

Columbia United Church Of Christ

October 12, 2025

"Access Sunday/Disabilities Awareness"



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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**



October 12, 2025

10:30 a.m.

"All Access"

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

*"Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!
Sing praises to the glory of God's name"
-Psalm 66:1-12*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

Connie Loveless

Carrying in the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

(based on Psalm 66)

Ashley Ramirez

O God, how awesome are your deeds!

O God, how glorious is Your Name!

Make a joyful noise to God, people of faith!

Sing the glory of God's Holy Name!

Your deeds are awesome, your grace overflowing!

All the earth sings praises to You; praises to Your Holy Name!

Come and see what God has done!

God is awesome in deeds among mortals!

You transformed the sea into dry land;

That we may pass through to Salvation!

Let all the people shout blessings to God!

Let God's praises be heard!

Come, let us worship God!

***Hymn**

"Colorful Creator"

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***Opening Prayer**

Ashley Ramirez

God of Salvation; you lead us through the wilderness times of life, when we are lost and alone. You never forget us. Even in the midst of the darkest times of exile and despair, You are there; and for that presence we give thanks. Forgive us for the times we fail to remember You and Your guidance. Teach us to be faithful and not forgetful. Remind us that everything we have is a blessing from You, and teach us to be thankful people at all times, in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God challenges us to work in unity with one another across human-created barriers to God's glory. But even when we forget this call, God still 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*

Mission Moment

“Women's Health Kits”

Pastor Rick

Anthem

“Only God”

Celebration Singers
Mary McDonald

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 29:4-9

Ashley Ramirez

The prophet, writing in exile, encourages the people of Israel to work for the restoration of dignity. Settle down in the land where they have been taken and build up community. Though the circumstances are not what they may have wanted, God is still calling them into community and restoration of dignity.

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Gospel Lesson

Luke 17:11-19

Ashley Ramirez

Jesus heals ten people with skin diseases, but only one of them thinks to show appreciation to Jesus for his miraculous healing; a Samaritan, one of the “unclean” people in Jewish taxonomy. Jesus points out that his faith has not only cured him, it has also made him well. What is the difference between being “healed” and being “made well?”

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Sermon:

“Faithful, not Forgetful”

Pastor Rick

*Hymn

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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Community Prayer & Silent Prayer; The LORD's Prayer

In an effort to encourage inclusion, we suggest using "Creator God" in our recitation of The Lord's Prayer. You are welcome to say "Our Father" or "Our Mother" instead of "Creator," "Trespasses" 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.

*Hymn "Be Now My Vision" #451

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life Pastor Rick

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 Gina Pierson

*Prayer of Dedication Ashley Ramirez

God of blessings, take these gifts that we offer You today. Through them, we express our thanks for all You have done. May our gifts always reflect that we are faithful, not forgetful as we live into our call to glorify You by working for justice in 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 Gina Pierson

CUCC STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2025 (and beyond)

CARING FOR EACH OTHER

- Advocate for policies that provide support for others
- Incorporate everyone's talents into the work and life of the church
- Formulate support & education classes for parents and children
- Improve staff training and professional development
- Ensure that our staff are paid just wages
- Discern and address the needs of our older members
- Strive to meet the needs of our members where they are

ESTABLISHING OUR IDENTITY

- Increase public awareness of our mission and location
- Increase our advertising/marketing efforts
- Consistently canvass the neighborhood north of the church
- Attract more members, focusing on youth and diversity
- Strive for intentionality incorporating youth and young adults into the life of the church
- Strive for intentionality incorporating a diverse community into the life of the church

DEVELOPING OUR FACILITY

- Continue to modernize and maintain our building and grounds
- Develop a comprehensive maintenance manual with records, goals and strategies for modernization and maintenance
- Seek out new ways to utilize our building to enhance our ministry and generate income
- Establish financial security for our ongoing ministry programs
- Establish our facility as a host site for music groups, choirs, concerts, lecturer series, and other public events

SERVING GOD'S WORLD

- Partner with other agencies that share our goals & interests
- Create a fulfilling, engaging, inclusive Sunday morning experience
- Develop partnerships with others to share our facility
- Strive for intentionality in connecting children, youth and adults to outreach and service opportunities
- Look for ways to reach out to other UCC congregations and work together for justice
- Strive to identify ways that we can be socially responsible and educated in areas of ecological justice, international mission, and other justice issues at home and abroad

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Song Leader: Sarah Young

Ushers: Keith Birkes & Deborah Long Birkes

Greeters: Susan Dunham

Technology: Doug & Judi Privitt

Council Stewards: Lena Muench & Judi Privitt



Online Giving

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Tricia Soncasie

Song Leader: Killian Boyd

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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!

NEW NAMETAGS

The Membership & Care and Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry Teams have worked together this summer to roll out new nametags for the congregation! If you do not have a nametag, or if there are any changes needed on your nametag, fill out a form by the nametags in the coatroom. We have many “new” folks in our community, so it is more important than ever to wear your nametag!

PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP- 10/23

You are invited to a Parents Support Group, sponsored by our LODO preschool ministry program, on 10/23 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The guest presenter will be Allison Kemble, a licensed counselor, who will present a judgment free zone to talk about the good, the bad and the ugly of parenthood. You are not alone, and this group is here to support you! Event is \$5/participating adult. Email LODO Director Sara Koenig or the church office to RSVP.

LODO PUMPKIN DAY- 10/24

Our Little One’s Day Out preschool ministry will be celebrating fall with a Pumpkin Day party on 10/24 from 9:15 a.m. - noon! We are looking for volunteers to help staff the activities so the teachers are free to circulate with their students. Can you help? Email LODO Director Sara Koenig if you can!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- 10/26

The Annual Congregational Budget Meeting will be 10/26 at the conclusion of worship. The Council will be presenting a proposed Budget, which will be distributed today, and asking for affirmation. Following the meeting, we will have a Halloween Pot Luck meal hosted by the Fellowship and Hospitality Ministry Team. Come to church in costume that Sunday for Halloween!

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sun	10/12	Bible Study & Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
Mon	10/13	Scouting America	7:00 p.m.
Tue	10/14	Staff Meeting	10:00 a.m.
		Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Troop 708 Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed	10/15	Chapel Ringers & Celebration Singers	6:00/7:00 p.m.
		Confirmation Class	7:15 p.m.
Thu	10/16	Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Sat	10/18	Conference Annual Gathering	
Sun	10/19	Bible Study & Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Fellowship Hall Reserved- Private Event	11:00 a.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

The family and friends of Aiyanna Williams... on their loss
Claudia Hutcherson... health issues (Ron Tennill's sister)

Mike Gregory... health issues

Janeen Atwood... health issues (Lena's friend)

Monique... recovering from accident (Elaine Trout's friend)

Jim Posz... health issues (Allen's Father)

Dr. Ryan Link... health issues; prayers for him and his family

Cody Kile... recovery from accident

Phillip Neale's niece... awaiting liver transplant

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our Partner in Education

The people of Palestine, Israel, Iran, and Ukraine

Health Issues:

Tiffany Greene, Harold Hackman, Glenn Duermeyer, Lloyd Mickelson,

Marsha Posz, Barry Kirchhoff, Ruth (Edie's Cousin),

Mark Fairley & Connie Hackman Fairley, Rachel Demand,

Kristan Whelihan (Russell Eveler's teacher),

Fred & Ann Wilke (Alethea's Parents)

Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's Niece), Jennifer (Edie Diel's Niece),

Julia Marsh (Donna Marsh's Daughter),

Martha (friend of the Veteto family), Ken (Adam Veteto's Cousin),

Linda Hancik and Beverly Wilcox (Corinne Remeika's friends),

Challenges in Life:

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families, Kieran Piersee

Living in Care Facilities:

Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank, Harold Hackman,

Walter & Patty Schroeder

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Don Privitt, Cliff & Sue Beckman, Linda Evans

Serving us in the military:

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden

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

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Unison

Ruth Duck, 1992

1 Col - or - ful Cre - a - tor, God of mys - ter - y,
2 Har - mo - ny of a - ges, God of lis - tening ear,
3 Au - thor of our jour - ney, God of near and far,
4 God of truth and beau - ty, Po - et of the Word,

thank you for the art - ist teach - ing us to see glimps - es of the
thank you for com - pos - ers tun - ing us to hear ech - oes of the
praise for tale and dra - ma tell - ing who we are, strip - ping to the
may we be cre - a - tors by the Spir - it stirred, o - pen to your

mean - ing of the com - mon - place, vi - sions of the
Gos - pel in the songs we sing, sounds of love and
es - sence strug - gles of our day, times of change and
pres - ence in our joy and strife, ves - sels of the

1-3 4
ho - ly in each hu - man face.
long - ing from the deep - est spring.
con - flict when we choose our way.
ho - ly cours - ing through our life.

This hymn was written for the 1992 installation of Linda Clark as Houghton Scholar of Sacred Music at Boston University, where Ruth Duck earned her Th.D. degree. It praises the Artist who inspires our creativity.

Tune: HOUGHTON 11.11.11.11.
Carlton R. Young, 1992

Jeremiah 29:4-9

4 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

5 Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce.

6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease.

7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

8 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream,

9 for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

Luke 17:11-19

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.

12 As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

14 When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean.

15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.

16 He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

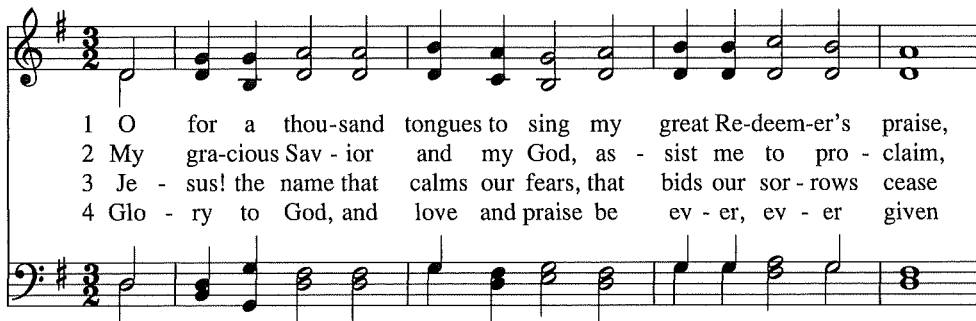
17 Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? 18 Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?”

19 Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.

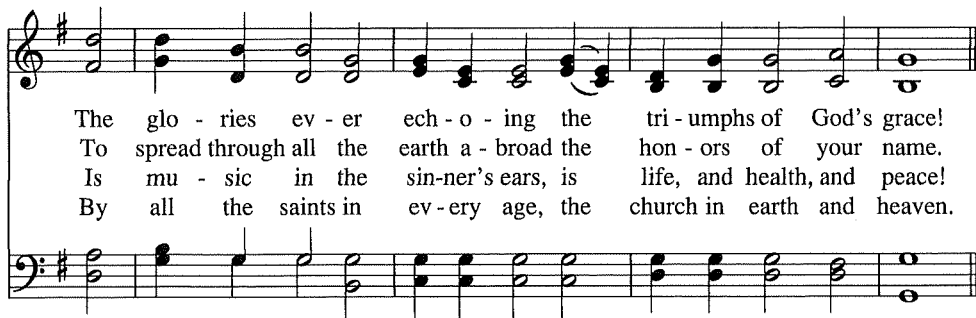
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.



1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Sav-ior and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 Je-sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease
4 Glo-ry to God, and love and praise be ev-er, ev-er given



The glo-ries ev-er ech-o-ing the tri-umphs of God's grace!
To spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
Is mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
By all the saints in ev-ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

The hymn is a cento from a longer poem of eighteen stanzas written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his conversion. The present form of the hymn is one edited by John Wesley for The Wesleyan Hymn Book, 1780.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. in L. Mason's Modern Psalmody, 1839
Alternate tune: RICHMOND

Be Now My Vision

*Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.*

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
 2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
 3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
 4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—
 ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
 you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,
 Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
 You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
 now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
 great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.

*Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.
Traditional Irish melody
Harm. David Evans, 1927*

HALLOWEEN



Potluck



OCT 26 12:00 PM

Columbia United Church of Christ

Join us for a family friendly spooky potluck! Come to worship dressed up in your costume and stay after for bingo and food. Bring your favorite dishes to share with others and celebrate the late fall holiday.



LITTLE ONE'S DAY OUT PRESENTS

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

OCTOBER 23RD
6:00PM-7:30PM

WITH ALLISON KEMBLE

EVENT DETAILS

Join licensed counselor, Allison Kemble, and other LODO families in talking about parenthood. This is a judgement free zone to talk about the good, the bad, and the ugly. You are NOT alone, and this group is here to help support you! Event is \$5 for participating adults. Please let us know if you need childcare!

REGISTER BY
OCTOBER 16TH

