

Columbia United Church Of Christ

April 2, 2023
"Palm/Passion Sunday"



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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10:30 a.m.

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"It's out of control"

- John 12:19 (from "The Message" Bible)

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Thine is the Glory"

Amy Crousore

GF Handel/arr.by Lani Smith

Bringing in the Light of Christ

*Gathering Scripture

John 12:12-19

Mahree Skala

The next day, the huge crowd that had arrived for the Passover Feast heard that Jesus was entering Jerusalem. They broke off Palm branches and went out to meet him. And they cheered:

"Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in God's name!

Blessed is the coming Kingdom of David!

Hosanna in the Highest Heaven!"

The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, was there giving eyewitness accounts. It was because they had spread the word of this latest miracle that the crowd swelled to a welcoming parade.

But the Pharisees took one look and threw up their hands and said, "It's out of control." (From "The Message" Bible)

*Praise Songs & Palms Processional

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" (verses 1, 2, 4 only)

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*Prayer Petition

"Jesus, Remember Me"

(Luke 23:42)

*Jesus, Remember me,
When you come into your Kingdom!*

*Jesus, Remember me,
When you come into your Kingdom!*

- *Opening Prayer Pastor Rick
- *Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick
- Jesus entered Jerusalem among shouts of praise, but the fickle nature of the crowd led to Jesus' death later that week. In their transgressions, we recognize our own; but we know that God forgives all our transgressions when we are repentant. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved, and blessed. Praise be to God!
- *Prayer 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!
- Anthem "Ride On, King Jesus" Celebration Singers
arr. Moses Hogan
- Children's Time Pastor Rick
- Response "This Little Light of Mine"
- (Sung as children return to their seats)
- 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!***
- Gospel Lesson Matthew 21:1-3, 6-11 Mahree Skala
- Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey, a political demonstration against Pilate's entry into Jerusalem on a regal war horse. The crowds who gathered to witness this event proclaimed their faith shouting, "Save Us" (Hosana). What is the nature of the Salvation they are seeking?*
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- Anthem "The Holy City" Brandon Brown
F.E. Weatherly and Stephen Adams
- Sermon "The Dynamic of Palms and Passion" Pastor Rick
- *Hymn "Journey to Gethsemane" #219

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. 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

Pastor Rick

Mission Moment

Clean Up Columbia

Mahree Skala

Stewardship Moment

New Century Sanctuary

Mike Pierson

Invitation to the Offering

To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041
You can also give online by visiting our website:
www.columbiaucc.com

Offertory

"The Holy City"

Chapel Ringers
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

*Prayer of Dedication

Mahree Skala

God of Palms and Passion, the money that we offer to Your glory, today, is a shout of Hosanna: a testimony to our devotion. As You ride on into Jerusalem and the events of this week, we walk with You showing *our* love by spreading *Your* love. May these offerings we lay at the foot of Your cross today be used to love You back in our world every day. Amen

*Closing Hymn

"The Old Rugged Cross"

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*Gospel Reading

Mark 15:1-20

*The Light of Christ is Extinguished

*Tolling of the Bell

After the bell tolls, you may depart in silence

THE NEW CENTURY SANCTUARY!

Celebrating our Past, Embracing our Future

Over the past 54 years, generations of Columbia United Church of Christ members and friends have gathered in this beloved Sanctuary to worship and glorify God. We have celebrated baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals together here, embracing God's presence in these life moments while embracing our shared community.

But now, our beloved Sanctuary is in a state of physical decline. The carpet is stained and threadbare, the ceiling and walls are faded and stained, the chancel backdrop is ripped and peeling, and the windows are rattling in their frames. It is time for a facelift.

To that end, we have put together plans for a

NEW CENTURY SANCTUARY!

Details for this plan can be found on the CUCC Website, or in the brochure enclosed. The estimated cost for this project is \$150,000; any excess funds will be deposited in the Building & Grounds Designated Fund (invested with United Church Funds) for future building needs.

We hope to have 75% of the funds needed pledged or received by June 30.

So in the next few months, you will be hearing much discussion around this topic, and you will receive several appeals from your church. Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to respond!

A gift from **YOU** is necessary to help us reach our goal of \$150,000.

You can give by scanning the QR code on the next page, or by texting the word "GIVE" to 573.240.4041. Select "New Century Sanctuary Campaign" from the dropdown menu. If you would rather, you can mail checks to the church office. We are also equipped to handle stock or mutual fund donations or QCD contributions from an IRA. You can even defer a significant contribution over time.

For more information on donation options, talk to Sue Ann Schaefer, Brent Marcks (Team Recording Treasurer), Keith Birkes, or Paula Wilson; for details on the remodeling plan, talk to Mike Pierson, Team Chair.

*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.*

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Acolyte:
Ushers: Lloyd Viehland
Greeters: Helen Schultz
Technology Booth: Brent Marcks & Josh Muench
Hospitality: Brent Marcks
Council Stewards: Mike Pierson & Tricia Price

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Pat Forward
Acolyte:
Ushers: Jessica Lucas & Kennedy Lucas
Greeters: Susan Dunham
Technology Booth: Matt Lucas & Dominick Lee
Hospitality: Stefanie Zimny
Council Stewards: Kristy Hayward



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MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP AT MEMORIAL BAPTIST

Amy Crousore will be leading the choir of Memorial Baptist Church (1634 Paris Rd) for their 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service focusing on Theodore Dubois' *Seven Last Words of Christ*. There will be no Maundy Thursday worship at CUCC this year; we are all encouraged to attend Memorial.

EASTER BREAKFAST, GAMES, & BAKE SALE

In honor of our 100th Anniversary, the Women's Fellowship and the Men's Fellowship are putting together a BIG EASTER BREAKFAST! They will be serving pancakes, sausages, egg casseroles, muffins, cinnamon rolls, and other goodies from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday! Easter Egg Hunt, stories, and games for youth will begin at 9:00. We will also be having a bake sale!

CLEAN UP COLUMBIA – 4/15

In celebration of Earth Day, we will be working to clean up our section of Columbia on April 15! Meet at church at 9:00, and we will work down I-70 Drive picking up trash. You may have noticed, the need is great! Many hands make the workload light. For more information, talk to Mark Duncan.

TRIVIA NIGHT – 5/13

Save the date! This is a fundraiser for the New Century Sanctuary. More details were in the Friday email. RSVP ASAP!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	4/2	<i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Fellowship Hall Booked	1:00-5:00 p.m.
Mon	4/3	Staff Meeting	10:30 a.m.
		LODO Ministry Team	5:30 p.m.
		Heritage Team	6:30 p.m.
Tue	4/4	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Food Bank	5:30 p.m.
Wed	4/5	Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers Rehearsals	6:00/7:00 p.m.
		Confirmation	6:30 p.m.
Thu	4/6	Maundy Thursday Worship at Memorial Baptist	7:00 p.m.
Fri	4/7	Good Friday Worship	7:00 p.m.
Sun	4/9	<i>EASTER</i>	
		Sunrise Service	6:30 a.m.
		Easter Breakfast	7:30-9:30 a.m.
		Easter Egg Hunt and Games	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

Hannah Duncan and Ben Bashinski . . . congrats on the birth of their new baby!
Congratulations to grandparents Mark & Jane Duncan!

The Nashville community and the congregation of
Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee;
as well as the families of the six victims in 3/27 school shooting

Cliff Beckman . . . health issues
Kitty Rogers . . . recovering from knee surgery
Joan Bentlage . . . recovering from a stroke
Lynne Tsapelas . . . anticipating back surgery Tuesday
Sharon Crousore . . . Recovering from cardiac surgery

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our partnership friend
Columbia Public Schools Administration . . . as they serve our scholars

Sheila . . . challenges in life and faith
The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

Health Issues:

Glenn Duermeyer, Levi Markway, Christine Mseke
Neal Stumbo . . . Jean Strothmann's nephew
John Adams . . . health issues

Living in Care Facilities:

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

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson,
Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden, Tim Isom (Oberles' friend)
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

Pregnancies in our church family:

Shelby Oberle & Ryan Furney

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*



Conservation Moment to Celebrate Earth Month

A Word From Your Inclusion and Affirmation Ministry Team

"Nature depends on apex predators and keystone species to survive and thrive. Wolves are both, which is why the wild needs wolves." (Endangered Wolf Center)

What is an apex predator: a predator that is at the top of the food chain.

What is a keystone species: a species that is critical to the survival of their ecosystem.

Yellowstone National Park is a current example of apex predator needs. In the 1930's when the wolves were killed-off in the park, the eco system began to erode. Too many elk and deer over-grazed the vegetation and decreased the beautiful aspen and willow trees. The beaver was one of the populations that plummeted as a result.

When those predators were reintroduced into the park, the beaver population went from one colony to nine; the elk numbers reduced to a manageable size and the native trees and vegetation rebounded.

We are privileged, in Missouri, to have a facility that has saved an entire species, the Mexican Wolf. Every Mexican wolf in the wild today can be traced back to the Endangered Wolf Center located in Eureka, MO. Check it out at: <https://www.endangeredwolfcenter.org>



"Our task must be to free ourselves by widening our circle of compassion, to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty."

— Albert Einstein

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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Ivette Threlfall, 1873; alt.

Mark 11:8-10; Matt. 21:15



1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
 We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:



To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
 The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,
 "Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.
 Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"



Ivette Threlfall of England, who was disabled by two accidents,
 wrote the hymns that inspired hope and courage in others. This text was

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
 Gesangbuch der herzoglichen Württembergischen

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century
 Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

Matt. 21:8-9

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
 2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da-vid's roy - al line,
 3 As you re-ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
 whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.

The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,

our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Brought to France by Charlemagne, Theodulph became
 bishop of Orléans but was later imprisoned by Charlemagne's
 successor. According to legend, he was released when the

Tune: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
 (VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)
 Melchior Teschner. 1615

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

Luke 19:36-38; Zech. 9:9

Henry H. Milman, 1827; adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1993

1 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!
 2 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!
 3 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!
 4 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!

O Christ, with brave hu - mil - i - ty,
 As crowds of peo - ple come to see
 Ride on in hum - ble dig - ni - ty;
 For you have set your peo - ple free

On low - ly colt, your road pur - sue,
 And shout ho - san - nas, lift - ing high
 Be - hold the ones you came to save
 And we, re - mem - bering all your pain,

as palms and cloaks are spread for you.
 their praise for one a - bout to die.
 from sense - less life and end - less grave.
 now meet a - gain to hail your reign.

Henry H. Milman, a priest of the Church of England,
 served successively as professor of poetry at Oxford,
 canon of Westminster, and dean of St. Paul's Cathedral,

Tune: ST. DROSTANE L.M.
 John B. Dykes, 1862
 Alternate tune: WINCHESTER NEW

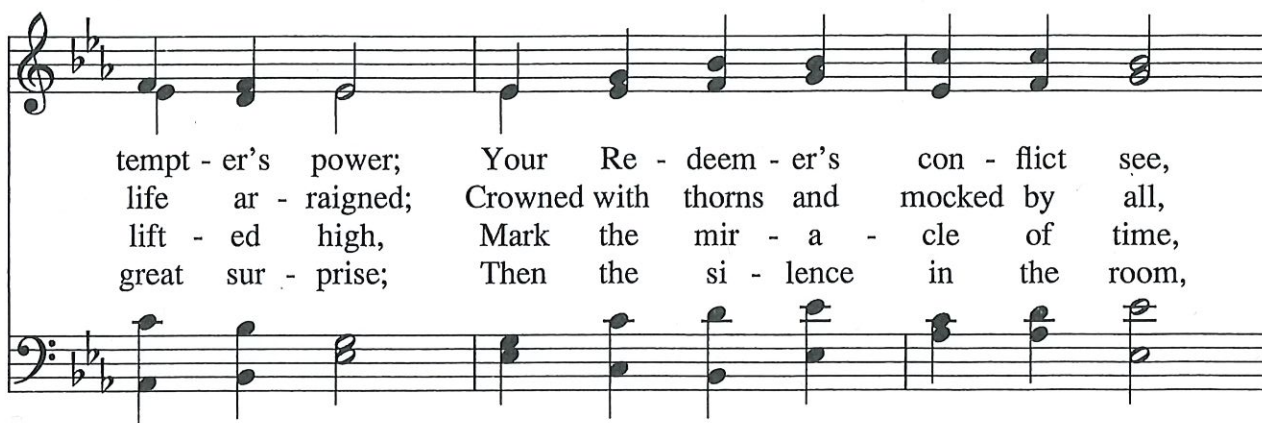
Journey to Gethsemane

John 18:1-20:18

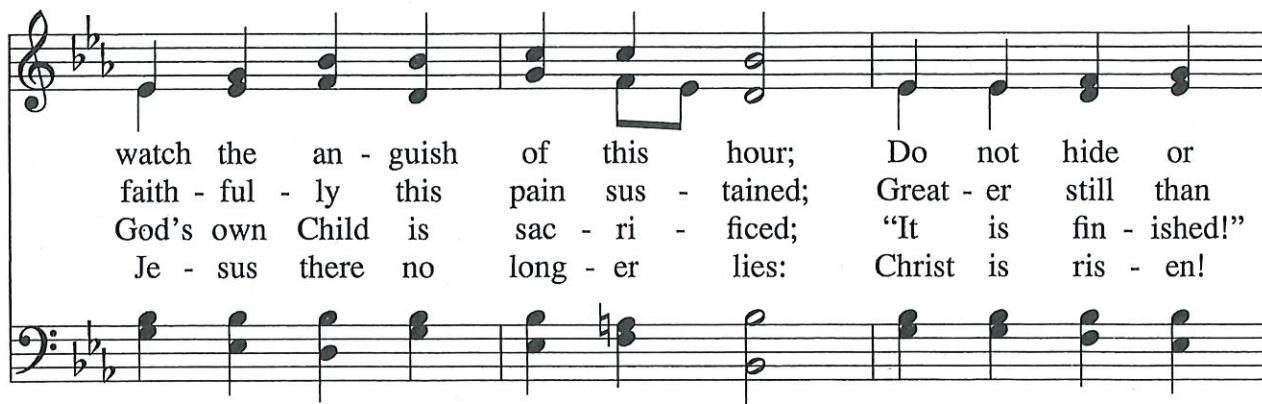
James Montgomery, 1820; alt.



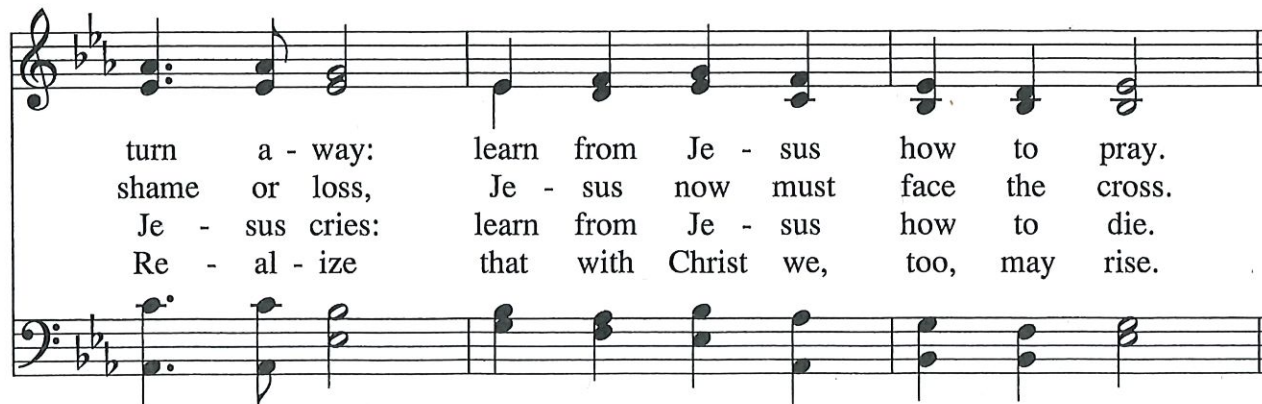
1 Jour - ney to Geth - se - ma - ne, go and feel the
 2 Fol - low then to Pi - late's hall, view the Lord of
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb, see the Sav - ior
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb, hear the cry of



tempt - er's power; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 life ar - raigned; Crowned with thorns and mocked by all,
 lift - ed high, Mark the mir - a - cle of time,
 great sur - prise; Then the si - lence in the room,



watch the an - guish of this hour; Do not hide or
 faith - ful - ly this pain sus - tained; Great - er still than
 God's own Child is sac - ri - ficed; "It is fin - ished!"
 Je - sus there no long - er lies: Christ is ris - en!



turn a - way: learn from Je - sus how to pray.
 shame or loss, Je - sus now must face the cross.
 Je - sus cries: learn from Je - sus how to die.
 Re - al - ize that with Christ we, too, may rise.

On a Hill Far Away

(The Old Rugged Cross)

Heb. 12:2; James 1:12

George Bennard, 1913; alt.

1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross, the
 2 Oh, that old rug-ged cross, so de - spised by the world, has a
 3 In that old rug-ged cross, which bore Love so di - vine, a
 4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true, its

em - blem of suf - fering and shame; And I love that old cross where the
 won - drous at - trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left the
 won - drous beau - ty I see, For up - on that old cross Je - sus
 shame and re - proach glad - ly bear; When God calls me some-day to my

dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 glo - ry of heaven to bear it to cold Cal - va - ry.
 suf - fered and died to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 home far a - way, there God's glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my
 cross, the old rug - ged cross,

tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged cross, the cross, and ex - change it some-day for a crown. old rug - ged cross,

When, like the Woman at the Well

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'dith Sinclair Downing, 1992

John 4:5-42

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1 When, like the wom - an at the well, I lived with bro - ken dreams,
 2 Christ knew my heart, my way - ward ways, yet gave me hope, not fear.
 3 I learned I could for - ev - er live and wor - ship God a - right,
 4 Each day I lift my cup a - bove, and I a - gain re - ceive
 5 Since now I am in grace im - mersed, set free, for - giv - en, whole,

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Christ came to me, good news to tell, of ev - er - liv - ing streams.
 The God I once thought far a - way, I could ap - proach, draw near.
 Could trust the power the Spir - it gives to guide me in truth's light.
 The liv - ing wa - ter of God's love, re - vealed for my be - lief.
 I share with those who are a - thirst the well-springs of my soul!

'dith Sinclair Downing began writing hymn texts in 1989, when she and her husband were Associates in Ministry with a pilot project of The Presbyterian Church (USA). Composer Celene Welch named her tune in honor of professor Toni Craven of Texas Christian University.

Tune: CRAVEN C.M.
 Celene Welch, 1992