
Here in our very midst, the kin-dom of God is revealed.**

*Gathering Hymn

“We Worship You, God”

(insert)

*Opening Prayer

by: Cynthia Langston Kirk

Pat Forward

**God of the Widow at Zarephath, God of Joseph the Forgiver,
We stand in awe of people who showed hospitality, in the midst of
sacrifice and betrayal. Take us deep into the heart of hospitality.
Help us to understand that the generosity the world needs often
demands sacrifice on our part. Be with those who have never
known a table blessed by laughter and welcome, who have seldom
heard affirmations and who do not know your abiding love.**

Remind us, O God, that we are to set many tables, to speak blessings often, and to be your love in the world. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Shelly

Holy One, who is still speaking through our words, help us to hear your assurance in the peace we share together. You will always welcome us by name. Amen.

*Prayer Response

“Seek Ye First”

***Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God
And God’s Righteousness!
And all these things shall be added unto you
Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia!***

*Sharing God’s Gift of Peace

Pastor Shelly

May God’s Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children’s Time

Pastor Shelly

Response:

“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;
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me!***

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31

Pat Forward

Jacob seeks to return to the Promised Land with wives Leah, Rachel, and their children. On the way, he wrestles with God and emerges a different person. Changed, he is ready to meet with Esau and make restitution for his misdeeds.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Pat Forward

Jesus is trying to get away for a bit of rest and relaxation, but the crowds follow him. Jesus continues to minister to their needs. The disciples try to shirk their responsibility, claiming that the hunger of the crowds is due to their own lack of preparation; let them find their own food. But Jesus says, “No - YOU feed them.”

Anthem

“The Holy City”

Brandon Brown

F.E. Weatherly and Stephen Adams

Sermon

“Extravagant Hospitality”

Pastor Shelly

*Hymn

“Take My Life, God, Let it Be”

(insert)

*Invitation to Communion

Pastor Bryan

Talk about Extravagant Hospitality, think about this: Christ could sit down with God, his Father, and enjoy a peaceful evening meal and not be interrupted for a change. Instead, he invites the rabble - the poor, the hungry, the criminals, the hopeless, all the riff raff of society to join them. And then, he even invites us — the comfortable, the self-assured, the arrogant, the over-fed and over-consuming to his table. So come to this table in the full assurance that YOU are invited — no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey.

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer

Pastor Bryan

Invocation

Pastor Bryan

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Parent, for you, of your tender mercy, gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel, command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that, his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Blessing the Children “Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face” (insert)
(Verses 1-4 only)

During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a special blessing.

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

Today the ushers will be serving communion to you where you are seated. You are invited to take the tray from the usher, pass it to the person next to you, and let them serve you. After everyone is served, we will partake.

Communion Music

“Come Share the Lord”

Jolene Hackman

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Having been invited and fed by Christ himself, we offer and present unto You, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto you; asking only that we, and all others who have partaken of this Holy Communion, may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. We know that we cannot pay for your extravagant hospitality in inviting us to sit down with you in your kitchen and to share supper with you. Yet we ask you to accept our service, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto You, O God Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

*The LORD's Prayer

(In keeping with the theme of the day, we are suggesting using the address "Extravagant God" in our unison recitation of The Lord's Prayer. You are certainly welcome to say "Our Father" if you prefer.)

Extravagant God, 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 Shelly

Mission Moment

"Christmas Fund"

Mark Duncan

Invitation to the Offering

As we have been blessed, we give to be blessings in God's World.

To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041

Offertory

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"

Connie Loveless

arr. Mark Hayes

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Shelly

O Holy One, with gratefulness, we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name. Amen.

*Benediction

Pastor Shelly

*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

"Hyfrydol"

Connie Loveless

Prichard/arr. Williams

We are on Summer Schedule!

Fellowship Time - 9:00 a.m. Worship - 9:30 a.m.

9:00 Sunday School and 10:30 worship resume September 10

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NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Kennedy 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!

MUSIC THIS SUMMER

The music ministry is seeking your musical talents during Sunday morning worship services through August 20. You can sing or play an instrument during the “anthem” portion of the service or participate as the song leader. If you would like to sign up to either do the anthem and/or be the song leader, scan this QR code, email Brandon Brown. or email MJ!



Summer Worship

RSVP FOR ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND TODAY

Have you registered for our Anniversary weekend yet? All attendees must register ahead of time for catering counts. If you have not done so yet, you can do so today by filling out a card on the table by the door, you can scan the QR code to the right, or call MJ in the church office.



Anniversary RSVP

ORDINATION SUNDAY 8/20

Ordination Sunday is 8/20! We will welcome back to our congregation members who have gone to Seminary and been ordained to ministry in the United Church of Christ: Rev. Joshua Privitt, Dr. Carole Barner, and the Rev. Todd Hackman! We will have a pot luck brunch after worship to celebrate this special bond we share; bring a dish for the potluck!

START COLLECTING FOR ALPHA HART 8/6-8/27

Starting TODAY and going through the entire month of August, we will be collecting packages of dry erase markers to be donated to Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary School! They have requested the **Expo brand** of dry erase markers. In honor of our 100th anniversary, we would like to collect 100 packages of **Expo Dry Erase Markers** for Alpha Hart! Bring your marker donation to church Sundays in August. See Llona Weiss for more details.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	8/6	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30 a.m.
Tue	8/8	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
Sun	8/13	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30 a.m.

Pastor Rick returns from Vacation on August 15.

We are on Summer Schedule!

Worship is at 9:30 June 10 - September 2

Fellowship Time begins at 9:00

Worship returns to 10:30 on September 9

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

Roger Roskins . . . health issues (Lena Muench's father)

Health Issues:

Glenn Duermeyer; John Adams; Cliff Beckman; Ed Kaiser;
Jessica Raymond; Neal Stumbo (Jean Strothmann's nephew)

Terry & Mike Freeman (friends of the Remeikas)

Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's niece)

Jessica Jenks & Jim Elliott

. . . recovering from surgery

Garry Weiss, Llona's Husband . . . upcoming surgery

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our partnership friend

Sheila . . . challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,

Vernie Blank

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden,

James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

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*



*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.*

We Worship You, God

Ps. 104:2-6, 10-13

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

1 We wor - ship you, God; your power and your love
 2 We tell of your might, we sing of your grace,
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

are bla - zoned a - broad, a - round, and a - bove:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old,
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 Your char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change-less de - cree,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 Your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and broad is your path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it you cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Refrain

I do not know how long 'twill be, nor what the fu - ture holds for me,
 But this I know, if Je - sus leads me, I shall get home some day.

The musical score consists of two systems of staves. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 7/8. The first system is labeled 'Refrain'. The lyrics are written below the staves. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

Composer Charles A. Tindley, a prolific writer of gospel hymns, was a highly respected African-American Methodist minister in Philadelphia. It is Rev. Tindley whom Thomas Dorsey, perhaps the most famous gospel songwriter, credited as his influential predecessor.

Tune: SOME DAY 7.7.7.8.8.9.6. with refrain
 Charles Albert Tindley, c. 1906
 Transcribed by F. A. Clark, 1906

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

Rom. 12:1

1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
 2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
 3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
 4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
 Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
 Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

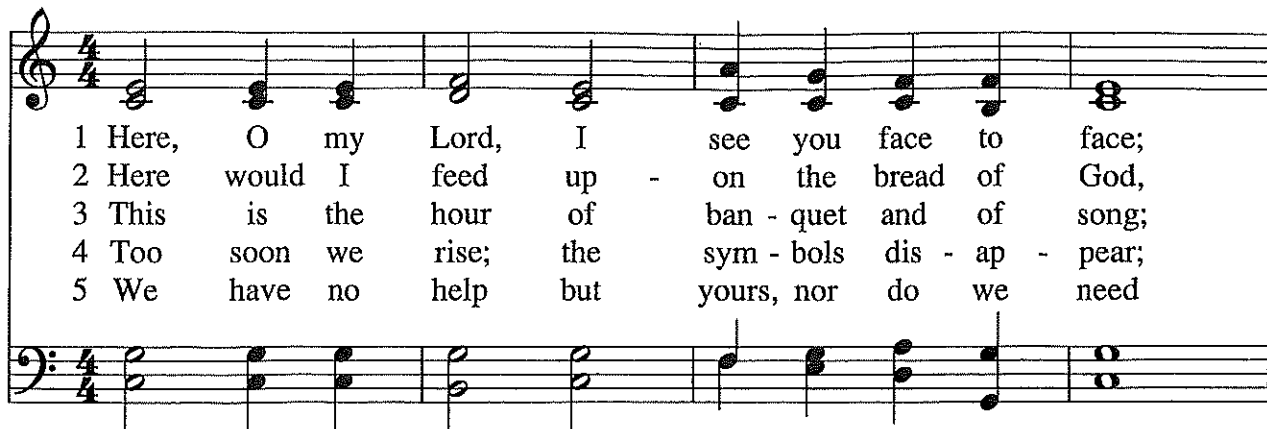
The musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are arranged in four numbered lines and a final stanza, with the melody line above and the accompaniment below.

Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the house were "some unconverted . . . some converted but not

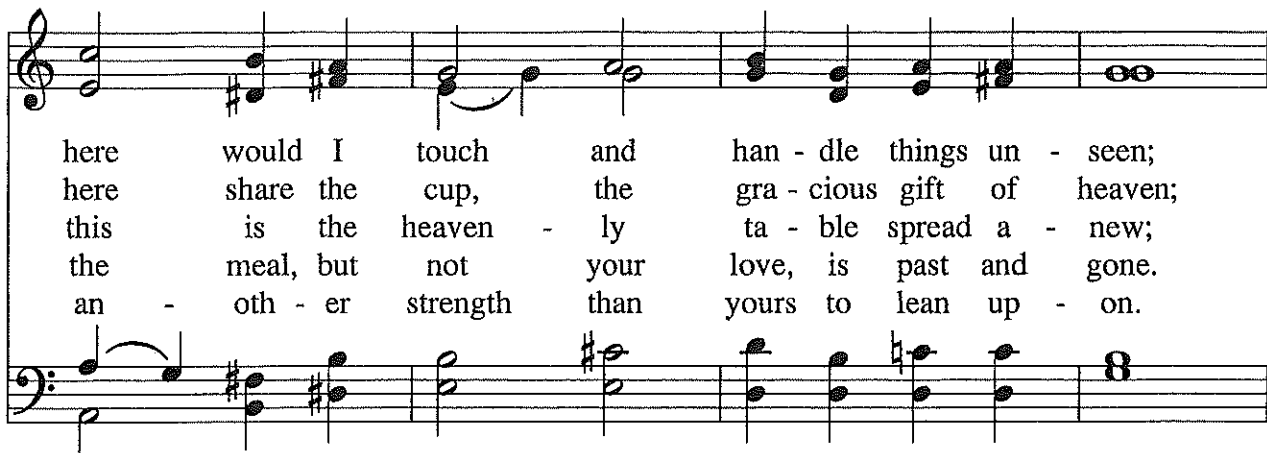
Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.
 Justin H. Knecht, 1797
 Alternate tune: HENDON

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

Horatius Bonar, 1855; alt.



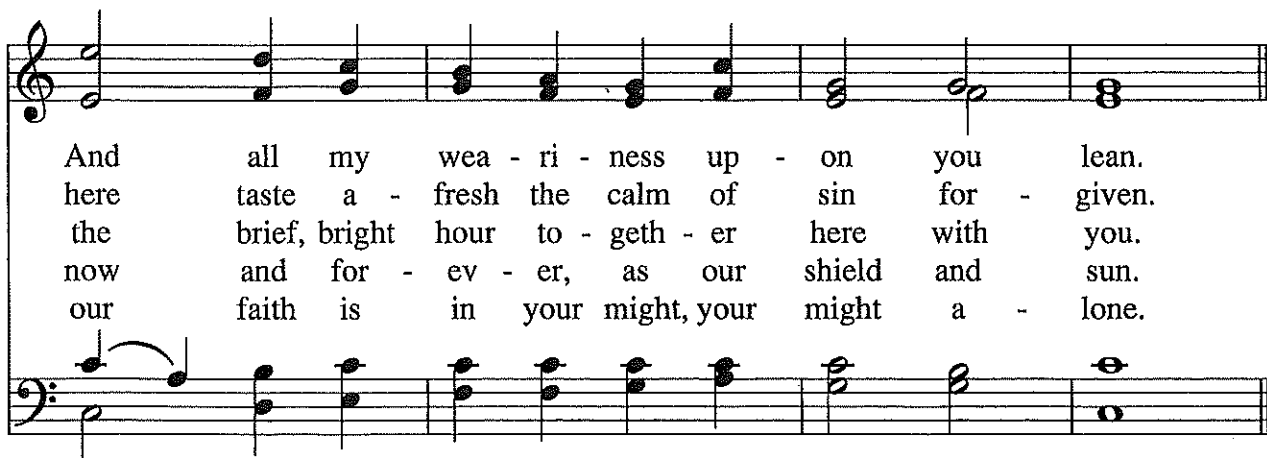
1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear;
 5 We have no help but yours, nor do we need



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 here share the cup, the gra - cious gift of heaven;
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread a - new;
 the meal, but not your love, is past and gone.
 an - oth - er strength than yours to lean up - on.



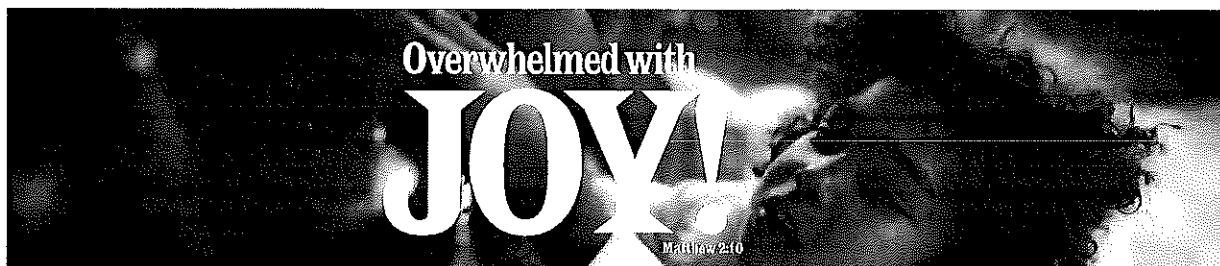
Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let me feast, and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 This joy - ful feast con - firms that you are here,
 It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 the brief, bright hour to - geth - er here with you.
 now and for - ev - er, as our shield and sun.
 our faith is in your might, your might a - lone.

Horatius Bonar, a founder of the Free Church of Scotland and author of 600 hymns, wrote this hymn at his brother's request. It was first printed in a leaflet for the author's church - St Andrew's

Tune: MORECAMBE 10.10.10.10.
Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870
 Alternate tune: LANGRAN



Understanding, Compassion, and Financial Relief

Each year, the Pension Boards receives cards, calls, and letters of thanks from grateful recipients of financial assistance from the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross—a UCC offering received each year by congregations across the country in recognition and love for retired servants of the church, their families, and survivors. Here are some excerpts from just a few of these expressions of gratitude:

“The Pension Boards is really helping me with a monthly annuity supplementation. It is so wonderful to know that I can now buy healthy food and not have to go to food banks—and will be able to buy Christmas presents for my grandchildren. There were many years when in order buy Christmas presents, I cut back on food spending.”

“I loved working in small churches. I remember a day in seminary when I overheard a couple of students talking, saying that the thing to do was get a small church to start and then that’s your stepping-stone to a bigger church. That’s when I decided I would always serve small churches. They deserve people with experience. But I didn’t stop to think about the tiny annuity I would have at the time I made the decision to work with small congregations. Help from donations to the Christmas Fund has been a Godsend. Thank you!”

“I’ve always been proud of the UCC that we’re open about all kinds of difficult things people face in life. I’m even more grateful for our wider church that expresses that openness by providing understanding, compassion, and financial relief when people really need it.”

In 2021, gifts to the Christmas Fund enabled:

- Monthly pension supplementation for 231 retired clergy and lay employees (\$1,104,479)
- Health benefits supplementation for 87 retired clergy and lay employees (\$177,600)
- Emergency grants for 53 individuals and families (\$150,338)
- Christmas “Thank You” gift checks to 509 retired clergy and lay employees (\$254,000)

The Christmas Fund

For the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund