

Columbia United Church Of Christ

February 24, 2019
Maximum Impact



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;
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No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
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10:30 Worship

“Stewardship”

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

“Christian Stewardship is Discipleship wearing work gloves.”

-Rev. David Lewis Beebe

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

Amy Crousore & Harry Beckett
Fred Bock

“Amen”

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Riley Hayward

*Call to Worship

Rev. Ginny Brown Daniel

Friends, we gather together this morning to proclaim
the ways in which God is working within our midst.

We have been blessed by God!

We gather together to give thanks
for the ways in which God is working within our midst.

We are being blessed by God!

We gather together to open our eyes
to the ways God is using us to work within our midst.

We will continue to be blessed by God!

Dear ones, God has given us so much
and is very much alive, at work and still speaking among us.
We are called to give back.

**We are called to be good stewards;
good stewards of our time, of our resources and of our money.**

Let us give thanks to our God of blessings
and affirm our commitment
to the ministry God is calling us into.

Let us give thanks to God!

Let us proclaim our faith in God!

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

“Praise to the Living God”

#8

*Opening Prayer

Rev. Ginny Brown Daniel

God of amazing grace, you have asked us to give of ourselves, wholly and completely. We have heard your call and have responded with great affirmation and joy. Yet there are times when we fall short. Times when we forget. Times when we focus on the wrong things. Times when we put our money and our resources into earthly distractions and not into a church that you have created and blessed. Help us to have faith, O God. Help us to give through that faith. Help us to be blessed by that faith. Help us to open our lives and our hearts to you and to each other. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Faithful Stewardship is the understanding that everything we have is a gift from God; and we are but stewards of it. Even when we forget that lesson, though God forgives us and loves us unconditionally. Through God's gracious love, we are all forgiven and blessed. Amen.

*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

*At this time, you are invited to greet one another
with a hug or a handshake and the words,
“May God's Peace be with you!”*

Children's Time

Revs. Rick & Ginny

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
(Sung as children return to their seats)

**I have decided to follow Jesus; (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.**

Stewardship Moment “Maximum Impact”

George Zimny

Anthem

Celebration Singers, Linda Neale-flute
“Kyrie, Lord Have Mercy” *by John Purifoy*

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-16

Revs. Rick & Ginny

In Jesus; inaugural address, he speaks to the crowds of paradoxes; situations where he juxtaposes the Kingdom of God against the Kingdom of the world. The situation that should be elevated by worldly standards is denigrated; and vice versa. A similar set of paradoxes is set up in Psalm 1, today's Call to Worship.

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Sermon

“Maximum Impact”

Revs. Rick & Ginny

*Meditation Hymn

“Take My Life, God Let it Be”

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ushers will collect prayer request cards during hymn

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

Pastor Rick

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

Presentation of our Open and Affirming Certificate and

Recognition of our ONA Committees and Process

Revs. Rick & Ginny

Prayer

We thank you, God for these leaders who have given their time, their talents, their engertgies and their faith commitments to your work in this place, realizing the expression of your dream of an Open and Affirming/Inclusive community. Bless them as they continue their leadership in this church in other ways. Bless this congregation as we continue on our journey to full Inclusion. Bless all of your children as we seek to live out your prayer for unity. And now we join together, saying the prayer your Holy Spirit has articulated as our Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

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Presenting our Gifts

“Forest Green”

Amy Crousore
by *John Carter*

*Response

“We Praise You, O God”

#420

**We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring!
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
We praise your Holy Name, glad praises we sing!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Rick

*Closing Hymn

“We Worship You, God”
(Verses 1-3 only)

#26

*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

“Fugue”

Amy Crousore
Louis Clerambault

(Today’s Call to Worship, Opening Prayer and Offertory Prayer were written by Rev. Sarah Weaver, pastor of Rehoboth Congregational Church in Rehoboth, Massachusetts)

*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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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Bryan Crousore & Carol Duermeyer
Ushers: Hugo Wilmsmeyer & Doug Privitt
Sound Booth: Dennis Froeschner
Worship Leader: Jim Loveless
Hospitality: Brent Marcks
Acolyte: Riley Hayward

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Cliff & Sue Beckman
Ushers:
Sound Booth: Doug Privitt
Worship Leader: Sam Schupp & Morgan Lavelly
Hospitality: Cliff & Sue Beckman
Acolyte: Lily Jaberg

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WELCOME GUESTS! If you are a guest visiting with us this morning, please fill out a green card found in your chair pocket; and be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Rick! We would love to get to know you better!

NAMETAGS We strive to be a friendly and welcoming church! Members and frequent guests, please wear your nametag each Sunday so we can greet each other most effectively and become an even friendlier church!

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 3/3

There will be a very brief Congregational Meeting after worship on March 3 to officially elect James Melton as our new Church Council Vice Moderator. James has agreed to serve, and will be in succession to become Moderator in 2020. The meeting will take place at the end of worship and will be very brief.

STEWARDSHIP POT LUCK TODAY– MAXIMUM IMPACT

The Finance and Stewardship Ministry Team is hosting an event today to discuss the ways we, as a congregation, can have a Maximum Impact on God's World in 2019. Come and eat and listen to Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel, our guest speaker. She is also sharing worship time with Pastor Rick this morning. This will be an inspirational Sunday for us all to share!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

| | | | |
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| Sun | 2/24 | <i>Stewardship Sunday-MAXIMUM IMPACT!</i> | |
| | | Sunday School | 9:00am |
| | | Fellowship Time | 9:30am |
| | | Worship | 10:30am |
| | | Middle School Youth to Lazer Lanes | 4:00-7:00pm |
| Mon | 2/25 | Staff Meeting | 10:00am |
| Tue | 2/26 | Quilters | 9:00am |
| | | Council Meeting | 6:30pm |
| Wed | 2/27 | Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team | 5:30pm |
| | | Chapel Ringers | 6:30pm |
| | | Confirmation | 7:00pm |
| | | Celebration Singers | 7:30pm |
| Thu | 2/28 | CUCC Lunch Bunch– Love, INC guest speaker | 12:00pm |
| | | LODO Board Meeting | 5:45pm |
| | | Membership and Care Ministry Team | 6:30pm |
| Sun | 3/3 | Sunday School | 9:00am |
| | | Fellowship Time | 9:30am |
| | | Worship | 10:30am |
| | | Nurture & Education Ministry Team | 12:00pm |
| | | Middle School to Ronald McDonald House | 2:00pm |
| Wed | 3/6 | <i>Ash Wednesday Worship Service</i> | <i>7:00pm</i> |

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Our church... as we discern next steps as an ONA congregation

The family of Tommie Wildmon... on their loss

Elaine Trout and family... on the loss of her mother

April Rothweiler... expecting baby tomorrow!

Hal Shaffer... health issues

Gary Sieckman... anticipating back surgery 2/25

Sue Beckman... living with cancer; anticipating next steps

Joe Schroeder... recovering from pacemaker surgery

Rusty... recovering from cardiac surgery (April's father in law)

Ashley... diagnosed with thyroid cancer (April's friend)

Ashtyn... recovering from infection (April's niece)

Jane... anticipating knee surgery (April's mother)

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Margaret Abbott;

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family; Remeika/Johnson family

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Sylvia Mosberger;

Nathan Schnell and Wendy (Isaiah's friends); Christie O'Very;

Janet Shepard; Kathy Kindrick

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)

Pregnancies in our church family:

April & Parker Rothweiler;

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Priscilla Yang, serving in Hungary

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;

Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp