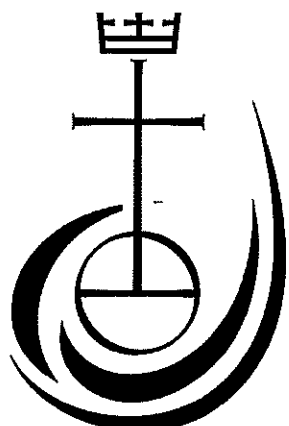


Columbia United Church Of Christ

April 3, 2022
Lazarus Sunday



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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Of Christ*



April 3, 2022

10:30 Worship

"Lazarus"

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

"...those who go out weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves."

-Psalm 126:6

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Were You There"

Amy Crousore
Spiritual/Douglas

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Danielle Dreier

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 126)

David Meyer

With patience, we remember the many ways God blessed us;
From generation to generation, we have been blessed!

**God knows the desires of our hearts;
God knows what we dream of most!**

Even in exile, we are not lost;
Even in the wilderness, we are never alone.

**God fills our mouths with laughter;
God fills our tongues with shouts of joy!**

Those who go out weeping, bearing seed for sowing,
Will have good fortune restored by God's grace.

**May those who sow in tears, reap with shouts of Joy!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Gathering Hymn

"God Loved the World"

#208

*Opening Prayer

David Meyer

God of Steadfast Love, as we journey closer to Holy Week we hear about the consequences of Jesus' actions that led to his crucifixion and we wonder at his faithfulness. Knowing that his actions could lead to crucifixion, he maintained his relationship with us and held fast to his ministry of reconciliation. We regret the times in our own lives when we fall short of this ideal. Forgive us and bless us, that we may continue to be in ministry in the example Jesus set before us. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

As we move closer to the crucifixion, we realize the extent of God's love for us. Jesus remained true to our relationship to the end, and God remains true as well; no matter what. God loves us and forgives us, no matter the circumstances of our lives. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Response

"Jesus, Remember Me"

Luke 23:42

*Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom*

*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)

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 43:16-21

David Meyer

The Prophet remembers God saving the people of Israel by bringing them through the Red Sea and into the wilderness. He also remembers that God cared for God's people while they were in the wilderness, bringing them food and drink. He is reminding the people of God's continuing provision, even when things seem bleak. (page #586)

Gospel Lesson:

John 11:1-53 (selected verses)

David Meyer

Leading into Holy Week, Jesus goes to Bethany, to the house of Mary, Martha and Lazarus. He has heard along the way that his friend Lazarus has died. He consoles Mary and acknowledges her grief. Then, in an attempt to give glory to God, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. The High Priests and the Sadducees, seeing that Jesus escalated his ministry to raising people from the dead, decided at that moment to put him to death. (page #873)

Anthem

"O Love"

Celebration Singers
Elaine Hagenberg

Sermon: "Consequences" Pastor Rick

*Hymn "Bring Many Names" #11

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.

We hear the stories about Jesus performing miracles, pointing people toward God. This memory meal, this Sacrament instituted by Jesus, is another way he pointed people toward God. As we gather around this table we are reminded of Jesus' call to love God with all our heart, mind and soul and love everyone extravagantly. As we gather, we express that extravagant welcome, 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 "Here, O My Lord" #336

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 "Adagio in G Minor" Amy Crousore
Tommaso Albinoni

*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. As we prepare to walk to Jerusalem with Jesus, we gather together 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 "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee "

Amy Crousore
George Neumark

*Prayer of Dedication

David Meyer

God of grace; as we walk with Jesus this Lenten Season to the cross and beyond, we focus more closely on your presence in our lives. As we get closer to Jerusalem, we give our finest gifts, praying that they may be used to point others to your glory. 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 "In Christ there is No East or West "

Amy Crousore
Spiritual/Carlson

*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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Acolyte: Danielle Dreier
Ushers: Llona Weiss
Greeters: Jessica Lucas
Technology Booth: Brent Marcks & Josh Muench
Hospitality: Brent Marcks
Council Stewards: Kristy Odneal & Brent Marcks

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Kaden Lucas
Acolyte: Aidan Pierson
Ushers: John & Brenda Muench
Greeters: Jessica Lucas
Technology Booth: Lorry Dreier & Mike Pierson
Hospitality: Jo Ellen Grace
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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!

CLEAN UP COLUMBIA 4/9

Mark Your Calendars for Clean Up Columbia! Our annual spring cleanup opportunity will be on Saturday, April 9, 9-11 a.m. along I-70 Drive NW. All are welcome--signup sheet is in the gathering area. Questions? Talk to Mahree Skala. Bring gloves and sturdy work shoes! Reflective vests will be supplied by the city.

GAME NIGHT 4/30

The Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team will be hosting a Trivia Night on April 30. We will begin with Trivia at 6:30pm. We are asking people to bring appetizers to share for an appetizer buffet. To reserve a table scan the QR code below. We only have 15 tables, so space is limited. Make your reservation today! Questions? Talk to Stefanie Zimny or Kim Oberle.



Trivia Night RSVP QR code

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Holy Week starts next Sunday! We will celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday journeying from Palms thru Passion and ending in silence. Maundy Thursday Worship is at 7:00pm on 4/14 in the Fellowship Hall; Good Friday Worship is at 7:00pm on 4/15 in the Sanctuary. Easter Morning Sunrise Service will be at 6:30am in the Shelter House on 4/17, our Easter Egg Hunt will be at 9:00 starting in the Sanctuary and Celebration Worship will be at 10:30am.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	4/3	Men's Fellowship	7:30am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Friendship Taco Bar	11:30am
Mon	4/4	Staff Meeting	10:30am
		LODO Ministry Team	5:30pm
		Sabbatical Team	5:30pm
Tue	4/5	Quilters	10:00am
Wed	4/6	Confirmation	6:00pm
		Chancel Ringers Rehearsal	6:00pm
		Celebration Singers Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thu	4/7	LODO Literacy Night	6:00pm
Fri	4/8	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sat	4/9	Clean Up Columbia	9:00am
Sun	4/10	<i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The family of Austin Logan... on their loss (Jaberg's friend)
Glenn Duermeyer... health issues

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; Barry Kirchhoff
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)
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:

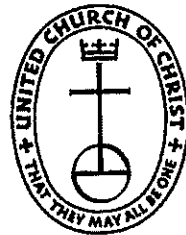
Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson, Dane Wilson
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Maria Hernandez... serving in Japan

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.*

God Loved the World

Heiliges Lippen und Herzens Opfer, Stettin, 1778
 Transl. August Crull, 1845; alt.

1 God loved the world, and lov - ing gave
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith,
 3 If you are sick, if death is near,
 4 Be of good cheer, for God in Christ

a won - drous gift, the lost to save,
 who was made flesh and suf - fered death;
 this truth your trou - bled heart can cheer;
 for - gives the flock, by sin en - ticed,

That all who would in Christ be - lieve
 All who con - fide in Christ a - lone
 Christ Je - sus saves us all from death;
 And jus - ti - fied by Je - sus' blood,

should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 your bap - tism grants the high - est good.

Edward Miller, a skilled flutist in G. F. Handel's orchestra,
 adapted Rockingham from the tune Tunbridge. Miller named it
 for the Marquis of Rockingham, a patron and friend, and prime
 minister of Great Britain.

Tune: ROCKINGHAM L.M.
 Anon.
 Adapt. Edward Miller, 1790

Bring Many Names

Brian Wren, 1989

Gen. 1:27

Unison

1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the
 4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing

par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:
 strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
 e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:

Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger,
 on the move,
 say - ing no to false - hood and
 un - kind - ness,
 cry - ing out for jus - tice,
 giv - ing all you have:
 Hail and Ho - san - na,
 young, grow - ing God!

6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,
 clos - er yet than breath - ing,
 ev - er - last - ing home:
 Hail and Ho - san - na,
 great, liv - ing God!

The author states that aspects of the divine are revealed in our maleness, femaleness, youth, and age in a moving, growing matrix of life in God. The tune Westchase was composed especially for this text.

Tune: WESTCHASE 9.10.11.9.
 Carlton Young, 1989

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 Free Church in Greenock, Scotland.

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