

Columbia United Church Of Christ

September 1, 2024
"Practical Faith"



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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9:30 a.m.

"James"

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

*"... Clap your hands, all you people;
Shout to God with loud songs of joy..."
-Psalm 47:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Sleepers, Wake"

Linda Neale, flute; Connie Loveless, piano

J.S. Bach

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 84)

Sue Ann Schaefer

Clap your hands, all you people!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**God rules over all the earth.
God's majesty is a blessing to our lives.**

Sing praises to God; sing praises!
Sing praises to God's glorious name.

**Let us join together with all people to proclaim God's glory;
Let us join together with all people to sing praises to God.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Hymn

"You Walk Along Our Shoreline"

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*Opening Prayer

Sue Ann Schaefer

God of love, forgive us for the times we participate in the politics of personal destruction instead of following Your command to love. You teach us all we need to know about loving others, but we would often rather wrap ourselves in human-made doctrine and dogma. Open our hearts to the possibilities of Your love, and help us exemplify that love and graciousness in our dealings with one another. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Jesus teaches us to love one another unconditionally; but often we allow the distractions of the world to keep us from this task. But no matter our choices, God loves us and forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. 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

May God’s Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children’s Time

Pastor Rick

“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!*

Faith Sharing Moment

“The CROP Walk”

Jessica Jenks

Reflections on Labor Day

Pastor Rick

New Testament Lesson

James 1:17-27

Sue Ann Schaefer

James the Apostle shares the wisdom he has learned from his years following Jesus; and he tells his followers how to apply this wisdom to their everyday lives. The book of James provides a practical application of faith; and today, he tells us that faith must be manifest in action. We must be doers of the word, not just hearers of the word.

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Gospel Lesson

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Sue Ann Schaefer

Jesus and his friends are eating without observing the orthodox tradition of ceremonial handwashing first. This was not about hygiene, but about ceremony. Others in the Temple are gossiping about how “unclean” they are. Jesus uses this opportunity to point out the hypocrisy of following doctrine and dogma while acting in abhorrent ways (like gossiping)

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Anthem

“Abide With Me”

Casey Wood

arranged by Casey Wood

Sermon

“The Apostle’s Guide”

Pastor Rick

*Hymn

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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Community Prayer

Silent Prayer

The LORD's Prayer

In an effort to encourage inclusion, we suggest using the address "Creator God" in our unison recitation of The Lord's Prayer. You are certainly welcome to say "Our Father" instead of "Creator," "Trespases" instead of "debts," or "Thy" instead of "Your" if you prefer.

Creator God in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours 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

You can also give online by visiting our website: www.columbiaucc.com

Offertory

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"

Connie Loveless
Mark Hayes

*Prayer of Dedication

Sue Ann Schaefer

God, we bring forward our gifts of time, talent and treasure, knowing that You will use them to Your glory. Help us to always give generously and extravagantly of all these things; that we may use what You have given us to glorify You and Your world. 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

"Solfeggietto"

Connie Loveless
C.P.E. Bach

**Back to the regular schedule next week!
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. | Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Worship starts at 10:30 a.m.**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
STEPHENS LAKE PARK – GORDON SHELTER
1:00 P.M. REGISTRATION | 1:30 P.M. WELCOME AND
STEPOFF | 1:45-3:00 P.M. WALK
NEW - 3:00-3:45 P.M. MUSICAL SHOWCASE

“BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES” is the theme of this year’s CROP Hunger Walk. For 29 years, the Columbia CROP Walk has provided another opportunity for our community to respond to the needs of the poor, the hungry, the unemployed and those dealing with disaster, both locally and around the world.

Four Columbia ministries that provide hunger relief will receive 25% of the money donated. They are: Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen, Russell Chapel Community Food Pantry, Destiny Worship Center Food Pantry and Fifth Street Christian Church “Feed the Community” Program. In 2023 these programs received over \$6,200 from the CROP Walk. Church World Service (CWS) receives 75% of the donations. CWS is a collaborative ministry of 30 faith organizations, working to provide customized, innovative and sustainable solutions to hunger and poverty in the USA and around the world.

As in past years, all locations of Shakespeare Pizza will donate 15% of all sales on Walk Day. Now that’s a good excuse to eat pizza, put a few in the freezer and buy gift cards for your early holiday shopping!

The inaugural Cross Missouri CROP Walk was a great success last year. Don Harter, a member of Broadway Christian Church, walked from Columbia to St. Louis and Columbia to Kansas City to promote the CROP Hunger Walk. Don is organizing a walk again this year AND adding a bike ride. If this is something you would be interested in exploring, please contact Don at HarterD@missouri.edu or call 573-443-3258.

New this year– Youth Musical Showcase Concert! Youth from area churches are invited to showcase their musical/liturgical arts talent. To participate, contact Casey Wood caseyseanwood@gmail.com.

For these last 29 years, CUCC has been an avid supporter of the CROP Hunger Walk. The goal this year is \$4,000. How can you help achieve this goal? Donations can also be made through Kindred Giving on CUCC website or by check in the Sunday offering or to the church office. Donations can also be made on CROP Walk Day at the event. Want to do more? At the same website, you can join a team or create a team of your own. Then contact family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, etc. asking for support of the CROP Walk.

Mark your calendar for September 15 to lace up your shoes and join us for a walk to help in BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES one step at a time through the 2024 COLUMBIA CROP HUNGER WALK.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Sue Ann Schaefer
Ushers:	Charlie Marcks & Audrey Lasley
Greeters:	Jolene Kirchhoff
Technology:	Brent Marcks & Ted Dachroeden
Hospitality:	Mary Lorber
Council Stewards:	Mary Lorber

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Jim Loveless
Ushers:	Keith Birkes & Mark Duncan
Greeters:	Jolene Kirchhoff
Technology:	Mike Pierson & Aidan Pierson
Hospitality:	Lena Muench & Judi Privitt
Council Stewards:	Lena Muench & Judi Privitt



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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!

TURNING POINT DONATIONS

Turning Point is in need of ground, caffeinated coffee- regular flavor and no pods please. They are also in need of individual hotel soaps. When traveling, consider asking at the front desk for donations. Place donations in the coat room in the Turning Point collection basket.

RALLY DAY- 9/8

Our Academic Schedule resumes on Sunday, September 8 with worship at 10:30, and Sunday School classes for all ages resume at 9:00 a.m. Our theme for the day is, "Seas the Day!" with all sorts of fishy activities and fun! We will have a fish fry after worship; our first big dinner of the season! Come and join us at 9:00 for Sunday School and 10:30 for worship, then stay for the fish fry at noon!

COURAGEOUS CHRISTIANITY- HOW TO FIGHT RACISM

Last winter, we began a cursory look at the book "How to Fight Racism" by Jamar Tisby; participants agreed they want to explore it more in depth! We will begin a study of this book September 15 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, led by Pastor Rick. The 10-week course will be offered in 3 sessions- 9/15, 9/22, 9/29 and then continue three Sundays in January and three Sundays in April.

CROP WALK 2024 AND CAN COLLECTION

This year's CROP Hunger Walk taking place on September 15 at Stephens Lake Park from 1:00-3:45 p.m. The goal this year is \$4,000. We are also collecting protein-rich canned goods (such as, canned meat, chicken, beans, peanut butter, chili, beef stew, etc.) You can donate cans in the marked cart in The Gathering Area. Our goal is 250 cans!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	9/1	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30 a.m.
Mon	9/2	<i>Church Office Closed- Labor Day</i>	
Tue	9/3	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Staff Meeting	10:30 a.m.
		Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	6:30 p.m.
Wed	9/4	Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:00/7:00 p.m.
Fri	9/6	Pastor Rick's day off	
Sat	9/7	Pridefest in Marshall, MO	
Sun	9/8	<i>Rally Day</i>	
		Bible Study & Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Fish Fry & Celebration Lunch	12:00 p.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

Pat Schroeder... health issues

Jim & Sharon Elliott... health issues

Steve Price... recovering from surgery

Jonathan Schultz... recovering from hand injury

Julia Marsh... health issues (Donna Marsh's Daughter)

Jennifer... diagnosed with cancer (Edie Diel's niece)

Joanne Good... health issues (Sue Beckman's friend)

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

The people of Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine

Health Issues:

John Adams, Cheryl Cobb, Barry Kirchhoff

Connie Hackman Fairley, Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's niece)

Challenges in Life:

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families, Steve (Pastor Rick's Cousin)

Living in Care Facilities:

Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Don Privitt, Alice Moon

Serving us in the military:

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden, Jeffrey Sanderson

Did you know we have a Prayer Team here at CUCC, lifting up the prayer concerns of our congregation? If you are interested in joining our Prayer Team or have a prayer request for our team to lift up please contact

Melba Shaffer (573) 474-2997 whals@centurytel.net

Or Tricia Soncasie (314) 374-7477 tsoncasie@aol.com

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***

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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John E. Bode, 1868; alt.

Luke 9:57; John 14:1-4

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my Sav - ior and my Friend:
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will!
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be, too;

I shall not fear life's strug - gles if you are by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol!
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, O guar - dian of my soul!
 O give me grace to fol - low my Sav - ior and my Friend!

John Ernest Bode wrote these words when his daughter and two sons were confirmed. Although the Oxford scholar and rector wrote books of hymns, this is the only one to achieve lasting fame.

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6.D.
 A. H. Mann, 1883
 Alternate tune: MUNICH

You Walk along Our Shoreline

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Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984; alt.

Mark 1:16-20; John 17:20-26

1 You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un - known sea.
 2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
 3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we seek your prom - ised reign;

We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me. And
 We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth. We
 We work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain. You

if you still will fol - low through storm and wave and shoal,
 spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
 call on us to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,

Then I will make you fish - ers, but of the hu - man soul."
 Our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
 To let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

Hymnwriter Sylvia Dunstan credited an article by Michael Steinhauser in the March 1984 issue of *Practice of Ministry* in Canada entitled "Fishing: A Metaphor for Ministry" as the inspiration for her text. Dunstan was an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada.

Tune: SALLEY GARDENS 7.6.7.6.D.
 Traditional Irish melody
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

James 1:17–27

17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

18 In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror;

24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

7 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him,

2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.

3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders;

4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”

6 He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ 8 You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand:

15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,

22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.

23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”