

Columbia United Church Of Christ

September 4, 2022
"Costly Discipleship"



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.

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September 4, 2022

9:30 a.m.

"Costly Discipleship"

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

"Not so fast. You can no more show me your works apart from your faith than I can show you my faith apart from my works. Faith and works, works and faith, fit together hand in glove."
James 2: 18 - *The Message*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Dale

Prelude

"A Prelude for Peace"

Amy Crousore
arr by Rudy Davenport

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(paraphrases Isaiah 55: 1; quotes Matt. 5:6)

Audrey Lasley

Leader: God says, "Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters."

People: **Come, you who have no money. Come, buy and eat!**

Leader: We have come to feast on the living bread, that we might minister to the world's hungers.

People: **We have come to drink from the waters of life, that we might minister to the world's thirst.**

ALL: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Let us worship God, the Source of every blessing.

Gathering Hymn

"Come, Labor On"

No. 532

*Opening Prayer (Ruth Duck—"Touch Holiness")

Audrey Lasley

God of justice, we thank you for Jesus Christ, who calls men, women and children into new ways of sharing life together. May we receive these new ways with joy, no longer seeking to possess or control any human being. May we commit ourselves to one another in a unity of mutual respect and care. May your life be seen in our relationships. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who cherished all women, children and men. Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Dale

Hear the good news! Jesus says, "Come unto me all who are heavy laden and I will give you rest. My yoke is easy and my burden is light.."

*Prayer Response

"Weave"

*Weave, weave, weave us together!
Weave us together in unity and love!
Weave, weave, weave us together!
Weave us together; together in love!*

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Dale

May God's Peace be with you!
And also with you!

Children's Time

"Fide Et Labore"

Pastor Dale

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.**

Epistle Lesson:

Philemon 1-21

pg. 970

Onesimus was a slave who had escaped from slavery. Philemon, a wealthy church leader, wanted him back as a slave. Paul, the Apostle, writes an impassioned letter to Philemon in which he urges Onesimus to be received not as property of the slaveowner, but as a "brother in Christ." Paul, who himself is in prison, appeals to Philemon in a manner that is both explicit and implicit.

Sermon Hymn

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

No. 388

Gospel Lesson:

Luke 14: 25-33

pg. 850

Jesus is describing (again!) the "cost of discipleship." As usual, Jesus talks about seemingly impossible demands placed on his followers. What does it mean to "take up the cross and follow?"

Anthem

"Jesus Doeth All Things Well"

Celebration Singers
arr by Glen Burleigh

Sermon: "Costly Discipleship"

Pastor Dale

Invitation to the Table

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Dale

The LORD's Prayer (sung—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.

*Communion Meditation

Words of Institution – Recalling the Past
Breaking of the Bread—Pouring of the Cup
Prayer of Consecration
Distribution of the Elements

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of every good gift, present to us in this moment of mystery and wonder, we thank you for inviting all to the feast of abundance. Equip us for the work we are to do in the world. Draw us together in bonds of love and fellowship, that we may be the good news with others. Amen.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Pastor Dale

Mission Moment

CROP Walk

Audrey Lasley

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

"Oh Happy Day"

Chapel Ringers
arr by Tammy Waldrop

Prayer of Dedication

Audrey Lasley

**Gracious God, bless our offering that it may reach and touch those who hunger, who hurt, who seek new hope. As part of your global village, we care about all of our sisters and brothers. We pray for peace, for liberty to those oppressed, and rest for the weary.
Amen**

*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 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Amy Crousore
arr by Dorsey/Carlson



Be sure to Mark Your
Calendars for **Rally
Day, September 11**

We will return to our regular schedule on September 11:

Sunday School	9 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

We will gather for lunch at 12:00 noon following worship on Rally Day, to "Fall Back into Church" and ring in the new school year together! Join us and bring a friend (or two)!

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Audrey Lasley

Acolyte:

Ushers: Mark and Jane Duncan

Greeters: Jolene Kirchhoff

Technology Booth: John Graves and Carissa Graves

Hospitality: Helen Schultz

Council Stewards: Mark Duncan and Kristy Odneal



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Pat Forward

Acolyte: Trevor Pierson

Ushers: Llona Weiss

Greeters: Jessica Lucas

Technology Booth: Ted Dachroeden and Doug Privitt

Hospitality:

Council Stewards: Mike Pierson and Alethea Tennill

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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 AMAZON WISH LIST

LODO is preparing for our upcoming school year and we are hoping to replace a few well loved items and to add to our learning materials. If you are interested in supporting the LODO Ministry, please consider purchasing an item from our LODO Amazon Wishlist. Purchased items can be shipped directly to LODO. Check out the Friday email for the link to the LODO Amazon Wish list.

2022 CROP HUNGER WALK, 9/18

If you haven't signed up to participate in the 2022 CROP Hunger Walk, do so today! The walk will be held on Sunday, 9/18 at 1 p.m. at Stephens Lake Park. You can join the CUCC team and/or donate to help end hunger, one step at a time. **There will be a fundraiser day/night at Shakespeare's Pizza (all locations) on Sunday, September 18.** All locations have generously agreed to donate 15% of proceeds to the CROP Hunger Walk. Be sure to grab a flier from your church bulletin, come by the church to pick one up, or download your coupon [here](#) — you'll need to present it to your server/cashier to ensure that your purchase will help benefit the walk.

PRIDEFEST, 9/24

Pridefest in Columbia will be September 24 this year, and CUCC has a booth! We will be handing out CUCC pop sockets, candy, and other information about our church to Pridefest attendees. We have a message of Inclusion and Affirmation that many need to hear. Join us as we share God's love!

We will be needing volunteers to staff the booth in shifts. There is a sign up genius link in this Communicator on page 9, and in the Friday emails. For more information, talk to Tricia Price or Alisa Lau Sieckmann or another member of the Inclusion Team. Save the date, and be sure to attend!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	9/04	Fellowship Time Worship (in person and livestream)	9:00am 9:30am
Mon	9/05	Labor Day—Church Office CLOSED CPS & LODO CLOSED	
Tues	9/06	Quilters	10:00am
Wed	9/07	Chapel Bell Ringers practice Celebration Singers practice Confirmation	6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm
Sun	9/11	RALLY DAY Fellowship Meal	11:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

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