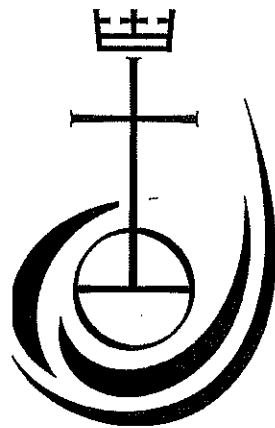


# Columbia United Church Of Christ

September 5, 2021  
Labor Sunday



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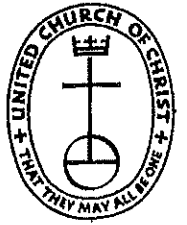
## **CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:**

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



September 5, 2021

9:30 Worship

"Labor Day"

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

*"...Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread... but their delight is in the law of the LORD..."*

*-Psalm 1:1-2*

Gathering Music

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"O Sing to the LORD"

Amy Crousore  
Hastings/Wetzel

Carrying in the Light of Christ

\*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 41)*

Audrey Lasley

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
Or take the path that sinners tread; or sit together with scoffers.

**It is much better to take delight in God's law and God's Word;  
Living the laws of the LORD and taking them into our hearts.**

We are like trees, planted by streams of water;  
Yielding fruit in good season, prospering and not withering.

**We draw our nurture from God's Holy Wisdom;  
We draw our strength from God's blessed intervention.**

The Wisdom of the ages has been handed down to us;  
To bring us closer to God, not separate us from each other.

**The wicked use God's Word to hurt God's children;  
That way of wickedness will perish; righteousness will prevail.  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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\*Opening Prayer

Audrey Lasley

**God Only Wise; today we come into your Sanctuary proclaiming our faith. But as we do, we realize that faith without works is dead. We know that often we neglect to do the work you challenge us to do; both tasks set before us and also personal work, focused on our spiritual development. Forgive us for the times we have taken the path that sinners tread. Lead us back to you and your way; and inspire us to always do your work. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

- \*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick  
 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread; or sit together with scoffers. But even when we do, through our repentance, God forgives us. You are Blessed, You are Beloved, You are Forgiven. Praise be to God!
- \*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 Rick  
 May God’s Peace be with you!  
**And also with you!**
- Children’s Time Pastor Rick  
 Response “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”  
*I have decided to follow Jesus!*  
*I have decided to follow Jesus!*  
*I have decided to follow Jesus!*  
**No turning back, no turning back!**
- Mission Moment CROP Walk Jessica Jenks
- Anthem “Medley on Gospel Favorites”  
*Ed Rollins & Harry Beckett*
- New Testament Lesson James 2:1-7, 14-17 Audrey Lasley  
*The Book of James is all about practical application of faith. This book, which barely even mentions Jesus by name, is all about how to be a Christian. In today’s reading, James talks about showing partiality to the poor, for they are the ones who need it most. (pg. 981)*
- Gospel Lesson Mark 7:24-30 Audrey Lasley  
*Jesus has an interesting conversation with a Syrophoenician woman. First, he refuses to help her, but then she changes his mind by turning his analogy back on him. Her persistence and her faith led to Jesus changing his mind. (pg. 818)*
- \*Hymn “We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness” #179
- Sermon “Working for Justice” Pastor Rick
- \*Hymn “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” #495

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

Presenting our Gifts

*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](http://www.columbiaucc.com)*



Offertory

“Menuetto con Variazioni”

Amy Crousore  
Josef Haydn

\*Response

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

***For the Fruit of all Creation, thanks be to God!  
For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God!  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God!***

\*Prayer of Dedication

Audrey Lasley

**God of all Creation, we give thanks for all you have given us. As we  
give thanks, we open our hearts to those in need; the ones you  
challenge us to give special care. Remind us of your challenge and  
call; and inspire us to always be good stewards of the blessings you  
have extended to us. Amen.**

\*Benediction

\*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

“Praise to the Living God”

Amy Crousore  
Lani Smith

## **JUSTICE AND PEACE**

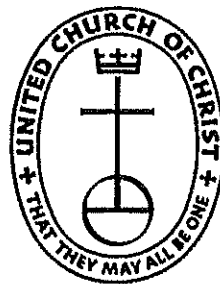
*by Connie Loveless, Banner Team member*

Diversity, unity, and personal responsibility! Take a moment to check out the new banner in our Sanctuary as we begin an uplifting new season at CUCC. The design for the banner arose out of Pastor Rick's challenge in January to members of the worship team to come up with a new banner which would honor the vision of Martin Luther King, Jr.

To respond to the challenge, we attempted to come up with an idea that would speak to Dr. King's words, such as “Now is the time to make **justice** a reality to all of God's children.” We looked for an image showing a diverse group of individuals raising their hands to volunteer to help build a just & peaceful world, working together in love.

Members of the worship team contributed creative ideas, and ultimately Jo Ellen Grace (head of the banner team), Melba Shaffer, Lea Marienfeld, and Connie Loveless assembled the banner, with assistance from Jolene Hackman. The banner evolved as we worked, but we pray that it conveys a feeling of the joy and energy that is created when all people work together in love and unity.

Each Sunday as we conclude our services we sing “Let there be Peace on Earth and Let It Begin with Me.” Speaking on behalf of the banner committee, we hope that this banner gives enhanced meaning to the words of that song as we sing it together once again-- in perfect harmony!



*This is the last week of our Summer Schedule!  
Regular schedule resumes Rally Day, NEXT SUNDAY*

*Sunday School— 9:00am*

*Fellowship Time— 10:00am*

*Worship 10:30am*

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Audrey Lasley  
**Acolyte:**  
**Ushers:** Mahree Skala  
**Greeters:** Carol Duermeyer  
**Technology Booth:** Josh Muench & Brent Marcks  
**Hospitality:** Helen Schultz  
**Council Steward:** John Bullerd



## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Confirmation Class  
**Acolyte:** Confirmation Class  
**Ushers:** Llona Weiss  
**Greeters:** Anne Heine  
**Technology Booth:** Pete Jaberg & Phil Dennis  
**Hospitality:** Lena Muench  
**Council Stewards:** Sue Ann Schaefer & Kurt Heine

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**MUHAMMAD ALI MOVIE AT CUCC 9/9- 7:00pm**

On September 19, a special documentary by Ken Burns will air on KMOS-TV about Muhammad Ali and his struggles with racist abuse in his career. On September 9, here at CUCC in our Fellowship Hall, a delegation from KMOS and the community will be here sharing clips from the documentary and discussing it. This is open to the community, and CUCC members are encouraged to attend!

**RALLY DAY AND TIME CHANGE NEXT SUNDAY**

Next Sunday our program year begins! Rally Day kicks off our academic year schedule. We will have Sunday School for all ages at 9:00am, including TWO adult classes! Bible Study will meet in the upstairs educational wing, and James Melton's class on "Living Your Strengths" will meet in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a special surprise for the Sunday School Classes to welcome them back. Worship returns to its 10:30 time, and after worship we will have a FISH FRY (and other items besides fish) up at the Shelter House! Don't miss Rally Day this year; it is going to be an amazing, fun event!

**CROP WALK 9/19- FUNDRAISING HAS BEGUN!**

The Columbia CROP Walk will be September 19 this year, starting at 1:00pm at the Columbia Ag Park. You can join our virtual team by clicking on the link that was in the Friday email, or by emailing Pastor Rick. Our CUCC Goal this year is \$3000. Last year, we were the top fundraiser in Columbia; but we will have competition this year! Let's make this year's CROP Walk a huge success!

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	9/5	<b><i>LAST SUNDAY OF 9:30 WORSHIP</i></b>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am
Mon	9/6	<b><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED- LABOR DAY</i></b>	
Tue	9/7	Outreach & Advocacy Meeting with Alpha Hart	9:00am
		Quilters	10:00am
Wed	9/8	Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	6:30pm
		Joyful Ringers (Bell Choir) Practice	6:30pm
		Celebration Singers (Choir) Practice	7:30pm
Thu	9/9	Women's Fellowship	9:30am
		Muhammad Ali Movie in Fellowship Hall	7:00pm
Fri	9/10	<b><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED- APRIL OFF</i></b>	
		Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	9/12	<b><i>RALLY DAY/COMMUNION</i></b>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Rally Day Picnic & Games	11:30am

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

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

Darren Lasley and his family and friends

The family of Keith Burnham... on their loss

The family of Dakotah McQuay... on their loss (LODO parent)

The family of Evelyn Lancaster... on their loss (Pastor Rick's great-aunt)

Caitlin Herritt... serious health issue (David and Ann Stone-Meyer's daughter)

Shiela Colin... anticipating shoulder surgery (Jackie Asher's cousin)

Alex Kuhn... health issue (April Rothweiler's friend)

Christie O'Very... on hospice (Kim Oberle's aunt)

Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothweiler's Aunt)

Linda Lau... living with cancer (Alisa Lau-Sieckman's sister)

Mary Rinne... living with cancer (Donna Marsh's daughter)

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier, Malicoat, Lasley

Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

## *Health Issues:*

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Helen Schultz

Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Christine Mseke;

Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)

Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

## *Living in Care Facilities:*

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

## *Serving us in the military:*

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson

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:*

Rachel Pellet... serving in Jamaica

## *2021 Confirmation Class:*

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,  
Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons

*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.*



## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;  
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;  
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;  
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,  
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

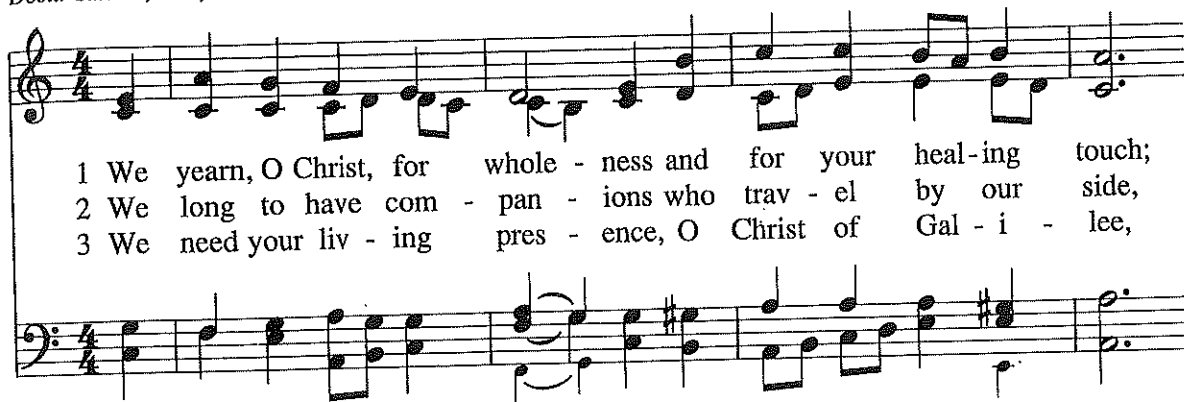
al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.  
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.  
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

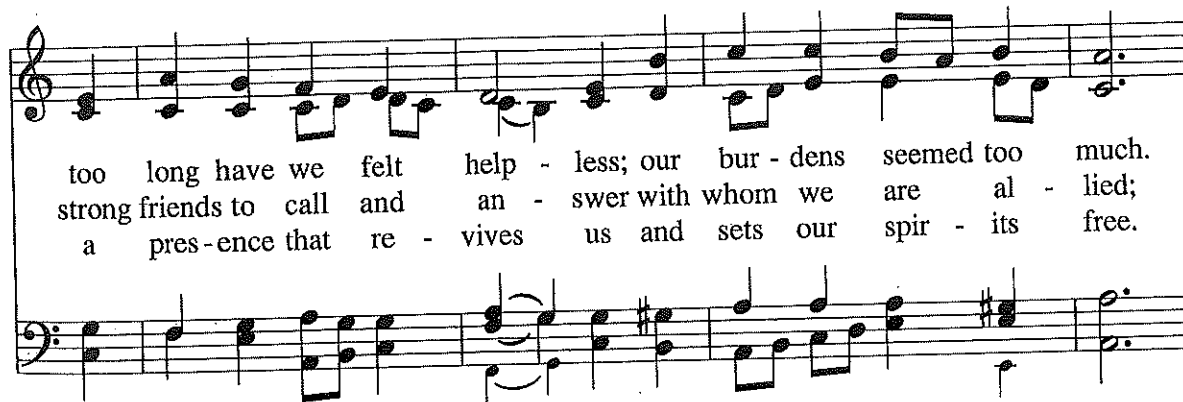
Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.  
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

## We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness

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*Dosia Carlson, 1986; rev. 1993*


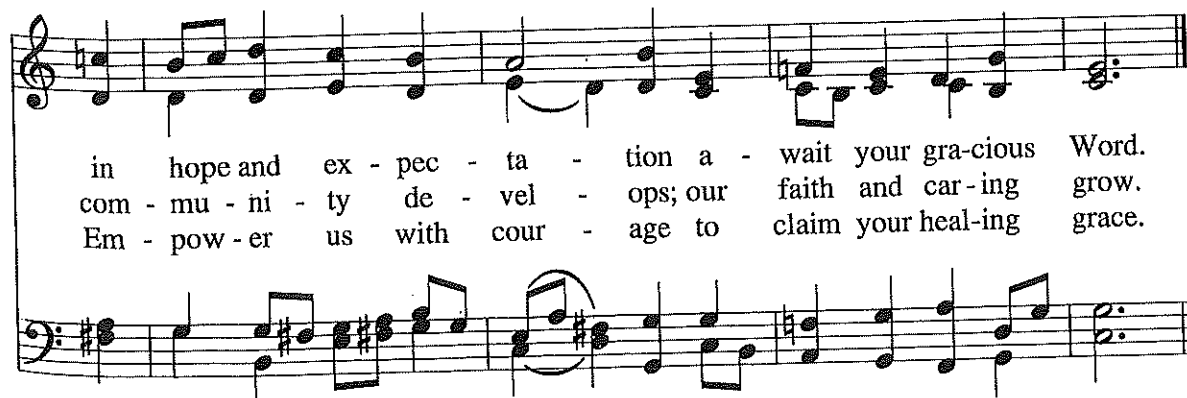
1 We yearn, O Christ, for whole - ness and for your heal - ing touch;  
 2 We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our side,  
 3 We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O Christ of Gal - i - lee,



too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.  
 strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al - lied;  
 a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its free.



For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings heard,  
 As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us low,  
 No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each place.



in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.  
 com - mu - ni - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.  
 Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.

*Dosia Carlson is noted for her ministry at Beatitudes United Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, and for her hymnwriting. This text was inspired by a sermon given by Harold Wilke during the International Year of Persons with Disabilities (1983).*

Tune: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.  
 Hans Leo Hassler, 1601  
 Harm. J. S. Bach, 1719  
 For another harmonization, see 202

## Called as Partners in Christ's Service

495

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing; our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.  
 Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.  
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.  
 John Zundel, 1855  
 For another key, see 43, 368